



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

September 6, 2020
Fourteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Reverie

William Grant Still

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

God Is Our Help, Refuge, and Strength Seung Nam Kim

God is our help, refuge, and strength.
In troubling times, we will not fear.

— Psalm 46:1-3 (paraphrased)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you welcome both dreamers and doubters alike,
you welcome worriers and wanderers.

You offer an invitation to us all:

to know your love and to receive your strength and consolation.

Draw near to us, Almighty God,
and receive our prayers and praise this morning.

Teach us to walk in your ways and to dream your dreams.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Unison)*

Ever-present God,
in the chaos of daily living,
enable us to be still and know that you are God.

Quiet our spirits,
that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
we might hear your still, small voice
that speaks words of strength and truth,
and empowers us to be makers of your peace,
in our homes, in our communities, and in our world. Amen.

HYMN #393 O Day of Rest and Gladness ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Holy and loving God,
we confess that we are a people who easily grow discouraged.
When life takes unexpected turns,
and our carefully laid plans come to nothing,
we are quick to give up and quick to doubt your presence and your power.
Forgive our lack of faith and trust,
and grant us patience to wait for your good timing.
Help us to look and listen for your leading,
and give us courage to step out in faith and obedience,
even when we cannot yet see the outcome.

Our prayers continue in silence.

LORD HAVE MERCY

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -". The second staff continues the melody, starting with a 6/4 time signature and ending with a 4/4 time signature. It contains the lyrics: "- on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final fermata on the last note.

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is gracious and merciful,
eager to forgive and to restore.
Trust and believe the Good News of the Gospel:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE



How rich in grace are you, O Lord, full of com-pas-sion, mer-ci - ful,



your an-ger al - ways slow to rise; your stead-fast love you show to all,



for you are good in all your ways; your crea-tures know your con-stant care.



To all your works your love ex-tends; all souls your ten-der mer-cies share.

Text: The New Metrical Version of the Psalms (1909), alt.
Music: C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

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 Psalm 119:33-40 Pew Bible, pg. 567 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statues;
and I shall keep it unto the end.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Pew Bible, pg. 34 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Here Comes the Dreamer”

Rev. Carmen Goetschius

HYMN #383

Dream On, Dream On

DREAM ON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*) from The United Church of Canada (rev.)

We are not alone;
 we live in God’s world.
 We believe in God:
 who has created and is creating,
 who has come in the incarnate One, Jesus,
 to reconcile and make new,
 who works in us and others by the Spirit.
 God calls us to celebrate Christ’s presence,
 to love and serve others,
 to seek justice and resist evil,
 to proclaim Christ, crucified and risen,
 our judge and hope.
 In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
 We are not alone.

OFFERTORY

We Are Not Alone

Pepper Choplin

We are not alone. God is with us.
 We are never alone. God is with us.
 Now, through all our days, always, forever and ever.
 God will make us strong. We will press on.

(Chelsea Janzen, soloist)

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.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Lord's Supper

In this service of worship, in which we remember the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples, we invite you to participate in communion at home.

PRAYERS OF GREAT THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING ACCLAMATIONS

(The prayer continues)...we glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy (*sung, #556*)

(The prayer continues)...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ Has Died, Christ Is Risen (*sung, #557*)

(The prayer continues)...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, forever and ever.

Amen (*sung, #558*)

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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

Come, Let Us Eat

Trad. Liberian

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. Our Lord's body let us take together.
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured. Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest. In the presence of the Lord we gather.
Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word. Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Sending

HYMN #546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing SICILIAN MARINERS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Toccata in 7 John Rutter

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Rev. Brenna Dykman, Interim Associate Pastor
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.

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 sanctuary flowers are given by Rick Lee in memory of
George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and too many others.*

*The flowers on the left-hand side of the chancel are given in loving
memory of Betty Jo Lee by Jeff and Linda Lee and family.*

*The flowers on the right-hand side of the chancel are given in loving
memory of Patricia and Theodore Ziel, by their daughter, Sharon Ziel.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

How to Continue Your Giving

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No Coffee Hour This Week

On this holiday weekend, we are taking a break from our weekly coffee hour. Be sure to join us next Sunday for fellowship following the worship service via zoom!

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 Service of Prayer & Lament

<https://vimeo.com/451719449>

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/>

"One Church, One Book"

Are you reading "How to be an Antiracist" for FPC's 'One Church One Book' initiative? **Starting in October** small groups will be meeting once a week for 6 weeks to talk about different sections of the book. To sign up to be a part of the small groups, please fill out the online registration link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DDYWDDX> or e-mail Brenna at bdykman@firstpresportland.org by **September 13th**.

School Supplies Drive

The Mission Committee is collecting school supplies for Rose Haven and New Avenues for Youth. This last school year, the State of Oregon reported 4,427 homeless students in the Portland area. Being a kid is hard enough. Being a homeless kid is even harder. **On Tuesdays in September**, stop by the 13th street doors from 10 am to 2 pm to make your donation of NEW items.

The Tuesday Women's Book Club will meet on Zoom this **Tuesday, September 8th** from 11 am until noon. You will receive a Zoom invite from Jan Mittelstaedt one week before. The agenda includes voting on the books we will be reading for the 2020-21 season. Questions, please contact Marilyn Weber (schatzimlw@gmail.com)

Open Circle Resumes This Thursday

Open Circle resumes virtually on Thursday, September 10th, with a new starting time – 10:30 am. Meetings will continue on Zoom until it is safe to hold large gatherings in the church building. The Zoom ID is: 852 3047 4824, or <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85230474824> We will continue our study in "Loved Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments" by Eugenia Anne Gamble. To adapt this study to the Zoom format, everyone needs to read the lessons before the meeting. Order books: www.presbyterianwomen.org/shop (800) 533-4371 (Monday-Friday, from 9 am to 5 pm, EDT).

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: women's leggings and summer tops (all sizes, new or gently used), women's underwear (new, sizes 5-9), body wipes, tents and sleeping bags (new or gently used). 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.



Joseph's Coat of Many Colors...
"Between Us" 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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