



## **LIFETREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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(First Presbyterian Church, a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA))

## **SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY<sup>1</sup>**

Time after Pentecost Year B

Communion Celebrated on the First Sunday of the Month

Service is at 11:00 AM

“From the beginning, Christians have met to worship on the first day of the week, the day Christ Jesus rose from the dead. We gather to praise the triune God, confess our sin, and seek God’s grace. We hear the good news of the gospel and celebrate the Lord’s Supper. We are sent forth to glorify God through the service of daily living. The Service for the Lord’s Day is a service of Word and Sacrament. Together, Word and Sacrament form a unified liturgy-proclaiming and celebrating the fullness of God’s saving word and action in Jesus Christ.”<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This service is from Book of Common Worship, Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, Kentucky, 2018.

<sup>2</sup> BCW, pg. 18.

*The presider may read the light print and people are invited to respond with the words printed in **BOLD UPPERCASE PRINT**.*

## GATHERING

### Prelude

### Words of Welcome

Opening Scripture *All may stand as presider and people say one of the following:*

1. Our help is in the name of the Lord, **MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.** (Ps. 124:8)
2. This is the day that the Lord has made; **LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.** (Ps 118:14)
3. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. **WORSHIP THE LORD WITH GLADNESS. COME INTO GOD'S PRESENCE WITH SINGING!** (Ps.100:1-2)

*The opening is followed with the following:* The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **AND ALSO WITH YOU.** (2 Thess. 3:18).

### Hymn

Gathering Prayer *The presider may lead an opening prayer choosing one of the following:*

1. God of all glory, on this first day you began creation, bringing light out of darkness. On this first day you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ from the darkness of death. On this Lord's Day grant that we, the people you create by water and the Spirit, may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory. Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever. **AMEN.**
2. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord, **AMEN.**

### Confession and Pardon

*Water may be poured into the baptismal font. The presider leads the call to confession from the font from one of the following:*

1. Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. (Heb. 4:14-

- 16). Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
2. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. (Rom. 3:23-24). Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.
  3. We are a people born of water and the Spirit. (John 3:5). We have made promises to be Christ's faithful disciples, and to show his love to our life's end. Although we fail to fulfill those baptismal vows, God's faithful love endures forever. Confident of God's grace, let us confess our sin and the sin of the world.

*As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin, captivity, and brokenness in personal life, community, and society, and ask for God's saving grace using one of the following prayers.*

- 1. MERCIFUL GOD, WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED, BY WHAT WE HAVE DONE, AND BY WHAT WE HAVE LEFT UNDONE. WE HAVE NOT LOVED YOU WITH OUR WHOLE HEART AND MIND AND STRENGTH. WE HAVE NOT LOVED OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES. IN YOUR MERCY FORGIVE WHAT WE HAVE BEEN, HELP US AMEND WHAT WE ARE, AND DIRECT WHAT WE SHALL BE, THAT WE MAY DELIGHT IN YOUR WILL AND WALK IN YOUR WAYS IN THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME.**
- 2. HOLY AND MERCIFUL GOD, IN YOUR PRESENCE WE CONFESS OUR FAILURE TO BE WHAT YOU CREATED US TO BE. YOU ALONE KNOW HOW OFTEN WE HAVE SINNED IN WANDERING FROM YOUR WAYS, IN WASTING YOUR GIFTS, IN FORGETTING YOUR LOVE. BY YOUR LOVING MERCY, HELP US TO LIVE IN YOUR LIGHT AND ABIDE IN YOUR WAYS, FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR.**

*The prayer is concluded with the following words:*

**LORD, HAVE MERCY  
CHRIST, HAVE MERCY**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

*The presider may lift water from the font, declaring the good news of God's grace.*

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Our Lord Jesus said:

**YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.**

This is the greatest and first command. And the second is like it:

**YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.**

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. (Matt. 23:37-40).

### The Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. (Eph. 4:32).

The peace of Christ be with you.

**AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

## WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

1. Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, and prepare our hearts to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**
2. Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ the bread of heaven. **AMEN.** *This reading is appropriate when the Lord's Supper is celebrated.*

Scripture *Before each reading, the reader may say these words:*

A reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*After each reading, the reader and people may say:*

The word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

First Lesson

Psalm

Second Lesson

The Gospel

Sermon

Hymn

Affirmation of Faith

- 1. CHRIST JESUS, THOUGH HE WAS IN THE FORM OF GOD, DID NOT REGARD EQUALITY WITH GOD AS SOMETHING TO BE EXPLOITED, BUT EMPTIED HIMSELF, TAKING THE FORM OF A SLAVE, BEING BORN IN HUMAN LIKENESS. AND BEING FOUND IN HUMAN FORM HE HUMBLLED HIMSELF AND BECAME OBEDIENT TO THE POINT OF DEATH-EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS. THEREFORE, GOD ALSO HIGHLY EXALTED HIM AND GAVE HIM THE NAME THAT IS ABOVE EVERY NAME, SO THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE SHOULD BEND IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH AND UNDER THE EARTH, AND EVERY TONGUE SHOULD CONFESS TO THE GLORY OF GOD: JESUS CHRIST IS LORD! AMEN. (Phil. 2:5-11)**
- 2. I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, AND IN JESUS CHRIST HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD; WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY GHOST, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DEAD, AND BURIED; HE DESCENDED INTO HELL; THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND SITTETH ON THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY; FROM THENCE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE THE QUICK AND THE**

DEAD. I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST; THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH; THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS; THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS; THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY; AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.

3. WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, OF ALL THAT IS, SEEN AND UNSEEN. WE BELIEVE IN ON LORD, JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY SON OF GOD, ETERNALLY BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER, GOD FROM GOD, LIGHT FROM LIGHT, TRUE GOD FROM TRUE GOD, BEGOTTEN, NOT MADE, OF ONE BEING WITH THE FATHER; THROUGH HIM ALL THINGS WERE MADE. FOR US AND FOR OUR SALVATION HE CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, WAS INCARNATE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE VIRGIN MARY AND BECAME TRULY HUMAN. FOR OUR SAKE HE WAS CRUCIFIED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE; HE SUFFERED DEATH AND WAS BURIED. ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCRIPTURES; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER. HE WILL COME AGAIN IN GLORY TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD, AND HIS KINGDOM WILL HAVE NO END. WE BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE LORD, THE GIVER OF LIFE, WHO PROCEEDS FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON, WHO WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON IS WORSHIPED AND GLORIFIED, WHO HAS SPOKEN THROUGH THE PROPHETS. WE BELIEVE IN ONE HOLY CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH. WE ACKNOWLEDGE ONE BAPTISM FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. WE LOOK FOR THE RESURECTION OF THE DEAD, AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME. AMEN.

Baptism, Pastoral Rite *may take place here.*

Invitation to Discipleship *may take place here and gives opportunity for any who wish to make a personal commitment to Christ, join the community of faith, or live more fully into their baptismal calling.*

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy; **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

*If Communion is omitted:*

Offering

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, **THE WORLD, AND THOSE WHO LIVE IN IT.** (Ps. 24:1)

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

*As offerings are gathered an anthem may be sung, an offertory played, or other appropriate music may be offered. The people's offerings, which may include food for people who are hungry, are brought to the table. As the offerings are presented, the Doxology may be sung.*

*An elder or deacon may then pray:*

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, **AMEN.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, creator of the world and giver of all good, we thank you for the earth, our home, and for the gift of life. We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ, who came to heal this broken world, who died rejected on the cross, and rose triumphant from the dead. Because he lives, we live to praise you, our God forever.

**GRACIOUS GOD, WHO CALLED US FROM DEATH TO LIFE, WE GIVE OURSELVES TO YOU; AND WITH THE CHURCH THROUGH ALL AGES WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SAVING LOVE IN JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN**

Hymn

Announcements

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working among us that which is pleasing in God's sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever! **AMEN.** (Heb. 13:20-21)

Charge: Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Choral Response

Postlude

## COMMUNION

### Offering

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, **THE WORLD, AND THOSE WHO LIVE IN IT.** (Ps. 24:1)

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

*As offerings are gathered an anthem may be sung, an offertory played, or other appropriate music may be offered. The communion elements are brought forward and the pastor and elders prepare the table. The people's offerings, which may include food for people who are hungry, are brought to the table. As the offerings are presented, the Doxology may be sung.*

*An elder or deacon may then pray:*

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **AMEN.**

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

#### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **AND ALSO WITH YOU**

Lift up your hearts. **WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT,  
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY. HOSANNA  
IN THE HIGHEST. BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME  
OF THE LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.**

### Words of Institution

#### Memorial Acclamation

Great is the mystery of faith:

**CHRIST HAS DIED, CHRIST IS RISEN, CHRIST WILL COME  
AGAIN.**

### The Lord's Prayer



As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HOLLOWED 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. LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY FOR EVER. AMEN.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Bless the Lord, O my soul:

**AND ALL THAT IS WITHIN ME, BLESS GOD'S HOLY NAME.** (Ps. 103-1-2)

SENDING

Hymn

Announcements

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. the Lord be kind and gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **AMEN.** (Num. 6:24-25).

Charge

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Choral Response

Postlude