



*Sunday, January 24, 2021*



## *Call to Worship*

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One: Jesus says, "I am the Way for you."

All: **And so we come to follow Christ.**

One: Jesus says, "I am the Truth for you."

All: **And so we come to dwell in the light.**

One: Jesus says, "I am the Life for you."

All: **And so we come, leaving behind all else to which we cling.**

Kenyan traditional

Leader:

All:

Lis - - ten, lis - ten, God is call- ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,  
of - fer - ing for - give- ness, com - - fort and joy.— joy.

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## *Prayer of Confession*

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One: Because God is good and has intended us to share that goodness,  
we open ourselves to nothing less than transformation  
as together we say:

All: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal,  
have mercy on us.

## *Prayer of Confession (continued)*

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One: You are the Word behind all words, the calm at the core of the storm,  
the energy that sustains creation.

You are present in the pain behind the tears,

the laughter in the eyes,

the yearning of the heart.

All these you share, yet your gift to us is much more.



## *Prayer of Confession (continued)*

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One:     So open us up, Lord,  
              we whose lives are locked,  
              whose thoughts are well rehearsed,  
              whose prayer is predictable.

*Silence*



## *Prayer of Confession (continued)*

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One:       Open us up to depths we have not explored,  
                  truths we have avoided,  
                  paths we have not followed,  
                  beauty we have yet to admire.

*Silence*



## *Prayer of Confession (continued)*

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One: Open us up to Jesus, our risen Lord,  
in whom all things are held together for God  
and for our good.

All: Amen.



## Psalm 90:12-17

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One: So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.  
Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

All: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.  
Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,  
and as many years as we have seen evil.



## *Psalm 90:12-17 (continued)*

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One: Let your work be manifest to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.

All: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and prosper for us the work of our hands--  
O prosper the work of our hands!

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

# *Affirmation of Faith*

*From the Study Catechism,  
Approved by the 210th General Assembly (1998)  
of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*



One: What is God's purpose for your life?

All: God wills that I should live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, for the love of God, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

One: How do you live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ?

All: I am not my own. I have been bought with a price. The Lord Jesus Christ loved me and gave himself for me. I entrust myself completely to his care, giving thanks each day for his wonderful goodness.

# *Affirmation of Faith* (continued)

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One: How do you live for the love of God?

All: I love because God first loved me. God loves me in Christ with a love that never ends. Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself. I live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death, for my sake. Therefore, I take those around me to heart, especially those in particular need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me.

# *Affirmation of Faith* (continued)

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One: How do you live in the communion of the Holy Spirit?

All: By the Holy Spirit, I am made one with the Lord Jesus Christ. I am baptized into Christ's body, the church, along with all others who confess him by faith. As a member of this community, I trust in God's Word, share in the Lord's Supper, and turn to God constantly in prayer. As I grow in grace and knowledge, I am led to do the good works that God intends for my life.



## *Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*

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One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



## *Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (continued)*

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One: Creator of the cosmos, Breath of heaven,  
Lover of us all,  
you are our praise, our life, our joy.  
You are there  
through desert wanderings  
and willful murmurings,  
rebellious running and tears of complaint.



## *Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (continued)*

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One: You are there when sorrow becomes our daily food;

you rescue us from ruin

and anoint us with blessing.

Rising Sun, Soaring Spirit, Radiant Lord,

you are there

in stable and temple, river and hillside,

cross and tomb, and even beyond the grave.



## *Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (continued)*

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One: You are there in shining glory,  
overcoming death and welcoming us to life.  
You meet us in the breaking of bread,  
you pour out the wine of salvation;  
you feed us with grace  
and overwhelm us with love.



## *Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (continued)*

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One: By your Spirit,  
make these gifts your body and blood.

By your Spirit,  
make us one with you and with each other.

By your Spirit,  
make us courageous,  
that we may share your love  
with your blessed and broken world.



## *Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (continued)*

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One: Fount of mercy, Fire of justice, dearest Friend,  
bind us to you and send us out  
to seek and serve and sing your praise,  
until you gather us up in glory  
and bright, unending song.

# *The Lord's Prayer*

(Matthew 6:9-13, KJ21)



All: Amen. 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.



# “From the Nets of Our Labor” refrain

The musical notation is presented in two staves, each in common time (indicated by a 'C') and G clef. The first staff begins with a measure of sixteenth notes followed by a dotted half note. The lyrics "We will rise up and fol - low," are written below the notes. The second staff begins with a measure of eighth notes followed by a dotted half note. The lyrics "Christ be - fore and be - side us," are written below the notes. The third staff begins with a measure of eighth notes followed by a dotted half note. The lyrics "lov-ing pat-tern to guide us," are written below the notes. The fourth staff begins with a measure of eighth notes followed by a dotted half note. The lyrics "as we an-swer the call." are written below the notes. The music consists of quarter notes, eighth notes, sixteenth notes, and dotted half notes. The lyrics are written in a cursive font below the notes.

We will rise up and fol - low,  
Christ be - fore and be - side us,

lov-ing pat-tern to guide us,  
as we an-swer the call.