



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

**Service for
the Lord's Day**

May 15, 2022

5th Sunday of Easter

Please remember to silence your cell phone. 

Welcome to worship at FPC! Masks are no longer required for worship or church activities. Those who wish to continue masking are welcome to do so.

The Gathering

PRELUDE Two settings of *Shche ne vmerla Ukrainy*
John Stallsmith & Dennis Janzer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Where Charity and Love Prevail Lucius Chapin
Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.

Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; be God's our only peace.

Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

— *Latin, 8th cent.; trans. Omer Westendorf, 1960, alt.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus calls us saying; "I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another.

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another."



** Please stand as you are able.*



* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Creator of the universe,
you made the world in beauty,
and restore all things in glory
through Jesus Christ.

We pray that, wherever your image is still disfigured
by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war and greed,
the new creation may appear in justice, love, and peace,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

* **HYMN #238**

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

* **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Architect and builder of the heavenly city yet to come,
look in on your world with mercy,
where greed forces many to live in squalor and filth;
where hate drives many to crowd together for protection
because their skin, their race or their belief is unpopular or unwanted.
Teach us all that in Christ we can find the power
to live generously, compassionately and lovingly,
that our world may become true reflections of the city 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**

Hear the good news!
The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
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

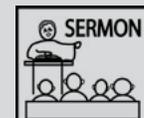
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING John 13:31-35 Pew Bible, pg. 108 (NT)
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.



ANTHEM Ukrainian Alleluia Craig Courtney

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 21:1-6 Pew Bible, pg. 259 (NT)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The City of God" Rev. Brenna Dykman



* **HYMN #374** O Holy City, Seen of John MORNING SONG

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *from the Confession of Belhar*

We believe that God has entrusted the church
with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;
that the church is called to be the salt of the earth
and the light of the world,
that the church is called blessed
because it is a peacemaker,
that the church is witness both by word and by deed
to the new heaven and the new earth
in which righteousness dwells.

OFFERTORY For the Troubles and the Sufferings Rodolfo Gaede Neto
For the troubles and the sufferings of the world,
God we call upon your mercy: the whole creation's laboring in pain!
Lend an ear to the rising cry for help from oppressed and hopeless people:
Come! Hasten your salvation, healing love!

We pray for peace, the blessed peace that comes from making justice,
to cover and embrace us. Have mercy, Lord!

We pray for power, the power that will sustain your people's witness:
until your Kingdom come, kyrie eleison!

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 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**

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 #757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples KINGSFOLD

* BENEDECTION

POSTLUDE Christ ist erstanden*, BWV 627 Johann Sebastian Bach
*Christ is risen



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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Brenna Dykman, Interim Associate Pastor
Rev. David Dornack, Parish Associate
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Jon Bates, 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 or by phone at (503) 228-7331.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

This morning's sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Glen and Bette Morris, by Raj and Shelly Garg.

Confirmation 2022-23

Parents and Grandparents! Do you know a youth that may be interested in participating in a confirmation class next year? Pastor Carmen is putting together a list of potential participants and will be hosting a meeting next month to describe what is involved, so you can better determine if this is the right step for your family. Confirmation is a set of classes over a period of months that provide young people an opportunity to learn and reflect on the Christian faith and what it means to them.

If you'd like to receive more information, please reach out to her via email at cgoetschius@firstpresportland.org with the name/grade of the potential participant.

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>

“Art in the Christian Church” Series

From Genesis to Catacombs, Cathedrals and Beyond (*This was mistakenly run last Sunday, May 8, when there was no session scheduled. Session III is this afternoon.) The series with artist Greg J. Lewis continues today from 12-1:00 pm, downstairs in the library, with Session III – Art & Architecture Heritage, The Sources of Artistic Evolution. The last two sessions are May 22 and June 12.

Rummage Sale Today!

Please stop by the old Alder Street Learning Center (in the basement of FPC) today from 11:30-1:30 pm 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.

Celebration Works Organ Recital - Today!

The final CW program of the season will feature Dr. Katie Burk playing FPC’s Jaeckel pipe organ this afternoon at 2:00 pm. The concert is free and open to the public, and a reception will follow! Please see the May Spire for more information.

Registration is Open for Walk the Wildwood

You are invited! Saturday, August 13 is “Walk the Wildwood,” an event supporting Good Shepherd Primary School and Kamwenge Secondary and Vocational School in rural Kamwenge, Uganda. Read more and register online at <https://pim-africa.org/walk-oregon> and please invite friends to register and walk, too. You may choose either the 3.5 mile walk or the 7.5 mile walk.

Menucha 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. There’s a Saturday only option and soon we’ll announce pricing that should make the retreat accessible to everyone in the congregation.

Session Update

The Session approved a new strategic plan for FPC at its April meeting. Copies are now available in the church office.

Pentecost Paella on the Plaza - June 5

On Sunday, June 5, plan to remain after worship for Pentecost Paella on the Plaza! Paella is a delicious dish that originated in the Valencia region of Spain. We’ll be enjoying Menucha’s seafood and meatless versions in a special, festive celebration of being person-to-person post-pandemic (or so we hope)! Please RSVP here:

<https://bit.ly/PentecostPaella>

Tuesday Women’s Book Club

The Women’s Book Club will meet on Tuesday, June 7 at 11:00 am on Zoom. Our book selection has changed to “A Single Thread” by Tracey Chevalier. Cindy Finch will lead the discussion. This historical novel takes place post-WWI in England and is about a guild of women who embroider kneelers at the historic Winchester Cathedral. The plot has a bell ringer, a lonely woman and a romance. For questions, contact Marilyn Weber at mlwschatzi@gmail.com. To join on Zoom, contact Jan Mittelstaedt at janrmitt@gmail.com.

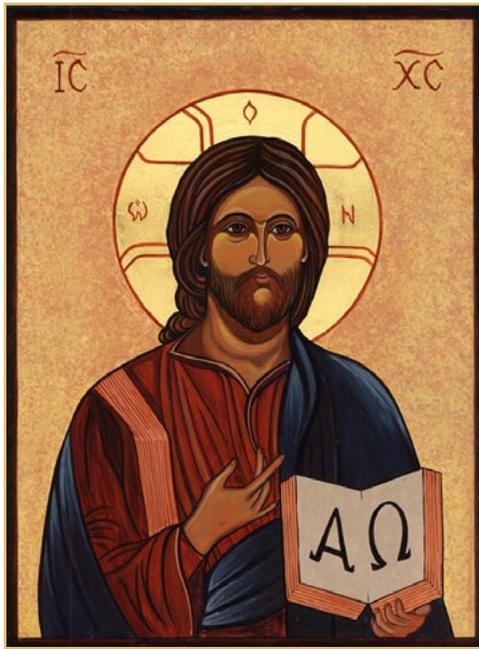
2023 Uganda Mission Trip

Have you been considering joining the 2023 mission trip to Kamwenge Secondary and Vocational School in Kamwenge, Uganda? Maybe you’ve heard from prior mission team members about their experience and you wonder about making the trip yourself? If so, please join Pastor Spencer and Pastor Brenna for an informational evening where you can ask your questions and hear from previous mission team members. We will be hosting a potluck dinner on Wednesday June 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm in Calvin Library. Please RSVP to Kathryn Hill (hillka@teleport.com) by Monday June 6, 2022 with your intention to attend and what food item you’d like to bring to share with the group.

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.

**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.*



“Jesus is Alpha and Omega”
by Gail Schimberg



LOVE GOD.
LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS.

Vision Statement:

We commit to be a church that is:

Engaged. A forward-thinking and involved congregation committed to each other and to the wider community.

Inclusive. A faith community that affirms and welcomes all people.

Compassionate. A congregation that follows in Christ's way, advancing the well-being and dignity of all people, working for a just and equitable society, and caring for all creation.

Faithful. Living our faith authentically with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love while expanding the circle where God's love is known.

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