

In Preparation for Worship

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 commandment. And a second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

At this time, please take a moment to let us know you are worshipping online with us by filling out the [online friendship pad](#) at slpres.org.

Hymn #366 stanzas 1, 3 and 4

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

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.
Hear also our personal confessions that we offer in silence...
(*Silence is kept for personal reflection.*)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Song of Praise

Passing of the Peace of Christ

We encourage you to pass the peace with your fellow worshipers in the "comments" of the video feed and to take time today to reach out and share Christ's peace with your friends, neighbors and family.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

1 John 4:7-21

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

Sermon

It's Always Something

Shannon Dill

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one 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 resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 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.

Words of Institution

Communion Music

The Offering

*Giving is a tangible sign of worship. During this interesting time in our world, we encourage you to continue to share your time, talent and treasure. You may also "Text to Give" to **73256**. The body of the text needs to start with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

Hymn #536 stanzas 1-3

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

Benediction

Postlude



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At-Home Virtual Communion

As part of our normal worship practice on the first Sunday of the month, and because we know that Jesus met people where they were and he continues to meet us where we are, our church family will celebrate At-Home Virtual Communion this Sunday.

During our online worship, the pastors will preside over the elements in their respective homes, offering the Invitation to the Lord's Supper, Prayer of Thanksgiving, and the Words of Institution. We are asking that each family then share the Lord's Supper together, using whatever elements you may have available, just as we often do on mission trips.

We encourage you to prepare for worship with the following ideas:

- Create a worship space, perhaps at the kitchen table or a coffee table. Feel free to place anything on the table that has special meaning for you, such as a special memento that reminds you of church or witnessing God in the world. Last week in worship, we talked about lighting a candle before worship each week as a reminder that God is with each of us wherever we are, therefore, we are all together through the Spirit.
- Remember how the pastors often say during the Lord's Supper, that Jesus uses ordinary things for extraordinary purposes? Well, this is one of those times that common things can represent God's grace to us. Please do not feel the need to purchase special bread or juice, we do not want to place that burden on you nor is it necessary. Use whatever you have in your home already – sliced bread, crackers, cookies, pretzels, any sort of juice, wine, water, or even a coke. You may consider placing the elements in cups and on a plate that is special to you.
- You may designate one person to serve or gather in a circle to pass the elements to one another. As you share the bread, you may say, "The bread of life" or "The body of Christ." As you share the cup, you may say, "The cup of salvation."

As Presbyterians, we believe that the Lord's Supper enacts and seals what the Word proclaims: God's sustaining grace offered to all people. The Lord's Supper is at once God's gift of grace, God's means of grace, and God's call to respond to that grace. Through the Lord's Supper, Jesus Christ nourishes us in righteousness, faithfulness, and discipleship. Through the Lord's Supper, the Holy Spirit renews the Church in its identity and sends the Church to mission in the world. This is what we celebrate when gather around the table – and in these days, though our tables are in many different places, our hearts and lives are bound together through Jesus's great love for each of us and all of us.

If you have any questions about celebrating the Lord's Supper in your home, feel free to reach out to one of the pastors.