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Call to Worship based on Psalm 66

Nellie Howard and Rocky Poole

- One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
- All: Sing the glory of God's name.
- One: O Lord, all the earth worships you;
- All: We sing praises to the Lord. We sing praises to God's name.
- One: Let the sound of God's praise be heard;
- All: We sing praises to the Lord. We sing praises to God's name.
- One: Come, let us join together as we worship our Lord.

Hymn "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

Maureen Wright

1 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the church in one; Holy Zion's help forever, And our confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of Hosts, today; With Your wonted lovingkindness Hear Your people as they pray. And Your fullest benediction Shed within its walls alway.

3 Here bestow to all Your servants What they ask of You to gain, What they gain from You forever With the blessèd to retain, And hereafter in Your glory Evermore with You to reign.

4 Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son, Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever one; One in might and one in glory While unending ages run.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Mark Miller

Amy Robinson

God, our fears and prejudices run deep. Sometimes we can only see our own point of view. We stick with those who are like us, rarely venturing outside our comfort zones. We do not hear those crying for justice and true peace. We blame those who are suffering and in need, instead of standing by them. We deny the power of your gospel to unite us with those who are different from us. Lord, give us eyes to see and ears to hear. Open us to new possibilities of life for all of your people, and use us to enact the new life given in Christ.

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer for Illumination

Amy Robinson

Sarah Specht

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 2:1-10 Susan Sharp Campbell Time with Children Nellie Howard Sermon Hymn "Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak" Maureen Wright 1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone. As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone. 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet. O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet. 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart. And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart. 4 O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show. 5 O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share. **Prayers of the People** Rocky Poole **Recognition of the Offering** Ed Thompson Invitation to the Offering Barbara Chalfant **Special Music** Prayer of Dedication Hymn "May the God of Hope Go with Us" Maureen Wright May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call. Benediction Susan Sharp Campbell

<u>Worship Notes:</u> Pianist: Sharon Curnutte, Choir Director Emeritus, Village Chapel Presbyterian Church, Charleston The Prayer of Confession is by Barbara Hedges-Goettl. The Prayer for Illumination is from UWorship Resource of PCUSA UKirk Ministries.