



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

May 2, 2021
Fifth Sunday
of Easter

The Gathering

PRELUDE Two settings of *Land of Rest* Richard Proulx & George Shearing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Alleluia Canon 5 David Hurd

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

As we come into your presence, Gracious Lord,
we lay down our fears,
to gladly sing your praise.

Here where Christ waits to serve us at the table
we shall be filled with love,
strengthened to love one another.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Unison)*

Teach us to love one another
with that passion which comes
from your overflowing heart, Vine Grower.
Teach us to serve one another
with that compassion which comes
from hearts broken by the pain of the world,
drawing on you, the source of our love.
Through Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
we pray. Amen.

HYMN #248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

God of Compassion:

called to be one body,

we are fragmented into disparate pieces;

your children of love,

we too often disregard our sisters and brothers;

though your Perfect Love was broken for us,

we are afraid to give of ourselves to the world.

Abide in us, Vine Grower.

Forgive us our sins, so we may live boldly, love fearlessly,

and proclaim unceasingly that Christ is Lord to the glory of God.

Our prayers continue in silence.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Text: Trad. liturgical text Tune: LAND OF REST, 8.7.8.7; American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Because God abides in us,

we can live for others,

allowing God's love to bear fruit in us.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

LLANFAIR

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!

Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!

Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!

Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt. Tune: LLANFAIR, 7.7.7.7 with alleluias; Robert Williams, 1817

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION Alder House Emergency Food Closet Marilyn Howe

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 4:7-12, 19-21 Pew Bible, pg. 241 (NT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM A New Commandment Richard Hubbard

A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall all know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another.

Love one another for love comes from God.

Those who love each other have been born of God,
and God showed his love by sending his Son that we might live through him.

— *John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:7-9*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 15:1-8 Pew Bible, pg. 109 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "The Source of Our Love" Rev. Audrey Schindler

HYMN #529 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether UNION SEMINARY

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

from The Confession of 1967

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming
of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.
His service to men and women commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.
His suffering makes the church sensitive
to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life
and the method of its action.

So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

MOMENT FOR MENUCHA

Rev. Spencer Parks

OFFERTORY

A Vineyard Grows

K. Lee Scott

Amid the world's bleak wilderness a vineyard grows with promise green,
the planting of the Lord himself, the planting of the Lord.

His love selected this terrain, his vine with love he planted here
to bear the choicest fruit for him, the choicest fruit for him.

We are his branches, chosen, dear, and though we feel the dresser's knife,
we are the objects of his care, the objects of his care.

From him we draw the juice of life, for him supply his winery
with fruit from which true joys derive, from which true joys derive.

Vine, keep what I was meant to be: your branch, with your rich life in me.

— Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1978

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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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Brian Wren, 1989 Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, LM with alleluias; Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623

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.

This morning's communion responses will be sung.

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, #552*)

(The prayer continues)...that we might proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Christ Has Died, Christ Is Risen (*sung, #553*)

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

Amen (*sung, #554*)

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

Prelude on *Land of Rest*

Charles Callahan

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Sending

HYMN

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

DUKE STREET



1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives;
2. He lives, to bless me with his love;
3. He lives, and grants me dai - ly breath;
4. He lives, all glo - ry to his name;



what joy the blest as - sur - ance gives!
he lives, to plead for me a - bove;
he lives, and I shall con - quer death;
he lives, my Sav - ior, still the same;



He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my hun - gry soul to feed;
he lives, my man - sion to pre - pare;
what joy the blest as - sur - ance gives;



he lives, my ev - er - last - ing Head!
he lives, to help in time of need.
he lives, to bring me safe - ly there.
I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1775, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, LM; attr. John Hatton, c. 1793

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Variations on *Duke Street*

Hal Hopson

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WORSHIP
LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Associate Pastor
Rev. Brenna Dykman, Interim Associate Pastor
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Sandy Castles, Lector

We join in holding in prayer:
Liz Dean, Ed & Janice Gehrig, Herb Grose, Carl Hammond,
Bob Hastings, Fran Hermanson, Carolyn McCall, Anna Myers, Pete Taylor
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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*This morning, the sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory
of our parents, Loretta C. Bulkley and Robert D. Bulkley, Sr.
by Jeane Bulkley Iles and Robert D. Bulkley.*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Moments for Mission and More!

May is our month for Missions. In Sunday services we will be hearing from local mission partners about their programs and how members might get involved. **Today, we will hear from Marilyn Howe** on the Alder House Emergency Food Closet. Then on **May 22nd**, you are invited to join your church family in our **Annual Day of Service**. Please watch the bulletins and e-blast for registration information.

Today, Sunday, May 2, there will not be a coffee hour, as there will be a Congregational Meeting by Zoom following worship to vote on the disposition of the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center property.

Special Congregational Meeting Today for Menucha
The Session has called a Congregational meeting for today - Sunday, May 2nd at 11:30 am - to ask the congregation to approve the disposition of the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center property, on terms acceptable to the Session of First Presbyterian Church, to the new Menucha Retreat and Conference Center Corporation and to facilitate the incorporation of Menucha as its own 501c3 [non-profit] corporation.

Follow this Zoom link to join the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82192151367>

Meeting ID: 821 9215 1367

You can read details about these proposed changes in the April Spire <https://www.firstpresportland.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/April-2021WV.pdf>

Greg Homza recital at Trinity Cathedral Today!

FPC music director/organist Greg Homza will be performing a 30-minute recital at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral prior to a service of Evensong **today, Sunday, May 2nd, at 4:30 pm** (with Evensong following at 5 pm). Watch live on YouTube [youtube.com/trinitycathpdx/live](https://www.youtube.com/trinitycathpdx/live) or Facebook [facebook.com/trinitycathpdx/live](https://www.facebook.com/trinitycathpdx/live) Visit www.trinity-episcopal.org/events-1/organ-recital-greg-homza for more information. If you would like to view the recital after the live streaming, it will be viewable from Sunday evening through the week on the same link.

The Tuesday Book Club

The Book Club will meet via Zoom at 11 am this **Tuesday, May 4th**. The book discussion will be led by Jean Meihoff, of *The Lost Girls of Paris* by Pam Jenoff, a historical novel about the young British women who were trained to spy on the Germans and relay their information back to London prior to D-Day. Jan Mittelstaedt will be our Zoom hostess and Marilyn Weber our Chair. After the meeting there will be time for a Zoom chat with your book club friends.

Earth Care Course This Thursday, May 6th

During this last of session of the series, Jenny Holmes will review themes of Bill Brown's *The Seven Pillars of Creation: The Bible, Science and the Ecology of Wonder*, view a short video of Bill Brown on Psalm 104 and discuss our response as Christians. Participants are encouraged to read part of chapter 10 and review a chapter summary found here: <https://www.firstpresportland.org/2021/earth-day-earth-care-course/>

Join in virtually this **Thursday, May 6th** from **6 to 7 pm**.

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82013633831>

Meeting ID: 820 1363 3831

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Racial Justice Book Discussion

FPC is continuing its commitment to learn and grow together about the pervasive injustices of our world. In May, we will be coming together as a church to read *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US* by Rev. Lenny Duncan. Discussion groups will meet for three weeks on **Tuesdays (May, 11, 18, 25)** from 9-10 am and 5:30-6:30 pm. Space is limited so please contact Brenna at bdykman@firstpresportland.org to register.

FPC Higher Education Award Applications Due May 21, 2021

Eligible Applicants: high school seniors or those who are or have been tied to FPC and have been accepted into an accredited 2-yr, trade, license or certification program or full college but have not received this award in the past; not need-based award

Applications: download from FPC's website <https://www.firstpresportland.org/2021/fpc-higher-education-award/> or contact Pastor Brenna bdykman@firstpresportland.org

Nurture Lifelong Faith Connections

"O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds." Psalm 71:17

Our annual Presbyterian Pentecost Offering is a gift to the future-- furthering the faith development and welfare of children and youth.

FPC keeps 40% of members' donations to fund projects in our own community. The remaining 60% supports ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency: Young Adult Volunteers (YAV), Ministries for Youth, and Children-at-Risk.

Please make a contribution at **Pentecost, May 23rd**, to nurture the faith of those who are the church to come.

Sunday Volunteers for the Emergency Food Closet:

Over the past few months, the Emergency Food Closet (located in Julia West) for the Alder House residents has been growing! We are also looking to grow our group of volunteers. We are especially in need of folks to help after church from 1-3 pm on Sundays. For more information, please contact Brenna at bdkman@firstpresportland.org or to sign up visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.signup&urlid=60b0a4ca4a92ca2ff2-alder&view=calendar&mo=1614556800> We are also in need of individual packaged toothbrush donations!

What is Stephen Ministry?

Our congregation offers Stephen Ministry to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people who are dealing with life challenges. Stephen Ministers are lay volunteers who are well trained to walk alongside individuals who are experiencing grief and loss. If you would like to find out more about how Stephen Ministry can support you through tough times, contact Pastor Brenna or Pastor Audrey at the church.

Call for Greeters

Are you as excited about the prospect of returning to in-person worship in our sanctuary? One way to express your enthusiasm is to be a Sunday morning greeter, welcoming congregants to worship. Smiling eyes (above your mask) and a few kind words can help those attending feel welcome and appreciated. We will likely need to hold off on handshakes and hugs for just a little while longer. Sign up for a few Sundays now and then, sign up for a month at a time, or whatever fits into your schedule. Interested in serving our congregation in this way? Please be in touch with Kathryn Hill by email hillka@teleport.com While dates as to when we will have in-person services and request greeters return are still being decided, Kathryn is organizing those interested so we are prepared and ready to go when the time comes, hopefully later this Spring. Thank you in advance for your service to the church!

Support the Rose Haven Shelter

The Rose Haven Day Shelter for Women and Children thanks FPC members of FPC for their recent donations of so many urgently needed items. Rose Haven direct donation hours are from 1-3 pm, Monday through Thursday. They are located at 627 NW 18th Ave. Visit their website at rosehaven.org for top needed items that are updated weekly. Questions? Please contact Cindy Finch cindyloufinch@yahoo.com

Reoccurring Classes and Church Resources:

Lectionary Adult Bible Study

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

Tuesday Virtual Scripture Study

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73059586516?pwd=REVXbEN0OWp4LzFXK2daMW1lUGR4dz09>

Meeting ID: 730 5958 6516 & Passcode: 0E6C10

FPC Faith Formation Resource Hub

<http://tinyurl.com/fpcfaithformationresources2020>

Sermon Archive:

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



“I am the Vine”
Katie Stocks



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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