

**First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale
Order of Worship for Sunday 7/5/20:
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**



Prayer in Preparation



Author of life, you cast your glory all around us; you invade our sleep; you reveal yourself in ancient stories and the give-and-take of common life. By the power of your Spirit, come to us now, for you have called us to this place. We pray in the name of Jesus—our hope, our confidence— and your beloved Son. Amen.

Ministry of the Church

One: We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.

All: Thanks be to God!

Joys and Concerns

One: We give thanks to God for these blessings.

All: Thanks be to God!

One: For all these people and all who are in need

All: Please hold your people near, O God!

Prelude: Be Still My Soul arr. Colleen Adent

Kathy Manfredi, pianist

Gathering for Worship

Leader: Beloved of God, the winter is past,
the flowers appear on the earth, and the time of singing has come.

All: Let us lift our voices in praise to our Creator. Let us worship God!

Hymn: #611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

v. 1

**Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

Call to Confession:

Leader: Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary and are
carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me;

for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray...

**All: Lord, we marvel at the thought of a
well-fitted yoke, a burden scaled to match our frames;
we do not know how to rest in the promise
of such labor.**

**Some of us are weary from unceasing responsibility;
others find no welcome in the marketplace.**

We confound your vision for our common life.

**Forgive our blind striving,
our stifled concern,**

the judgments we cast on others.

Make yourself known to us in the silence.

Shape your children for the commonwealth of your love.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Sisters and brothers, hear this gospel word:

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;
and there are varieties of activities,
but it is the same God who activates all of them
in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit
for the common good.

I declare to you now, in the name of Jesus Christ,
that your sin is forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

Giving of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

Response: #282 Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. (2x)

Children's Sermon: Boom Goes the Firecracker!



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Merciful God, in this moment of stillness,
wash us clean of our presumptions.
Receive us as your weary children.
Then, by the power of your Spirit,
bless us with a word that revives,
for we pray in the name of Jesus,
your living Word. **Amen.**

Ministry of Music

Carlyn Zimmermann, et al.

Old Testament Lesson:

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Minister: ⁸ The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills.
⁹ My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.
Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.
¹⁰ My beloved speaks and says to me: 'Arise, my love, my fair one, and
come away;
¹¹ for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.
¹² The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land.
¹³ The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.
Minister: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of the Word: Fig-uratively Speaking

Affirmation of Faith: The PCUSA Confession of 1967 (Section 9.25)

Leader: Let us confess our faith together...

All: The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail.

Minute for Mission:

Sentences:

Leader: When Rebekah's family asked whether she would yield her life to God's purposes, she answered, "I will." Every day each of us is challenged by that same question. May the offerings we now bring symbolize our yielding. The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

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***Doxology: #606**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Leader: Gracious Creator, you have laced our lives with blessing.

As we present these offerings, we also tender our lives.

Make us your bold and faithful people,

willing to go forward in faith wherever you would lead us,

that we might be a comfort in the world.

We pray in the name of Jesus, by the gift of your empowering Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn: #611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

v. 2

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays

Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise

Field and forest, vail and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea

Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Minister: God inspires us to pray, hears our prayers, and answers our prayers.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

Minister: Let us pray...

Silent Prayer

Minister: Let us pray together the Lord's Prayer...

All: Indwelling God,
infused throughout all existence,
we honor you with many names.
Your realm is within the human heart.
We accept life for all that it can be,
on earth as throughout all creation.
May we continue to draw sustenance from this earth,
and may we receive forgiveness equal to our own.
May we ever move from separation toward union,
to live in grace, with love in our hearts,
forever and ever. Amen.

(Source: Fred F Keip, [UUA Worship web](#))

Hymn: #611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

v. 3

Mortals join the happy chorus which the morning stars began
Love divine is reigning over us, joining all in heaven's plan
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Charge

Minister: Sisters and brothers,
 sin distorts even the good gifts of God:
 the law, the church, our own desires—
 but this need not lead us to despair,
 for God's love
 has overcome,
 is overcoming,
 will overcome
 sin's power at work in the world.

All: Amen.

Blessing

Minister: The Lord bless and keep you.
 The Lord be kind and gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor
 And give you peace! Amen.

Postlude: Heavenly Starlight arr. Mark Hayes

Thought for the Day



"Which weather app are you using? Mine is forecasting a plague of locusts and scattered showers of fire and brimstone."

Household Prayer: Morning

As the darkness recedes, open my eyes to the gift of this day;
 help me to trust you with all that it will hold.
 In the hours to come, as my plans are interrupted, tune
 my ear to the sound of your voice,
 my eye to the movement of your Spirit,
 my heart to the strength of your desire,
 that I might glimpse your hidden graces and be strengthened in your
 service, for I would be your instrument. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Merciful God, I come weary, grateful for the chance to meet you in the
 silence, eager to be washed again in your claim. Lift from me the burdens I
 do not easily yield. In your gracious provision, fit me with a better yoke
 that I might rest as a child secure and rise with a teachable spirit. Amen.

Announcements

Check out our new way of doing online giving! There's a great article which
 explains it all in the July Newsletter. Or you can use
 your smart phone camera and read this nifty QR Code:

