

Frederick Presbyterian Church

Service of Word and Prayer

February 10, 2021

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit gathers us into a community of prayer.

GATHERING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

OPENING SENTENCES

One: Blessed is the Lord our God, who revealed the law to Moses.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

One: Blessed is the Lord our God, who has spoken through the prophets.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

One: Blessed is the Lord our God, who came to us in Jesus Christ.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

One: The one who spoke and called light out of darkness now shines in our hearts.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

One: The one who comes and does not keep silence now speaks in our midst.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

One: Now we have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

(After a brief silence...)

One: Great God of dazzling beauty and overshadowing majesty,
in Jesus Christ, your beloved, we glimpse the image of your glory.

Teach us to listen to him so that we may hear your voice and follow your holy way;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, in silence, in reflection.

PSALM 42 (read in unison)

*As the deer longs for the water-brooks, so longs my soul for you, O God.
I thirst for God, for the living God;
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?*

(continued)

PSALM 42 (continued)

*My tears have been my food day and night,
while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"
I pour out my soul when I think on these things;
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,
with shouts of thanksgiving, among those keeping festival.
Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul,
and why are you so disquieted within me?
Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks to the one who is my help and my God.
My soul is heavy within me;
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.
One deep calls to another in the roar of your cascades;
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
The LORD grants lovingkindness in the daytime;
in the night season the LORD's song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.
I will say to the God of my strength, "Why have you rejected me,
and why do I wander in such gloom
while the enemy oppresses me?"
While my bones are being broken, my enemies mock me to my face;
all day long they mock me and say to me,
"Where now is your God?"
Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul,
and why are you so disquieted within me?
Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks to the one who is my help and my God.*

SCRIPTURE READING

[Hebrews 2:1-10](#)

One: . . . The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

(A period of silence follows for personal reflection.)

SCRIPTURE READING

[Mark 9:2-9](#)

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All: **Thanks be to God.**

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PRAYER

The Holy Spirit prays with us and through us.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

One: In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness
and bears the wounds of the world.

All: **Therefore, let us be bold as we pray,
trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.**

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession are included.)

One: Into your wide embrace, O God, we place all our prayers,
spoken and unspoken, trusting that you will receive them into your heart of mercy,
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

All: Amen.

One: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

The people of God depart to live as God's People in the world.

CLOSING RESPONSES

One: God all mighty, God most merciful bless us, keep us, and give us peace.

All: Amen.

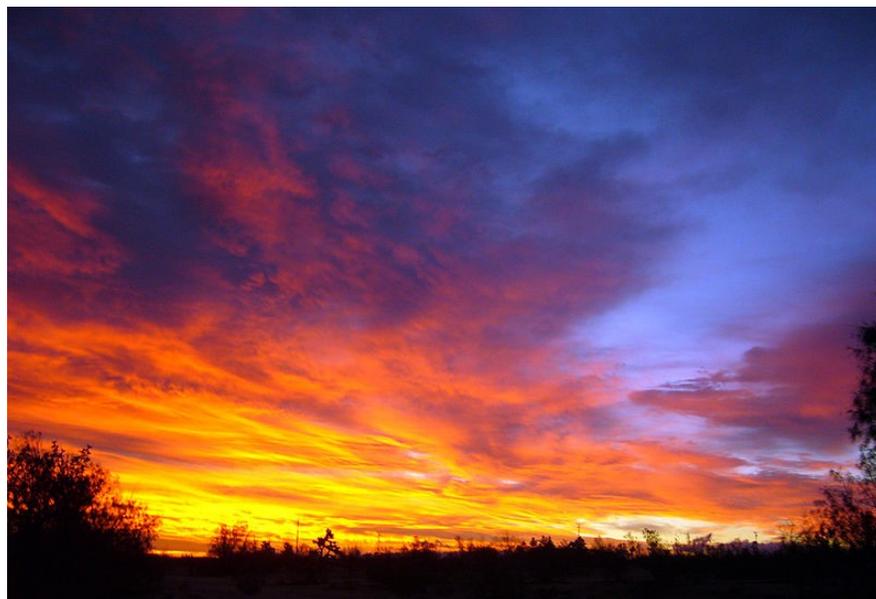
One: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

(Signs and words of peace are exchanged . . .)



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