



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

September 13, 2020
Fifteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

PRELUDE Beauty of Grace Thad Fiscella

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Cantemos al Señor Carlos Rosas

Let's sing unto the Lord a hymn of glad rejoicing.
Let's sing a hymn of love, at the new day's fresh beginning.
God made the sky above, the stars, the sun, the oceans;
and God saw it was good, for those works were filled with beauty.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let's sing unto the Lord. Alleluia!

Let's sing unto the Lord a hymn of adoration,
which shows our love and faith and the hope of all creation.
Through all that has been made, the Lord is praised for greatness,
and so we sing to God, who bestows such lovely blessings.

(Paul Butler, Chelsea Janzen, Greg McMahon, Madeline Ross)

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, you set a path through the sea,
a way through raging waters,
to save your people from slavery
and the burdens that weighed them down.
Help us in this time of worship to see that you are with us still,
that you make a way through turbulent seas.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Unison)*

God of mercy:
Help us to forgive, as you have forgiven us.
Help us to trust you, even when hope is hard to find.
Help us to take up our cross
to be part of your redeeming work;
through Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

When we look over our shoulders
at the fears that shadow us,
you go before us,
making a path through threatening seas to safe ground.

When we are slow to extend
the forgiveness you have given us
to those we find hard to accept or forgive,
transform our hearts as springs of grace.

When our hearts are entangled
in anxiety for an uncertain future,
clear away the smoke that clouds our sky;
Forgive us and renew us, we pray.

Our prayers continue in silence.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, O Lord.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The proof of God's amazing love is this: that
Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Please join in singing the following response –

RESPONSE OF PRAISE



We are for-giv-en. We are for-giv-en. Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God. We are for-giv-en. We are for-giv-en.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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SHARING THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we are also to forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you!
Please take a moment to be thankful for God's peace.

The Word

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 14:19-31 Pew Bible, pg. 61 (OT)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Canticle of Moses

John Karl Hirten

Let us sing to the Lord! He has covered himself in glory.

I will sing to the Lord, gloriously triumphant.
 Horse and rider he has thrown, thrown into the sea.
 The Lord is my strength, my song, my salvation.
 This is my God, whom I extol, the God of my ancestors, whom I praise.

The Lord is a warrior! The Lord is his name.
 The chariots of Pharaoh he hurled into the sea.
 The flower of his army is drowned in the sea.

The deeps hide them, they sank like a stone.
 Your right hand, Lord, glorious in its power, shattered the enemy.

The people you have redeemed pass.
 You will lead them and plant them on your mountain,
 the place, O Lord, where you have made your home,
 the sanctuary, Lord, which your hands have made.
 The Lord will reign for ever and ever!

— Exodus 15:1-6, 16-18

*(Leah Papay, soloist)***SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 18:21-35 Pew Bible, pg. 20 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON**

“Facing the Threatening Sea” Rev. Audrey Schindler

HYMN #445

God, How Can We Forgive

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)*from* A Brief Statement of Faith

In everlasting love,
 the God of Abraham and Sarah
 chose a covenant people
 to bless all families of the earth.
 Hearing their cry,
 God delivered the children of Israel
 from the house of bondage.
 Loving us still,
 God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
 Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
 like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
 God is faithful still.

OFFERTORY

God Is Forgiveness

Taizé Community

God is forgiveness. Dare to forgive, and God will be with you.
God is forgiveness. Love, and do not fear.

Thank you for your support of the church and Christ's ongoing ministry. You may give through the church website (at this link: firstpresportland.ccbchurch.com/goto/giving) or mail your check to the church office: 1200 SW Alder St., Portland, OR 97205.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;
praise Christ, all peo - ple here be - low;
praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.
A - men. A - men.

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Music: NEW DOXOLOGY [DUKE STREET variant] 8.8.8.8 with amens; traditional Black gospel

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Sending

HYMN #435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Meditation (In memoriam: September 11, 2001) Richard White

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Brenna Dykman, Interim Associate Pastor
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We join in holding in prayer:

Robert Chapman, Liz Dean, Ed & Janice Gehrig, Herb Grose,
Carl Hammond, David Hall (caringbridge.org/visit/wdhall), Bob Hastings,
Fran Hermanson, Marlin Icenogle, Anna Myers, Pete Taylor, Margery Van Deusen
and others facing illness and loss.

If you would like your name added to the prayer section of the weekly bulletin, or confidential prayers,
please contact the church office at office@firstpresportland.org or by phone at (503) 228-7331.

IN MEMORIAM

*Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and friends
of Barbara Parr, who died on August 24th,
and Betty Jo Lee, long time member who died on August 31, 2020.
"Blessed are they that die in the Lord, for their works do follow them."*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

*This morning, the Communion table flowers in the sanctuary are
given in loving memory of Barbara Purdy, for their Anniversary
by husband Bruce and family.*

*This morning, the Chancel table flowers are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Laura Merrill's birthday by her loving friends.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

How to Continue Your Giving

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Dial Into Virtual Coffee Hour This Sunday!

Join in Virtual Coffee Hour this Sunday from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you, dial in to say hello! Join this "Zoom Meeting" by using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436962691>

Vespers Services on the Plaza

On **September 16th and 30th** we will be offering a special opportunity for our church family to gather for vespers in our plaza (we'll take advantage of the weather while we can). These short, reflective services will begin at 7 pm. Due to state gathering restrictions, we must limit our group size to 25 people. Reservations, masks and social distancing are required for this event. Please contact Gail in our church office to reserve your space office@firstpresportland.org

"One Church, One Book"

Today is the last day to sign up for discussion groups for, "How to be an Antiracist" FPC's 'One Church One Book' initiative. **Starting in October**, small groups will be meeting once a week for 6 weeks. To sign up to be a part of the small group, please fill out the online registration form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DDYWDDX>

Youth Mission 2021 Trip Meeting

Youth going into 9-12th grades and their parents are virtually invited to our first meeting about a possible 2021 Youth Mission trip on **Sunday, September 27th** at 9 am. We will meet on Zoom, using the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84372836442> For more information, please contact Brenna at (bdykman@firstpresportland.org).

School Supplies Drive

The Mission Committee is collecting school supplies for Rose Haven and New Avenues for Youth. Being a kid is hard enough. Being a homeless kid is even harder. Stop by the 13th avenue doors from 10 am to 2 pm any **Tuesday in September** to make your donation of NEW items.

Menucha is Open for Personal Retreats!

Come for recreation, rest, and renewal. Cost is \$110 per night, per room. A room can be shared by up to 4 persons who live in the same household. Menucha meals during a personal retreat: Cost: \$45 per adult, \$23.75 per child age 7-12, free for kids 0 - 6. More info: Menucha.org/programs/personal-retreats or to reserve call (503) 695-2243.

FPC Calvin Library: Request Books by Email

If you are looking for your next good book check out the church library online at <https://fpcp.scoolaid.net/bin/home>. Search by title, author or subject just like the public library. Try a few keywords to see what we have. How about prayer, or justice, or women? Consider checking out several books and don't forget to add a few for children. Send your request by email to Bette at pdxbookworm@gmail.com. Your books will be checked-out, placed into a brown bag ready for pick-up at the glass office entry of the church. You will receive an email letting you know of pick-up times. We will try to make turn around time no more than a week. We're glad of this way of keeping you in touch with books that are timely for our lives and life of faith!

Open Circle Support for the Rose Haven Shelter

The Rose Haven Day Shelter for Women and Children continues to serve the needs for those experiencing the trauma of abuse, loss of home, and other disruptive life challenges. Current needs are: (new or gently used) Women's plus-size tops, athletic shoes (sizes 7-9), leggings (sizes large & up), jeans (size 22), women's underwear (sizes 5-6), ankle socks, hygiene kits, body wipes and hair care products for Black Women. Men's briefs and boxers (new), ankle socks. And sleeping bags, tents, tarps, rolling luggage (new only). The website updates the Shelter's needs and schedule to deliver donations each Monday: <http://www.rosehaven.org>. Donations can also be dropped off at the church from 10 am- 2 pm on **Tuesdays through September** at the 13th street doors or contact Cindy Finch cindyloufinch@yahoo.com.

WOW! The Impact of NEFP & a Call for Volunteers

Since mid-February and the start of Covid, NEFP has fed over 250,000 people and delivered over 6 million pounds of food! And FPC volunteers have been part of that success. Volunteer with us! To sign-up for a volunteer shift <https://tinyurl.com/NEFPVolunteer> Questions? Contact Bill Resley kayak500@gmail.com

Reoccurring Classes and Church Resources:

Lectionary Adult Bible Study

Sundays from 9 – 10 am via this link: <https://zoom.us/j/92285138816> ID is 922-8513-8816

Virtual Scripture Study

Mondays at 6 pm via this link: <https://zoom.us/j/97941419399> or Meeting ID 979 4141 9399

FPC Faith Formation Resource Hub

<http://tinyurl.com/fpcfaithformationresources2020>

Rewatch Last Sunday's Service:

<https://vimeo.com/user2689624/videos>

Virtual Vespers & Sermon Archive:

<https://www.firstpresportland.org/church-life/worship-services/service-live-stream/>



“Crossing the Red Sea”
by Yoram Raanan

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Mission Statement:
**Glorifying God,
Proclaiming Christ,
Serving Others**

Vision Statement:

At First Presbyterian Church, we commit to building faithfully on our legacy as a Christ-centered community, serving the spiritual needs of a multi-generational congregation, welcoming and accepting all, honoring all voices. Through engaging worship, thoughtful education, warm fellowship and caring outreach, we will develop and sustain disciples for Christ, serving our neighbors near and far.

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