



**Service of Midday Prayer**  
Wednesday, April 21, 2021  
First Presbyterian Church, Gathered Online

Opening Sentences

Our help is in the name of the Lord. Ps. 124:8  
**Maker of heaven and earth.**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; 1 Jn. 4:7-8  
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.  
Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Praise the Lord.  
**The Lord's name be praised.**

Prayer of Confession and Assurance 1 Jn. 1:8-9, 1 Jn 1:7

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our brokenness.

**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.**

*Silent Confession*

If we walk in the light of God, we have fellowship with one another, and in Christ we find liberation from all sin. In the name of Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and freed! **Amen.**

Hymn 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

1. I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,  
my only trust and Savior of my heart,  
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;  
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

2. Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,  
reigning omnipotent in every place:  
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;  
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
3. Thou art the life, by which alone we live,  
and all our substance and our strength receive;  
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,  
and give us strength in every trying hour.
4. Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness;  
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness.  
O grant to us the grace we find in thee,  
that we may dwell in perfect unity.
5. Our hope is in no other save in thee;  
our faith is built upon thy promise free;  
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,  
that in thy strength we evermore endure.

#### Scripture Lesson

*1 John 3:16-24*

For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### Reflection

#### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

1. Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,  
To help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,  
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,  
To serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.
2. God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race  
To live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.  
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.  
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.

3. Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,  
With righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,  
A world that was created for a harmony of peace.
  
4. May we in service to our God act out the living word,  
And walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord  
To God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

#### Dismissal

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

1 Jn 3:18

The God of peace be with us. **Amen.**

Bless the Lord. **The Lord's name be praised.**