



**First  
Presbyterian**  
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

# Service for the Lord's Day

July 4, 2021  
Sixth 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**                      O Beautiful for Spacious Skies                      Emma Lou Diemer

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT**                                      Thuma mina                                      South African

Thuma mina, Somandla.  
Send me, Jesus; send me, Lord.  
Lead me, Jesus; lead me, Lord.  
Fill me, Jesus; fill me, Lord.

*(Members of the FPC Chancel Choir)*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it;  
**the world, and those who live in it.**

O Praise the Lord with me,  
**let us exalt God's name together.**

Let us sing to the Lord, for God is good.  
**God's love endures forever.**

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Unison)*

Gracious and loving God,  
we come to you with hearts longing to be opened  
to your Word and to your love.

There is so much around us beyond our control,  
and burdens that cause us to tremble.

Keep us ever mindful of your presence  
and the hope that you have given us  
in your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

## \*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Holy One of Nazareth,

we see you calm storms, heal illness, and even restore life,  
yet we struggle to trust you.

You send us out,

but we prefer to stay home.

You provide partners for the journey,

but we tend to go it alone.

You tell us we need only the clothes on our back and a staff in our hand,  
but instead we amass more and more for ourselves,  
depending on things to make us feel safe and secure.

We have much to learn from you, Jesus, about traveling light  
and traveling gracefully through this life.

Forgive our failings and grant us a deeper trust.

*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

Hear these words from Christ:

My grace is sufficient for you,  
for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

Trust and believe in 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.

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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

Psalm 123

Pew Bible, pg. 572 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM** Kyrie (on five notes) Marilyn Haskell  
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.  
Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** Mark 6:1-13 Pew Bible, pg. 40 (NT)  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON** “Traveling Light” Rev. Carmen Goetschius

\***HYMN #761** Called as Partners in Christ’s Service BEECHER

\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)** *An excerpt from* The Confession of 1967  
*(revised for gender-inclusivity)*

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.  
Human thought ascribes to God  
superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.  
But God reveals love in Jesus Christ by showing power  
in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross,  
and goodness in receiving sinners...  
Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world,  
stirring hope in people and preparing the world  
to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.  
With an urgency born of this hope,  
the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world.  
It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth,  
nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.  
In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement  
to the final triumph of God.  
“Now to God who by the power at work within us  
is able to do far more abundantly than we could ever ask or imagine,  
to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations,  
forever and ever. Amen.”

**OFFERTORY** Will You Come and Follow Me arr. Tom Trenney

*The text can be found at #726 in the Glory to God hymnal.*

*Please join in singing the final verse.*

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*Thank you for your faithful support of the church and Christ's ongoing ministry. You may give through the church website at this link: [firstpresportland.ccbchurch.com/goto/giving](http://firstpresportland.ccbchurch.com/goto/giving) or mail your check to the church office: 1200 SW Alder St., Portland, OR 97205. Those attending worship are invited to leave gifts in the offering plates as they leave the sanctuary.*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

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Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH, LM; Genevan Psalter, 1551

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**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 #547**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

Emma Lou Diemer

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**WORSHIP  
LEADERS**

Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate  
Rev. Zane Buxton, Parish Associate  
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries  
Melissa Dailey, Lector

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**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](mailto:office@firstpresportland.org) or by phone at (503) 228-7331.

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**SANCTUARY  
FLOWERS**

*This morning, the sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of  
her grandparents, Minnie & Jack McNeel, by Judy Morton.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please note: those attending in-person services are able to park in the parking garage until 2pm on Sundays (at which point the parking garage will be closed).**

**Children's Ministry Internship: Applications Due Tomorrow!** Are you looking for a meaningful opportunity to share your amazing gifts, grow in faith, and build your resume? Do you like kiddos and have some time available on Sunday mornings? First Presbyterian Portland has an opportunity for you! We are looking for a team of interns (ages 14-19) to work on Sunday mornings with the Children's Sunday School program of the church. The internship is divided into two semesters (September-December and mid-January through May) plus a required orientation gathering in late August. You can apply for either or both semesters. For more info, please click the application link below or reach out to [Pastor Carmen](#). Compensation is provided! Please prayerfully consider this opportunity that is open to youth of our church (or other churches!). **Applications are due next Monday, July 5th.** <https://www.firstpresportland.org/2021/calling-all-youth/>

### **Visitors to FPC – Please Note**

Supporting our relationship with Alder House, we've leased the Julia West parking lot through May, 2022 to LMC Construction who are working on the project. Please use our Parking Garage.

### **Come to the 2021 All Church Labor Day Retreat!**

Let's call it a church family reunion! Mark your calendars for FPC's annual Labor Day Retreat in the lovely Columbia River Gorge. It's happening September 3 to 5 at the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center. All ages are welcome, whether it's just yourself, you and your spouse, or the whole multigenerational gang. Let's take this time to reunite and celebrate after the long pandemic separation. Look for more information coming soon.

### **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](mailto:office@firstpresportland.org)

### **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!

**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](mailto: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**.

### **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](mailto:heather@progressivepilgrimage.com)

### **WOW! The Impact of NEFP**

NEFP meets the urgent food needs for over 40,000 people each month. Pantry operations will be closed on 7/23, but NEFP will be hosting a volunteer celebration and recognition at 6pm. Feel free to mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information on this event. View NEFP's food box distribution in action in the Oregon Food Bank video "[Addressing Hunger in the Wake of COVID-19](#)." To sign-up for a volunteer shift visit this link: <https://bit.ly/volunteerNEFP> Questions? Please contact Bill Resley [kayak500@gmail.com](mailto:kayak500@gmail.com)



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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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