

Brief Statement of Faith, an excerpt

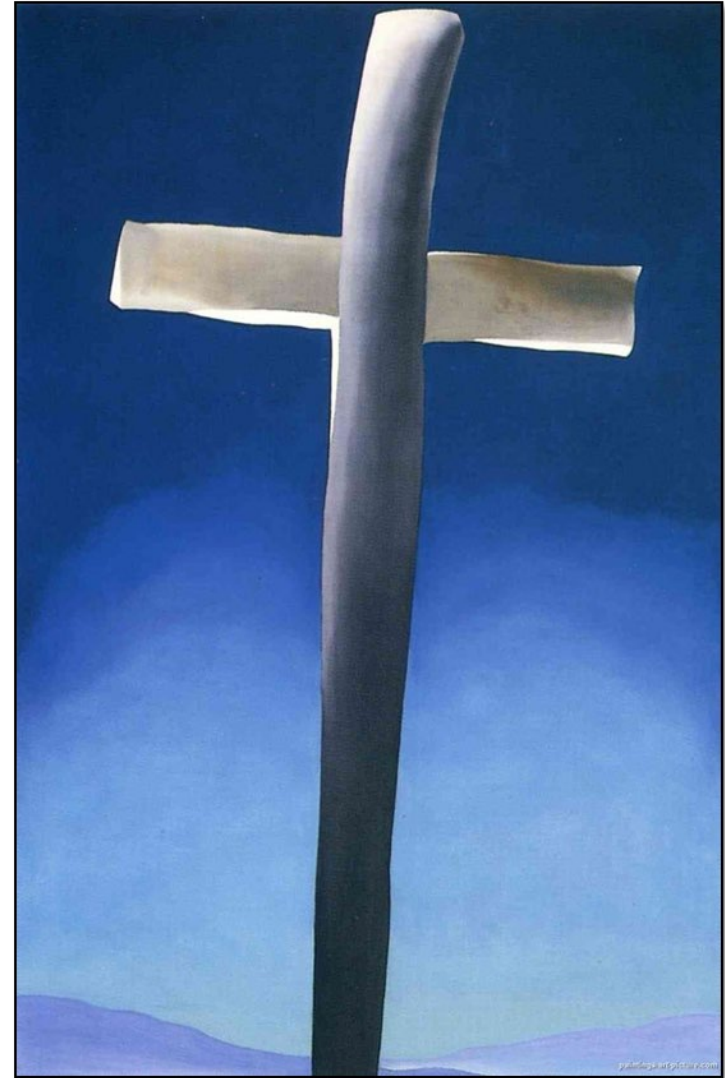
In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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First Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, TX

January 24, 2020 with Rev. Dr. Thomas W. Currie
and Rev. Bob Field

145th Palo Duro Presbytery Meeting

ORDER OF THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 24, 2020

8:00 PM

What a beautiful evening to look above and worship God in and through Jesus Christ. Christians start small and vulnerable, grow in our foundations and poise, and at times crack and break and fail—even miserably. Yet there is always hope, for Christ is working in us and we aim to follow. In the Sacrament of Communion, we are renewed and propelled forward.

Remember this memory verse: “The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.” Psalm 145:15

Gathering of God’s People in Praise and Contemplation

Prelude: Meditate and ready your mind for Word and Worship. “I Call on Thee Lord Jesus Christ,” J. S. Bach (1685-1750)/Ferruccio Busson (1866-1924). Mauricio Starosta, pianist.

Welcome, Business and Announcements

***Hymn:** Gather Us In, p. 649

Call to Worship: Psalm 119:1-3 and 33-42

Leader: Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord! Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways! Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will keep it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

The Body of Christ: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it. Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain! Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways. Confirm to your servant your promise, that you may be feared.

The Leader: Turn away the reproach that I dread, for your rules are good. Behold, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life!

The Body of Christ: Let your steadfast love come to me, O Lord, your salvation according to your promise; then shall I have an answer for him who taunts me, for I trust in your word.

Meditation Hymn (listen or sing along): Glorify Thy Name, p. 146

Unison Prayer of Confession: You are our God, and we come to you knowing that we often live life apart from you. Forgive us and help us to be faithful. In our chaos we put our spiritual life behind us. What a friend you’ve given us in your son Jesus. We want to be nearby you as your disciples, and so we pray silently.

Personal Silent Contemplation and Confession. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Leader: “He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.” [John 1:7]

People: Because of God’s great love for us in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***Glory to God**

Meditating on and Responding to God’s Word

Pastoral Prayer of The People

A Joyful Sharing of tithes and offerings in support of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Puerto Rico

Anthem: “God Is My Refuge” arr. Allen Pote

***Doxology,** p. 34

Sermon Text & Title: Psalm 145:15 and Luke 15:2, “The Joyful Feast” with Rev. Thomas W. Currie

Affirmation of Faith: Brief Statement of Faith, an excerpt on back

The Sacrament of Communion: All are welcome as we sing

***Hymn:** “Eat this Bread” #697

Benediction and the Choral Response of “The Lord Bless and Keep You”

Postlude: “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring,” J.S. Bach