





"Jesus invites us into a story that is bigger than ourselves, bigger than our culture, bigger even than our imaginations, and yet we get to tell that story with the scandalous particularity of our particular moment and place in time. We are storytelling creatures because we are fashioned in the image of a storytelling God. May we never neglect the gift of that. May we never lose our love for telling the tale."

— Rachel Held Evans

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

Worship begins with the prelude. Please quiet and prepare yourself for worship. Relax your body; quiet the inner dialogue of your mind; be open and receptive to God's Spirit in our midst.

PRELUDE "We Praise You, Lord" - Laudamus Te Carl F. Mueller
Organist, Larry Gillum

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

***CALL TO WORSHIP: FROM PSALM 139** Liturgist, Dan Scace

O Lord! You have searched us and known us.
You know when we sit down and rise up.
You discern our thoughts from far away.
You are acquainted with all our ways.
Search us God and know our hearts.
And lead us in the way to everlasting.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 455** "All Creatures of our God and King" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

You know each one of us. You see us. You listen to us. And yet, we still run. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? Holy One, we know the answer, and yet, we keep running. So forgive us for doubting your faithfulness. Forgive us for doubting the gifts you have bestowed upon us. Forgive us and help us to forgive ourselves and each other.

Silent Prayer of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE** "Gloria Patri" (Hymnal #579)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

**Please stand if you are able.*

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES *1 Samuel 3:1-10 , NRSV*

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM "Offertory" Director, Rich Dixon

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL *John 1:43-51, NRSV*

MESSAGE "*Jesus Goes to Galilee*" The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)** From the Confession of 1967

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 462 IN GLORY TO GOD (INSERT) "I Love to Tell the Story"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" Dale Wood

***DOXOLOGY** (Hymnal # 592)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Loving God, We give thanks for these gifts that help us share your story. May these offerings from our hearts reach all and provide a sign of hope and promise for tomorrow. May our financial gifts help restore lives and livelihoods and may our prayers provide strength and support. We ask this blessing in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The congregation responds, "Here I am, Lord" following each petition which concludes, "God help to go where you lead us."

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

(Not merely announcements, but the activities of our life together that reflect our day-to-day responses to God's call for faithfulness and your invitation to join in!)

***HYMN OF SENDING NO. 2130 IN SING THE FAITH** "The Summons" KELVINGROVE

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Madrid 150

The Week Ahead

Monday, January

11:00 am—Presbyterian Women

Tuesday, January NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Wednesday, January

12:00 pm—Bible Study

4:00 pm—Joyful Bells

Thursday, January 18

4:00 pm—Chancel Bells

6:30 pm—Chancel Choir

Sunday, January

8:15 am—Adult Sunday School

8:30 am—Journeys (Online and in-person)

10:00 am—Worship (Livestream available)

11:00 am—Glezen Dinner

See the full church calendar on www.pccrusa.org

Announcements

Fellowship Time—Join us after worship today for coffee and treats hosted by the Chancel Bell Choir.

Come to Malawi Presentation—Following worship today-

- after you've had time to get coffee and a nibble and chat a few minutes -- mission volunteers Jim and Carol Nussbaumer invite you to "come to Malawi" for a short visit. 2023 marked their 25th year going to Malawi; this presentation will answer the "why", "where", and "what" questions about a one-time visit that has stretched out for a quarter of a century.

PW Bible Study will meet tomorrow, January 15, in the church library for lesson five in the Bible Study Book, Sacred Encounters. Sylvia Adams and Kari Morrill will lead the discussion titled, "A Person with Leprosy Encounters Jesus." We will gather at 11:30 a.m. and the lesson will begin at 12 noon. The Bible study is open to all women of our church. We hope you can join us.

Glezen Dinner: Presbyterian Women will host their annual Glezen dinner next Sunday, January 21, following the worship service. PW will provide the turkey and ham for the meal. The rest of the meal will be potluck side dishes- vegetable, salad or dessert- provided by members and friends of the church. We hope you can join us for this annual event.

"Just Coffee" is for sale in the Narthex today, thanks to the Mission and Outreach Committee. For \$12 you may purchase ground or beans, regular, decaf, or half and half. Porch delivery is always available.

When life gets a little complicated, can the Deacons on the Sunshine Committee help? We would be happy to supply meals to our PCCR family who are experiencing a few clouds in their life. Please contact the office or Pastor Christine if you or someone you know would like some sunshine!

Passing the Peace—From the Worship and Music Committee: Let us greet one another! And let us respect one another's unique needs and desires. As we pass the peace in worship, reach out in greeting to shake hands if you are comfortable doing so. If that does not feel right for you for any reason, feel free to wave, extend an elbow, or place your hands over your heart to indicate that you would like some space today.

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