

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

SENDING SONG

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

COMMISSION AND SENDING (Hebrews 13:20-21)

WITNESSES WITH FAITH



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

**Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and
Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves**

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church world-wide,
- to work for justice and peace, and
- to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

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WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING GOD'S LOVE

GATHERING SONG *O Christ, the Great Foundation* (v1&2)

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Hebrews 1: 1-3*)

Leader: Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,

People: **But in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.**

Leader: The Son is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being.

People: **The Son sustains all things by his powerful word.**

All: **Let us now worship God, the Creator, Jesus, the Son, and the Holy Spirit who invites us to be one.**

SONG *O Christ, the Great Foundation* (v3&4)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

O gracious and loving God, we come before you this day knowing that we have fallen short of what you require of us. You sent the patriarchs, and we ignored their teachings. You sent the prophets, and we rejected their calls for repentance. You sent your Son, and we crucified him. In your mercy, forgive us. Help us mend our brokenness and bring our wandering hearts back to you, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your way. Hear us as we pray silently...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Alleluia and Amen.

SONG *At the Name of Jesus*

SCRIPTURE Genesis 12:1-2

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SONG *Standing on the Promises* (v1&2)

REFLECTION *Witnesses with Faith*

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-4, 7-12, 17-40; 12:1-2

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Hebrews 10: 23; 12: 1-2; 13:6)

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Let us be able to say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Amen.

SONG *Standing on the Promises* (v1&4)

SHARING THE COMMUNION OF CHRIST

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Invitation to Offering (*Hebrews 13:16*):

Offertory Music: *Standing on the Promises* (*Piano only*)