



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

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.

July 3, 2022

*Fourth Sunday after
Pentecost*

The Gathering

PRELUDE O Beautiful for Spacious Skies Emma Lou Diemer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT All with Joyful Exultation Hasidic melody
All with joyful exultation let us sing to God our praise;
to the rock of our salvation loud hosannas raise.

Lord, we sing with joyful voices; your great power can lift and save;
by your healing touch, revive us; life restore beyond the grave.

Praise to you, our sure salvation, you, the Holy One above.
End the night so dimmed by anguish, with your light of peace and love.
— Michael Morgan, 2011

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 139:1-6

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.

You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar, and you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue, you, O Lord, know it completely.
You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.



** Please stand as you are able.*



* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

We are grateful, O God, that you know us fully.
Despite our sin and many failings,
you are faithful and generous,
ever at the ready to heal and redeem.
Transform us by your love and inspire us,
that we might devote ourselves to your teachings,
and live the Gospel in word and deed. Amen.

* **HYMN #619** Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA

* **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You have taught us, O God, to love our neighbors,
But we struggle to fulfill this great command.
We forget that we are saved by your immeasurable grace,
and not by our own clever and skillful hand.
Forgive our arrogance and hard-heartedness.
Equip us by your Spirit, to be a people of peace and generosity.
And set us free to love others with abandon.

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**

The love and mercy of God knows no limits.
Trust, believe, and live the good news of the Gospel:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

* **RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

THAXTED



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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

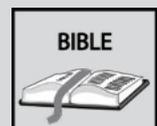
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 30

Pew Bible, pg. 505 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



ANTHEM **Though Weeping and Deepest Sorrow** **Simei Monteiro**

Though weeping and deepest sorrow may remain all night long,
with the dawn of morning sadness turns to joy.

I will praise you, O my God, I will sing and not be silent.
I will give thanks to you forever for your mercy, grace, and love.

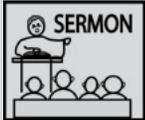
I will praise you, O my God, for you heard my cry and healed me,
when you saw me sick and helpless, you restored me, made me whole.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING **2 Kings 5:1-14** **Pew Bible, pg. 336 (OT)**

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON **“The Healing We Need”** **Rev. Carmen Goetschius**



*** HYMN** **Healing River of the Spirit** **BEACH SPRING**



1. Heal - ing riv - er of the Spir - it, bathe the wounds that
2. Well-spring of the heal-ing Spir - it, stream that flows to
3. Liv - ing stream that heals the na - tions, make us chan - nels



liv - ing brings. Plunge our pain, our sin, our sad - ness
bring re - lease, as we gain our selves, our sen - ses,
of your power. All the world is torn by con - flict;



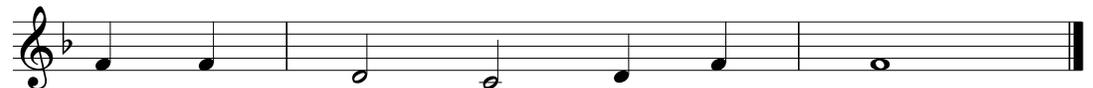
deep be - neath your sa - cred springs. Wea - ry from the
may our lives re - flect your peace. Grate - ful for the
wars are rag - ing at this hour. Sav - ing Spir - it,



rest - less search - ing that has lured us from your side,
flood that heals us, may your church en - act your grace.
move a - mong us; guide our wind - ing hu - man course,



we dis - cov - er in your pres - ence
As we meet both friend and strang - er,
till we find our way to - geth - er,



peace the world can - not pro - vide.
may we see our Sav - ior's face.
flow - ing home - ward to our Source.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed



I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and
sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion
of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the
life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Wash Me Thoroughly

David Halls

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

— Psalm 51:2-3 (KJV)

Thank you for your faithful support of the church and Christ's ongoing ministry. You may give through the church website or mail your check to the church office. 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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* 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 #700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me I'M GONNA LIVE

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE My Country, 'Tis of Thee Emma Lou Diemer

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Associate Pastor
Rev. Brenna Dykman, Associate Pastor
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Shelby Walker, Lay Reader

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We join in holding in prayer:
Kathy Callas, Liz Dean, Ed & Janice Gehrig, Herb Grose, Fran Hermanson,
Laura Merrill, Myra Rounsavell, Tom Showalter, 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

*The sanctuary flowers today are in loving memory of my grandparents, Minnie
& Jack McNeel, by Judy Morton.*

IN MEMORIAM

*Our prayers and sympathy are with the family and friends of Pete Taylor, who
died on June 27.*

*The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and
for evermore. (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>

Youth! Looking For a Meaningful Job in the Fall?

Consider applying to serve as an intern with our children's ministry program on Sunday mornings. Applications and job descriptions may be found on the church website and hard copies are in the church office. The internship begins September 11 and applications are due to Pastor Carmen by Monday, July 11. Email cgoetschius@firstpresportland.org for more information.

FPC 2022 Photo Directory

We are in the process of putting together a new photo directory for the FPC congregation - and we need your help! Since many of the church photographers are now out of business, we are asking folks to submit their own photos for the directory! Photo guidelines can be found in the June/July SPIRE. The photo deadline is August 1. Questions? Contact Jennifer at communications@firstpresportland.org

All Church Labor Day Retreat, September 2-4

Let's get together, friends! Registration is open (or will be very soon) for one of FPC's best fellowship events, the All Church Labor Day Retreat at Menucha, Sept. 2-4, 2022. There are options to fit your schedule and budget. If you can't be there Friday – Sunday, you can choose the Saturday only option or attend the Sunday afternoon BBQ picnic. Don't let financial concerns keep you from attending, either. The session has approved funds to help all interested members attend. There is 3-tier pricing so you can pay what the event costs, pay a bit less, or pay a bit more to help others. Scholarships are available, too. Whether you're new or have been at FPC for years, YOU are invited to be part of this event. Questions? Contact Ann Walsh, registrar, or others on the planning committee, Lauren Deming, Sarah Schwab, Anna Wells, and Amy Wood. [Learn more on the FPC website!](#)

New Security for Geneva Hall

In order to provide a safer FPC campus for our members and guests, we have installed new security on the south door leading to Geneva Hall from the parking structure. This interior door will now be locked outside of business hours, and members/guests must have a keycard or fob to access the church. The door will be unlocked as follows: Weekdays from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, Saturdays from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm, and Sundays from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Kids Sunday School On Summer Break

We've had a great year of learning, art, music, and play in our Sunday School program for kids and we are taking a break for the summer. The nursery will be open for the littles and if your older elementary kiddos need a space to spread out, please send them to the nursery as well where we'll have games, crafts, and quiet activities in their own corner of that space. For kids participating in worship in the sanctuary, kids activities and coloring sheets are provided. Please ask an usher where the nursery or activity kits can be found!

Neighborhood Carpool Drivers Needed

Are you able to share a ride from your neighborhood to FPC on Sunday? Some members are driving less and need a lift to church, others want to find ways to reduce energy use. If you are interested in carpooling from your neighborhood, please contact the Deacon's transportation coordinator, Bill Resley at kayak500@gmail.com or (713) 256-6658.

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.*

*Whether a visitor or member, you can use both sides of the blue "Welcome" card in the pew rack to notify FPC staff of your presence and/or needs. Please place the completed card in an offering plate at the exit doors.
Watching the livestream? A digital version of the "Welcome" card is available on the website.*



Priest reaching out to help a man with leprosy;
Unknown, Canindé, Brazil



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.

PRINCIPAL CHURCH STAFF

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