



\* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, have mercy on our wayward world  
that seems bent at times on destruction.

Forgive us for being caught up in the self-concern  
that fails to care for your people and for creation.

Help us pray and work to preserve this earth,  
and to free your children from war, from poverty and despair,  
so that all may know the freedom and joy of the children 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

Having confessed our sin and resolved  
to keep the garden of God's creation,  
we are bold to claim the forgiveness of our God.  
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.  
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

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING      John 20:19-22      Pew Bible, pg. 115 (NT)  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

MUSICAL OFFERING      A Joyful Ring      Barbara B. Kinyon  
*(Handbell Choir)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING      Romans 8:18-25      Pew Bible, pg. 158 (NT)  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

SERMON      "Creation's Cry"      Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler

\* HYMN      The Climate Is Changing      ST. DENIO

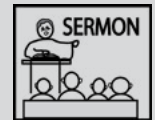
The climate is changing! Creation cries out!  
Your people face flooding and fire and drought.  
We see the great heat waves and storms at their worst.  
We pray for the poor, Lord — for they suffer first.

We pray for the animals here in our midst  
who cannot defend their own right to exist.  
We pray for the mountains and forests and seas  
that bear the harsh footprint of our human greed.

We thank you for people who treasure the Earth,  
whose faith has long taught them its beauty and worth.  
We thank you as well for the children and youth  
who look to the future and speak out the truth.

You love this good Earth, and you sent us your Son!  
May we love our neighbors — there's work to be done.  
May we, by your Spirit, do all in our power  
to care for your Earth in this critical hour.

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Tune: ST. DENIO, 11.11.11.11; Welsh folk melody, arr. Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839



\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *from A Social Creed for the 21st Century*

In hope sustained by the Holy Spirit,  
we pledge to be peacemakers in the world  
and stewards of God's good creation,  
by working for the adoption of simpler lifestyles,  
and access for all to clean air and water and healthy food.  
We—individual Christians and churches—  
commit ourselves to a culture of peace and freedom  
that embraces non-violence, nurtures character,  
restores the environment, and builds community,  
rooted in a spirituality of inner growth with outward action.  
We make this commitment together,  
trusting in the God who makes all things new.

**OFFERTORY** For the Beauty of the Earth Kenten Coe

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
we sing this hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
we sing this hymn of grateful praise.

— *adapted from Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864*

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\* **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**

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Song of Earth

EASTER HYMN

Hail the Earth that first appeared. Alleluia!  
When a word from God was heard. Alleluia!  
Let the Earth arise and be. Alleluia!  
Filled with living mystery. Alleluia!

Hail the rainbow flying high. Alleluia!  
Spun by God across the sky. Alleluia!  
Giving Earth a solemn word. Alleluia!  
Never to unleash a flood. Alleluia!

Hail the planet blue and green. Alleluia!  
Where the face of God is seen. Alleluia!  
Glory filling all the Earth. Alleluia!  
Celebrating every birth. Alleluia!

Hail the groans of Earth in pain. Alleluia!  
From the weight of human sin. Alleluia!  
Longing for the Christ who died. Alleluia!  
All creation to revive. Alleluia!

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Tune: EASTER HYMN, 7.7.7.7 with alleluias; *Lyra Davidica*, 1708



\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude on *Easter Hymn*

Philip Moore

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**WORSHIP  
LEADERS**

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate  
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries  
Jenny Holmes, Lay Reader

**PRAYERS OF  
THE PEOPLE**

*We join in holding in prayer:*

Liz Dean, Ed & Janice Gehrig, Herb Grose, Bob Hastings, Fran Hermanson, Myra Rounsavell, Tom Showalter, 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.

**SANCTUARY  
FLOWERS**

*The sanctuary flowers today are given in honor of Robert Hastings' birthday by his wife, Janet, their children, Paul, Susan, and Melissa, and their families.*

**IN  
MEMORIAM**

*Our prayers and sympathy are with the family and friends of Phyllis Smith, who died on Saturday, April 16.*

*The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. (Psalm 121:8)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Zoom Coffee Hour Today After Worship!**

Those who are worshipping online are invited to a Zoom coffee hour today following the service, from 11:35 am to noon. The Zoom link is:

<https://bit.ly/FPCCoffeeHour>

### **FPC Higher Education Grant**

The FPC Higher Education Grant is a one-time award to high school seniors or those who have been tied to FPC and have been accepted into an accredited 2-year, trade, license or certification program or full college. To receive a copy of the application or for questions, please contact Pastor Brenna at [bdykman@firstpresportland.org](mailto:bdykman@firstpresportland.org)

### **Tuesday Women's Book Club**

The Tuesday Women's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, May 3 at 11:00 am on Zoom. Our book is "Tightrope" by Nicolas Kristof and Sheryl Wu Dunn. Norma Fales will lead the discussion. A national bestseller, it deals with the crisis in working class America and focuses on solutions. To join, contact Marilyn Weber at [mlwschatzi@gmail.com](mailto:mlwschatzi@gmail.com).

### **Rummage Sale**

Please stop by the old Alder Street Learning Center (in the basement of FPC) on May 15 from 11:30-1:30 to find a deal! Fill a bag for \$5 or larger items are as marked. There are lots of toys, children's books, and other items. All proceeds go to support FPC's Youth Mission Trips.

### **Save the Date for Labor Day Retreat, September 2-4**

Enjoy Menucha's spectacular scenery, marvelous meals, and an excellent community-building program. Whether you want an active weekend including swimming and hiking or would rather take things easy, you'll love this time to connect with our church community, draw closer to God and marvel at creation in the Columbia River Gorge. And whether you're new to our church family or have been here for years, there's a place for you at Menucha.

### **Call for Fellowship Hosts**

We're delighted to be able to have coffee fellowship after worship again. Would you like to take a turn in hosting? Or providing the sliced cheese? Hosts make the coffee and set everything out, then clean up afterwards. (They also bring the half & half.) It's a fun volunteer job that you can do monthly or occasionally. If you're interested, contact Lauren Deming at [laurendeming511@gmail.com](mailto:laurendeming511@gmail.com).

### **"Art in the Christian Church" Series Begins Today**

From Genesis to Catacombs, Cathedrals and Beyond Liturgical artist, Greg J. Lewis will take us on a visual journey through 2000 years of Christian church art in a slide/video format presentation. Greg is actively engaged in planning and creating custom artworks for liturgical environments. Through the church's signs and symbols, we gain purpose and meaning for our faith and for future generations. This program series will be in-person only, from 12:00-1:00 pm in Calvin Library on the following Sundays: April 24, May 1, May 15, May 22, and June 12.

April 24: Session 1 – God's Signs and Symbols

May 1: Session II – Rome vs. Christians

May 15: Session III – Art & Architecture Heritage

May 22: Session IV – The Liturgical Year

June 12: Session V – Modern Church Art & Architecture

### **Rev. Schindler on Sabbatical through May and June**

Session has approved for Rev. Schindler to take a second block of sabbatical leave (deferred from earlier in the pandemic) from May through July 4. (A three-month sabbatical every six years is now part of all pastoral calls in our Presbytery to help renew pastors for their ministry). During the sabbatical, Rev. Brenna Dykman will be our Acting Head of Staff, and will cover all the parts of this role. Audrey is thankful to the congregation and Session for this time of renewal, especially valued after the past several years of helping guide the church in the season of the pandemic. We join in wishing her well for this leave!

### **Soft Goods Fundraiser Continues**

We had such a good turnout for our Soft Goods offerings (*\*see details below*) that we are extending our collection. Items are being resold/recycled through a local thrift store and our youth will receive monetary compensation for each pound collected. Funds go to support youth mission trips! Bags of items can be left under the Soft Goods sign in Geneva Hall at any time. For more information, contact [bdykman@gmail.com](mailto:bdykman@gmail.com).

*\*All clothing including (men's, women's, children's), clothing accessories (hats, mittens, scarves, ties, nylons, socks, underwear), personal accessories (purses, wallets, fanny packs, bags), bed and bath (towels, sheets, blankets, pillows, curtains, tablecloths), shoes (all types) and other cloth materials. Please make sure items are washed before donating.*

### **Fundraising Thank You!**

A big thank you to the children who collected \$73.00 in change for the One Great Hour of Sharing!



“Our Future,” Jane Zhang



LOVE GOD.  
LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS.

***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.

## PRINCIPAL CHURCH STAFF

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