

**POTWIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Topeka, Kansas**

**Sunday November 3, 2024**

*31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Liturgical color: green

**PRELUDE**

**CHIMES**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Gathering***

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

*Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love!*

**Unison: The Lord is good to all, and God's compassion is for all God's creation.**

*Leader: All God's works give praise to the Creator, and all God's faithful shall praise God's name.*

**Unison: Our mouths shall speak praises of the Lord and bless God's Holy Name forever!**

**\*INVOCATION/OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

O God, high praise we bring to you this day. You are the Magnetic Center, the Core Reality, the True North, the axis around which everything and everyone orbits. You show your True Self to us in deeds small and large, in the extraordinary and the mundane, in order to draw all things to you. Lord, we want to participate with you in being a redeeming presence in this world. Let our lives show without a doubt that we are coming from the Center which is you. Let us always stay attuned to your Truth, which guides us, now and forever, Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN: "God is Here"**

(#461 Blue Hymnal)

***Praise, Prayers, and Petitions***

**SILENT PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION:**

**CORPORATE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION: (Unison)**

God of Steadfast Promise,

We yearn for earlier days when all seemed well and our cause seemed strong.

We want to abandon hope in your good promise—the promise that you will complete the good work you have started in us. Forgive us for giving up faith in

you, and for discounting your promises to us. Fill us anew with your Spirit so that we may press forward in joy and confidence, doing your good works, trust in your purpose, witnessing to the good news of Jesus Christ who is your Truth that will never be silenced. It is in his name we ask it, Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

*Leader: As God has forgiven us so let us forgive one another. The Peace of Christ be with you!*

**Unison: And also with you!**

*Leader: Please share the love and peace of Christ with each other as you feel comfortable.*

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(pg 16 in the Hymnal, Traditional version)

**\*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri) #577**

**The Word:**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**Illumination (Sung x2)**

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Psalm 15

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:** John 18:33-38

**MESSAGE:** "What is Truth?"

*Pastor Sue Ann Seel*

**MEDITATION ON THE MESSAGE:**

*Gwen Jones*

**Response to the Word**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY:**

*Gwen Jones*

**DOXOLOGY:**

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" (#592 Blue Hymnal)

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE: Blessed be God forever.**

**SERVICE OF COMMUNION:**

*Leader: Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high, voices full and joyful, these you deserve.*

**Unison: For when we were nothing, you made us something. When we had no name, no faith, no future, you called us your children. When we**

**lost our way or turned away, you did not abandon us. When we came back to you, your arms opened wide in welcome.**

*Leader: And look, you prepare a table for us offering not just bread and wine, but your very self so that we may be filled, forgiven, healed, blessed and made new again. You are worth all our pain and all our praise.*

**Unison: So now in gratitude we join our voices with all the saints, saying: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Leader: Almighty Father, Creator and Sustainer of Life, Your majesty and power, your continued blessings of grace and your great goodness fill us with wonder. We are unworthy of the pardon you have in mercy given us. We can bring only our thanks, putting our trust in your Son, who alone saves us from evil. Therefore, in joy let us lift our hearts and minds on high where, with Christ your only Son and with the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours now and forever! Let us now join together to say the mystery of our faith:*

**Unison: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

## **INSTITUTION**

### **SERVING OF THE ELEMENTS**

**CONCLUDING PRAYER:** (Unison)

**Lord Jesus Christ,**

**Take us; renew and remake us**

**What we have been is past: what we will be through you, still awaits us.**

**Take us with you Jesus. Show us the way. Let us be the Way. We love you, Amen.**

*(Excerpts from a communion service found in "A Wee Worship Book," by Wild Goose Worship Group, Iona Community.)*

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** "I Come with Joy"

(#507 Blue Hymnal)

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me

Let there be peace on earth

The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Father  
Siblings all are we  
Let us walk with each other  
In perfect harmony  
Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now  
With every step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment and live  
Each moment in peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me