



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 17, 2022

*Sixth Sunday after
Pentecost*

The Gathering

PRELUDE What a Friend We Have in Jesus arr. Clay Christiansen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT My Desire Noël Richards

To be in your presence, to sit at your feet,
where your love surrounds me and makes me complete:
this is my desire, O Lord.

To rest in your presence, not rushing away,
to cherish each moment — here I would stay:
this is my desire, O Lord.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather this day from a week filled with needs and demands;
we come to find rest and renewal.

Here we open our hearts to hear the voice of God,
to rest in God's presence, and learn of God's ways.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!



** Please stand as you are able.*



* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God,
You draw near to us in Christ
and make yourself our guest.
Amid the cares of our daily lives,
make us attentive to your voice
and alert to your presence,
that we may treasure your word above all else.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen.

* HYMN #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Mary and Martha,
You watch us as we fill our days with work;
as we keep our list of worries.
Forgive us, we pray,
And grant us the calm of a heart like Mary's.

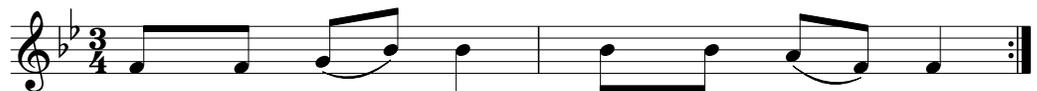
We confess we overlook
those who thirst for relationship to revive their souls.
So come, Reconciling Love,
make us as welcoming as Martha.

Forgive our failings for your love's sake, we pray.

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.

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The Lord has promised us pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins,
serving God and others with a quiet mind.
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**

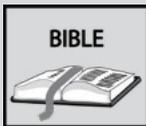
Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we are also to forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you!

Please take a moment to be thankful for God's peace.

The Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 1:15-20 Pew Bible, pg. 200 (NT)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM O Love of God Calvin Hampton

O Love of God, how strong and true, eternal and yet ever new;
uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought.

O wide-embracing, wondrous Love, we read thee in the sky above;
we read thee in the earth below, in seas that swell and streams that flow.

We read thee best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame,
sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.

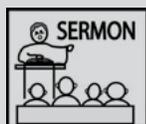
We read thy power to bless and save, e'en in the darkness of the grave;
still more in resurrection light we read the fullness of thy might.

— Horatius Bonar, 1861

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 10:38-42 Pew Bible, pg. 72 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON "Seeking Peace" Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler

* HYMN #450 Be Thou My Vision SLANE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Confession of 1967

The new life takes shape in a community in which we know
that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are.

We therefore accept ourselves and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand,
except God's grace.

While we still have to struggle
with disheartening difficulties and problems,
as we mature in love and faithfulness in our life with Christ,
we live in freedom and good cheer,
bearing witness on good days and evil days,
confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

OFFERTORY Give Me Jesus arr. Benjamin Harlan

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus; you can have all this world, give me Jesus.

Just before the break of day...

And when I come to die...

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 #697**

Take My Life

HENDON

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Postlude in C Major

Henry Thomas Smart



**WORSHIP
LEADERS**

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. Brenna Dykman, Associate Pastor
Rev. David Dornack, Parish Associate
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Anna Wells, Lay Reader

**PRAYERS OF
THE PEOPLE**

We join in holding in prayer:

Kathy Callas, Liz Dean, Ed & Janice Gehrig, Herb Grose, Fran Hermanson,
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 honor of our wedding anniversary, by John
and Grace Babatunde.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Walk the Wildwood Registration

Question: When is a walk in the park not simply a walk in the park?

Answer: When 100% of the walk's registration fees and event donations go directly to replacing a leaky shed with a modern carpentry/welding shop at the Kamwenge (Uganda) Secondary and Vocational School. You'll help carpentry students gain new skills and hope for a brighter future. Register by noon on August 1 at pim-africa.org/walk-oregon. Registration fees are \$50 per adult, \$25 per youth 7-17, free for ages 0-6, and the family maximum price is \$125. Questions? Contact Kathryn Hill (hillka@teleport.com) for more information.

All Church Labor Day Retreat, September 2-4

Step away from your usual responsibilities and join other FPC folks for a weekend of fresh air, fun, conversations, delicious meals, and the opportunity to experience God's presence among us. The program, called "Sharing our Stories" is for all ages. After our lengthy pandemic separation, spending some time together again to reconnect is important. Plus, it will be fun! If you can't stay for the whole weekend, sign up for Saturday and/or for the BBQ lunch on Sunday. Kids from birth to age 6 attend for free. See our website for all prices: choose the level that fits your situation. Don't let the cost be a barrier to your taking part; the Session has approved funds to assist members who wish to attend. Questions: contact Ann Walsh, registrar (ann.walsh@gmail.com). Register at: www.firstpresportland.org/news-and-events

Kids Sunday School On Summer Break

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.

Congregational Nominating Committee

The Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) is soliciting nominations for Elders, Deacons, and CNC members for the next year. To put forth names or self-nominate, please contact Amy Wood at awood6961@gmail.com or Pastor Brenna at bdykman@firstpresportland.org

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.*

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! We are asking folks to submit their own photos for the directory. For active members who participated in the last photo directory, we will use your previous photo unless we hear from you! The photo deadline is August 1. To submit photos and/or questions, email Jennifer at communications@firstpresportland.org

***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.***



“Jesus in the House of Mary & Martha”
Harold Copping, 1927



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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