



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

July 11, 2021
Seventh Sunday
after Pentecost

Welcome to worship! Those who have not been vaccinated are asked to continue masking for worship and in the church buildings. Those who are fully vaccinated may mask or not at their discretion. A socially-distanced space is available in the front pews. There will be a chance to gather in Geneva Hall downstairs following the service to greet one another

The Gathering

PRELUDE

Etude #1
Six Concrete Canoes
Decker Rondo

Nick Halsey
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(Nick Halsey and Greg Homza, cellos)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Take, O Take Me as I Am
Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

John L. Bell

(Members of the FPC Chancel Choir)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Today we gather where God will speak peace
as we turn to God in our hearts.

When we walk in right paths,
when justice opens a way for the Lord,
steadfast love and peace embrace.

Faithfulness springs up from the ground.

Justice looks down from the sky.

God's glory dwells among us.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Unison)*

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you,
and grant that we may know the things you would have us do.

Grant us grace and strength to follow you in faith; through Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

** Please stand if you are able.*

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
cleanse us from all our offenses,
that with reverent hearts we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength.

Our prayers continue in silence.

*LORD, HAVE MERCY

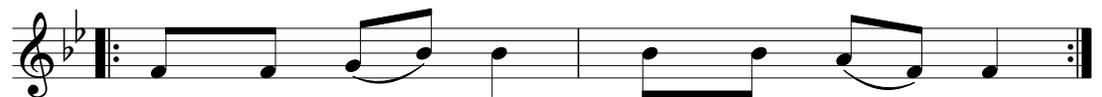
Cantor first, then ALL



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



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



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

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*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As far as the East is from the West,
so far has God removed our transgressions from us.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day
and sing the love a - maz-ing that songs can-not re - pay;
for we can on-ly won-der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up-on your Word,
we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might-y Lord.

The musical score is written on six staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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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.

MOMENT FOR THE LABOR DAY RETREAT

Sarah Schwab

The Word

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 85:8-13 Pew Bible, pg. 543 (OT)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM There Is a Longing Anne Quigley

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.

For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer.
In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

Lord save us, take pity, Light in our darkness.
We call you, we wait: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:3-14 Pew Bible, pg. 192 (NT)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "All in Good Time" Rev. Audrey Schindler

***HYMN #840** It Is Well with My Soul VILLE DU HAVRE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison*) *from* The Second Helvetic Confession

The saints are chosen in Christ by God for a definite purpose,
which the apostle Paul explains, saying,

"God chose us in Christ for adoption

that we should be holy and blameless before God in love.

God destined us for adoption to be God's children through Jesus Christ
that we might live to the praise of the glory of God's grace."

**WORSHIP
LEADERS**

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Associate Pastor
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Don Choi, Lector

**PRAYERS OF
THE PEOPLE**

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.

**SANCTUARY
FLOWERS**

*This morning, we are thankful for the lovely silk flowers for the
sanctuary which were given and arranged by Laurna Shively and
Kathy Withycombe.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our lector this morning is Don Choi, a new member of our congregation and an inquirer for ministry under care of our church's Session. Don has completed his M.Div. degree at Vanderbilt, and is now entering the ecclesiastical part of his preparation for ministry. He has an interest in military chaplaincy. We welcome him to worship this morning!

What is an EWI?

The instrument being used in today's Offertory music is called an Electronic Wind Instrument, or "EWI" ("ee-wee") for short. It is capable of sounding like many different woodwind and brass instruments. It operates much like a keyboard synthesizer, except that sensors in the mouthpiece detect the breath control, vibrato, and articulation of the performer. And instead of the sound projecting directly from the instrument, an electronic signal comes alive in an amplifier. We hope you enjoy it.

Wedding Assistant

The church is seeking a wedding assistant to help our Wedding Coordinator, Bill Edwards, with arrangements for weddings. Most weddings are on Saturdays and require about 5 hours of working time along with about two hours for the rehearsal which is usually on Friday evenings. For this position, applicants need to be at least 16 years old. Compensation is set at \$15/hour. If you are interested in applying, please email the church office at office@firstpresportland.org

Menucha Homecoming Picnic is August 7th

Bring your lunch, a blanket or chairs, and friends and family who would like to be back at Menucha. Remember to leave any pets at home except Service Animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Menucha will provide sweet treats and drinks. Free event - no fundraising. Live music. Old fashioned outdoor games. Tours of Wright Hall's renovations. Familiar faces, a warm welcome, and a chance to re-connect with this special place.

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, to sign up please follow this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.signup&urlid=60b0a4ca4a92ca2ff2-alder&view=calendar&mo=1> or contact Brenna at bdkman@firstpresportland.org

Come to the 2021 All Church Labor Day Retreat!

Get ready for a church family reunion. FPC's annual Labor Day Retreat is happening September 3 to 5 in the lovely Columbia River Gorge at the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center. Beth Gunn will be our special program speaker. She is the Associate for Youth for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina with a particular emphasis in Recreation Ministry, so she's perfect for Menucha! Join us for fun and fellowship. Let's take this time to reunite and celebrate after the long pandemic separation. During worship this Sunday, Sarah Schwab will be sharing a Moment for the Labor Day Retreat.

The Presbyterian Women Ministry (PWM) is planning a virtual sale between August and Thanksgiving this year. In the past, a bake sale was held prior to Thanksgiving, to raise funds for PWM operation and missions. For planning, those interested in participating are requested to send the particulars of who, what and when to Ann Walsh ann.walsh@gmail.com to ensure a successful virtual event. We anticipate that jams and jellies may be available early on, while other products like cards and baked goods will be made later. With so many details to consider, we need your help in brainstorming to ensure this virtual event will be a success. Responses are requested by **August 1st**.

Calling All Parents and Grandparents

Do you have children/grandchildren that you occasionally bring to church? Do you want to receive regular updates about events and opportunities at FPC that may be a gift to these little people you love (birth through 5th grade)? Please make sure you are on Pastor Carmen's email list to ensure you receive information about activities and classes that may be of interest to you. There are many wonderful things in store this fall and she wants you to have the calendar for the year so you can plan accordingly. Please reach out to Pastor Carmen to get looped in!

Civil Rights Pilgrimage: November 5-13

Join this 9-day pilgrimage from Atlanta, GA to Memphis, TN to remember, study, and be inspired by key moments in the Civil Rights Movement. The pilgrimage is organized by Progressive Pilgrimage, a small travel ministry led by Presbyterian pastor Heather Prince Doss, a good friend and colleague of Pastor Carmen. Stops on this journey include the King Center in Atlanta; Montgomery and Selma, AL; Jackson and Money, MS; the Lorraine Motel in Memphis; and more. The group size is limited to 26 participants. For more information visit <http://progressivepilgrimage.com/civilrights2021> or contact heather@progressivepilgrimage.com



“The Rainbow”
J.M.W. Turner, 1835



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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