ORDER OF CLOSING WORSHIP
JUNE 21, 2014

*Please rise in body or Spirit.
Call to Worship

One: A voice cries out in the wilderness:
All: “Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight the path!”

One: John proclaims from the waters:
All: “I have baptized with water, but the one who comes will bring the Spirit!”

One: A voice calls from the heavens:
All: “You are my child. You are beloved. I am well pleased.”

One: We have heard the cry of the wilderness, the proclamation of the waters, the call of the heavens; let us come and worship the Lord, the One who has called us to this place.

*Hymn* “Sing Glory to the Name of God”

(Psalm 29)

1 Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad.
2 The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing light.
3 The name of God is wild and free, a whirl in holy mystery, Alleluia, alleluia!
4 May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease.

En-throned above the wilderness can-verse:
The wilderness cannot utter:
Let all the faithful

Unison

Harmony

Unison
Call to Confession

One: Let us confess our sins before the Almighty God, confident in the hope of forgiveness from the One who has already called us beloved, the children of God.

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious and merciful God, we confess that we are a forgetful people. Too often we have forgotten your words of care and compassion. Too often we have forgotten that we are beloved, we are your children. Too often we have forgotten our baptism and the promises made in water and Spirit. Forgive us, compassionate Lord. Remind us once again of our baptism. Help us to see one another as your beloved children. Teach us to straighten the crooked paths we walk, that we might prepare your way in this world.
(Moment of silent confession)

One: We pray this together in the name of the One who has already forgiven.

All: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Behold, there is water in the font.

All: We have been baptized in water and welcomed by the Spirit.

One: A voice calls from the heavens:

All: “You are my child. You are beloved. I am well pleased.”

One: Let us proclaim the hope of our baptism together:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, loved, and made whole. Thanks be to God!

Passing the Peace

One: Please turn to those around you and extend the hope and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Mark 1:1–13

Sermon

“Bound for the Promised Land”

Dr. Martha Moore-Keish

*Hymn: “Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways”

1 Down Gal-i-lee’s slow road-ways a stran-ger trav-eled on
2 Ar-ris-ing from the riv-er he saw the heav-ens torn;
3 We too have found a road-way; it led us to this place.
Invitation to the Table  

Moderator, 221st General Assembly (2014)

One: This is the joyful feast of the risen Christ!
    People have come from north and south
    And from east and west,
    And soon we will return to our homes.

According to Luke,
    When our risen Lord was at table with his disciples
    He took bread, blessed and broke it,
    And gave it to them.
    Their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

Like the disciples who broke bread with the risen Lord
    May we get up from this place
    And run back to our homes with burning hearts
    And open eyes
    To proclaim that Christ is alive
    And is made known to us in the breaking of bread.
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
Creator and sustainer of the universe.
You created us in your image and call us your beloved children.
When we lose our way
You remind us through prophetic words
To prepare our hearts for your unending mercy and grace.

Therefore we praise you,
Joining our voices with the heavenly chorus
And with the church today in every corner of the world
And with those who have gone before and those who are yet unborn
Who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All: "Sanctus"  "Holy, Holy, Holy"
One: You are holy and blessed is Christ our Light and Salvation.  
He was baptized by John in the Jordan  
And your voice proclaimed that he is your beloved child  
In whom you are well pleased.  
Through the baptism of his death and resurrection  
Your church has come into being  
A people born of water and the Spirit,  
And through Christ,  
you have called us to be your beloved Children.

Therefore we give you thanks …  
Remembering your mighty and merciful acts  
We take this bread and wine and celebrate  
All that Christ has done and continues to do in our lives.  
Accept this as a living sacrifice of our very lives,  
That all we say and do may proclaim the one  
Crucified and risen.  
Great is the mystery of faith.

All:  
“Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen”

One:  God of mystery and wonder,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and
upon your gifts of bread and wine
that the bread we break
and the cup we bless
may be for us the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit unite us with all the faithful
that we may be one in our witness and love for all.

As this bread is Christ’s body for us
send us out to be the Body of Christ in the world.
May your Spirit drive us from this place
to proclaim your promises in all we say and do
and prepare the way for your reign of peace and love.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, eternal God,
now and forever.

All:  “Amen”

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

[The people are invited forward to the serving station closest to you.
Exit your row using the aisle on your right, receive the elements by
dipping the bread into the juice, then return to your seat by the aisle
on your left.]

[The bread is gluten-free and the cup contains grape juice. All
baptized believers are welcome to receive the Sacrament.]
Congregational Song during Communion:

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

1 Let us break bread to-geth-er on our knees; (on our knees)
2 Let us drink wine to-geth-er on our knees; (on our knees)
3 Let us praise God to-geth-er on our knees; (on our knees)

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. (on me)

"Eat This Bread"

Opt. A  “Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and
never be hungry. Eat this bread;

Opt. B  Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to Christ and
never be hungry. Eat this bread;

drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst.”

drink this cup; trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

“Live in Charity”  
*Ubi caritas*

Live in charity and steadfast love.

*Ubi caritas et amor,*

Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

*u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.*


“Bless the Lord”

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

“Laudate Dominum”

Sing, praise, and bless the Lord. Sing, praise, and bless the Lord.

Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum,

Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!

Omnes gentes, alleluia!

Prayer after Communion

One: We give you thanks, O God, for feeding us with these holy mysteries and nourishing us for our baptismal journey. May your Spirit continue to guide and nourish us through wilderness or familiar path until we find our way into your promised land. This we pray in the name of your beloved child, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Musical transition to “Litany of Transition”:
Repeat Stanza 3 of “Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways”

Litany of Transition

Peter Smith
Sue Ellis Melrose
Beth Neel

One: The gavel has sounded on the 221st General Assembly (2014) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Our work in this place has been accomplished. What has been done is done, and what is left undone, for now, will be left undone. Just as we were called into this place for a time and purpose, so now we are being sent out to all corners of our world. And so we call back to that voice crying in the wilderness.

All: We will prepare the way of the Lord. We will make the paths straight. We will work for justice and peace, reconciliation and mercy until the whole world abounds in hope.

One: We will proclaim from the waters:
All: We baptize in water, but there is One who is still coming. There is One who is coming who will baptize with the Spirit. A Spirit of conciliation and grace, creation and abundance. A Spirit abounding in hope!

One: We will echo the call from the heavens:
All: We are the children of God. We are beloved! In us, God is well pleased. We will care for the least, because they are the children of God. We will love the unlovable, because they are beloved of God. We will proclaim God’s pleasure over all creation, because it is God’s handiwork. We will echo the call of the heavens until this world abounds in hope.

One: Glory be to our God, now and forever

*Benediction

Before or during the postlude, you may depart when you must. God see you safely home.
"You Shall Go Out With Joy"

The Trees of the Field

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

*Clap hands.

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Kevin Kwiatkowski resides in Detroit. For the communion ware he created a form that reflects the strength and resilience of the city. The water ripple stamp represents the constant change and evolution.