

So live in Christ Jesus the Lord in the same way as you received him. Be rooted and built up in him, be established in faith, and overflow with thanksgiving just as you were taught. See to it that nobody enslaves you with philosophy and foolish deception, which conform to human traditions and the way the world thinks and acts rather than Christ. All the fullness of deity lives in Christ's body. And you have been filled by him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not administered by human hands. The circumcision of Christ is realized in the stripping away of the whole self dominated by sin. You were buried with him through baptism and raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. When you were dead because of the things you had done wrong and because your body wasn't circumcised, God made you alive with Christ and forgave all the things you had done wrong. He destroyed the record of the debt we owed, with its requirements that worked against us. He canceled it by nailing it to the cross. When he disarmed the rulers and authorities, he exposed them to public disgrace by leading them in a triumphal parade.

PASSING OF THE PEACE
MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lay Reader: Children of God, when the journey ahead seems long and hard, full of unknown dangers and all-too-real risks, remember:
People: Keep the faith. God, who made us alive, is our Guardian and Guide.
Lay Reader: When the voices on the side of the road tempt us with their misinformation full of unearned certainty, simple solutions, and quickness to blame and shame those who disagree with them, remember:
People: Stay the course. God, who made us alive, is our Wisdom and Judge.
Lay Reader: When those in power place barriers in our way, making it harder to share the love of God in our communities, trying to convince us it is easier to do nothing than remain firm in God’s call to act for the flourishing of all our neighbors, remember:
People: Do not be afraid. God, who made us alive, is our Strength and our Advocate.
Lay Reader: Children of God, come! Let us worship God, whose persistent love empowers us to persevere, to stay the course, to live by faith and not fear.
People: Come, let us worship God, who makes us alive, through grace to love and serve God and one another.

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OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Just God, we sense your anger at the injustice that thrives in the world. We share your grief at the discord that rages among your children, the rejection of those who bear your image, and the oppression of those you know by name. We turn toward you for strength and guidance to turn away from the norms of this world, the lure of self-righteousness, and the appeal of comfort over justice. Embolden us to believe that another world is possible and empower us to participate in its creation. Amen.

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HYMN

“You Are My All in All”

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1. You are my strength when I am weak.
You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all.
Seeking you as a precious jewel
Lord, to give up I’d be a fool. You are my all in all.

Refrain
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

2 Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
rising again I bless your name, you are my all in all.
When I fall down you pick me up.
When I am dry you fill my cup. You are my all in all.

Refrain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We do not find it easy to speak of how we do not live as your people, but you call us to share our weaknesses and failures with you, Inviting God. Tempted to think your salvation is for a select few, we put up barriers for others. Clinging to all you give to us, we are reluctant to share with those in need. Surrounded by evil and violence, we find it easier to close ranks with those just like us, rather than seeking peace and reconciliation for our world. Forgive us, God of our salvation. Open our hearts to our siblings all around us. Open our minds to the word of hope you speak to us. Open our spirits to the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who flings wide the open doors of your kingdom, that all might find life with you.

Silent prayers of confession.

Receive the good news, my friends; Christ came searching for us, calling us by name, leading us into God’s kingdom.

In Christ, we become new people: empty, we are made full; lost, we are found; dead in sin, we are made alive. Thanks be to God. Amen

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Adapted from Thom Shuman, posted on the Pilgrim WR Uniting Church

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

“A Clare Benediction”

CHANCEL CHOIR

GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13 [CEB]

Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

Jesus told them, “When you pray, say: ‘Father, uphold the holiness of your name. Bring in your kingdom. Give us the bread we need for today. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who has wronged us. And don’t lead us into temptation.’”

OFFERING PRAYER

Father, hallowed be your name. Forgive us our sins, such as our quickness to make excuses about why we cannot be more generous. All too often we find ourselves thinking, “Do not bother me” – just like the friend being asked for the three loaves of bread. Yet you are persistent with us. You continue to ask for our talents, hoping that our gifts will be given generously to you. May it be so today! Hallelujah! Amen.

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DOXOLOGY

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.

HYMN

“There’s a Spirit in the Air”

#192, vv.1, 2, 4, 6

1. There’s a Spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.
2. Lose your shyness, find our tongue; tell the world what God has done.
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow’s life today!
- 4.Still the Spirit leads the fight, seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow’s life today!
- 6.May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways:
God in Christ has come to stay. Life tomorrow’s life today!

BENEDICTION

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Go in peace, confident in the promises of God.

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POSTLUDE

“ Fugue in C”

DANA MOODY

Today’s service is being broadcast on Facebook Live at 11:00 am. You can access the service through the Oaklette Church Group on Facebook. You can also access the sermon through the Oaklette UMC Facebook page. If you are unable to use Facebook Live a link can be sent to you by email after the Facebook Live Worship has been recorded, but we will need your email address to do this. The Facebook Live service will also be downloaded to our website on Monday morning.

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God.

The Food Basket on the altar is presented to the glory of God.



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