



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

September 20, 2020
Sixteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

The Gathering

PRELUDE

Prelude on *Ubi caritas*

Gerald Near

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT #205

Live in Charity (*English text*)

UBI CARITAS (Taizé)

All are invited to join in singing the refrain...

Live in charity and steadfast love.
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of the desert waste, God has heard the cries of the people;

God gave manna as bread for the journey.

In the midst of deserts of isolation and uncertainty,

God provides for our needs and nourishes our spirit.

God's love and mercy are given daily for us.

Praise be to God, who sustains us along all life's journey.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Unison*)

Fresh as each morning

you come to us,

Creator of manna,

Your grace rests gently upon us,

waiting to be gathered,

to sustain us each day of our journey,

to become the bread of life

shared with those who seek food,

and sustenance for hungry hearts.

Through Christ, who lives and reigns with you, Creator God,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN #396

Brethren, Sisters, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Lord, you have fed your people with manna,
yet we have too often lived as though your provision was uncertain,
as though our lives depended on our efforts alone.
Help us to let go our anxious striving and to trust in you.
We confess we have been slow to share the bread we have been given,
and ask your forgiveness for this and all our sins,
remembered and forgotten.
Give us strength sufficient for each day,
that we may follow in your ways.

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.

The musical notation is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.' and the second staff contains 'Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, O Lord.' The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us;
but if we confess our sin, God is faithful and just
and will cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

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 16:2-15 Pew Bible, pg. 62 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Rain Down

Jaime Cortez

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people.

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.

Faithful and true is the word of our God. All of God's works are so worthy of trust.

God's mercy falls on the just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.

We who revere and find hope in our God live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.

God will protect us from darkness and death; God will not leave us to starve.

God of creation, we long for your truth; you are the water of life that we thirst.

Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you.

— Based on Psalm 33

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 1:21-30 Pew Bible, pg. 196 (NT)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Bread Enough for the Day” Rev. Audrey Schindler

HYMN #65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*) *from* The Larger and Shorter Catechism
In praying, “Give us this day our daily bread,”
we pray for ourselves and others,
that both they and we,
waiting upon the providence of God from day to day,
may,
of God’s free gift,
and as God’s fatherly wisdom shall seem best,
enjoy a competent portion of the good things of this life,
and enjoy God’s blessing with them.

OFFERTORY O Christ, Surround Me Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me: O Christ, surround me.

Bind to myself the Name of Holy, great cloud of witnesses enfold;
prophets, apostles, angels witness: O Christ, surround me.

Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight, flashing of lightning, strength of wind,
depth of the sea to soil of planet: O Christ, surround me.

Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways: O Christ, surround me.

Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me: O Christ, surround me.

— *Traditional (attributed to St. Patrick); adapted by Richard Colligan*

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 #846

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccatina on *Duke Street*

Gilbert M. Martin

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Associate Pastor
Rev. Brenna Dykman, Interim Associate Pastor
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Rev. Zane Buxton, 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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

*This morning, the flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving
memory of Svetla Rousseva, by Ann and Peter van Bever*

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>

Parenting in the Pandemic

Are you a parent or grandparent who could use some encouragement as you care for children and youth in the midst of the pandemic? Virtually join Pastor Carmen at 9 am this Sunday morning, September 20th, and next September 27th via zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82889659206> In these 50 minute classes, we'll be sharing best practices and resources for staying sane and keeping your kids grounded in these challenging days. Additionally, Pastor Carmen will introduce some very doable, spiritual practices that may be of help as you navigate this new "normal". All are welcome!

Fire Relief Efforts

In the wake of fires that have ravaged our region, our church is joining with the regional church, the Presbytery of the Cascades, as they collect a Fire Relief fund that will help provide relief and fund eventual rebuilding efforts. They will be working with the national Presbyterian Disaster Assistance organization (PDA), for longer-term help. Those who would like to donate to either effort are invited to [give online](#) through our church, **designating the gift to Fire Relief or PDA**, or by sending a check to the church with the designation in the subject line. The Presbytery is also collecting names of volunteers to help in this effort, and you are invited to leave your name by emailing the church office at office@firstpresportland.org or by calling the church phone (503) 228-7331. Thanks as well for keeping all who are impacted by the fires and the firefighters in your prayers.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vespers Services on the Plaza

On **September 30th and October 14th** 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 5:30 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

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).

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!

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.

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

Menucha Update

Spencer reports that Menucha has had very limited operations for most of the year, with revenue during the pandemic almost nonexistent. Despite robust fundraising, he writes, our fixed expenses continue to outpace our income. Because of this, the Menucha Commission has made the difficult decision to sell the McCall House. This is a small, non-contiguous property that we purchased in 2002. It was purchased for the purpose of staff housing (Spencer and Sarah lived there for their first six years at Menucha). The value of the property has increased significantly over the last 18 years. We feel that the combination of our fundraising and the sale of the house will allow us to safely weather our current economic crisis. At this point, we don't expect to fully recover until the end of 2022 or the beginning of 2023. Please know that we do expect to recover fully. We know that it will take time, hard work, and the help of all our friends.

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 avenue doors or contact Cindy Finch cindyloufinch@yahoo.com.

Celebration Works Virtual Concert Next Saturday

Tune in virtually from the comfort of your own home as we broadcast our concerts from the Sanctuary. **Please join us on our webpage at <https://www.firstpresportland.org/music-arts/celebration-works/>** to experience our first concert: *If I Were a Bird*, **Saturday September 26th at 2 pm and rebroadcast on Sunday September 27th at 2 pm**. Mezzo-soprano Lisa Neher & pianist Stephanie Thompson perform a concert of music exploring the human condition through the lens of birds, featuring *Winged from Within*, a new work by Portland composer Theresa Koon. We hope you can join us (virtually)!



“I shall rain bread from heaven for you”
“The Israelites Gathering Manna”
Ercole de Roberti, c. 1455-96



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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