



**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 31, 2022

*Eighth Sunday after  
Pentecost*

## The Gathering

**PRELUDE**          Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring          J.S. Bach (arr. Myra Hess)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT**                  Nothing Can Trouble                  Jacques Berthier / Taizé  
Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten. Those who seek God shall never go wanting.  
Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten. God alone fills us.

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;  
    **for God's steadfast love endures forever.**  
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
    **those God redeemed from trouble.**  
Some wandered in desert wastes,  
    **finding no way to an inhabited town;**  
then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
    **and God delivered them from their distress.**  
Let us thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
    **for God's wonderful works to all humankind.**



*\* Please stand as you are able.*



\* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, giver of all good gifts, sustainer of life and health,  
you have placed in our hands all that we call our own.  
Through your Spirit, give us wisdom,  
that our possessions may not be a burden,  
but a means of blessing in our lives;  
through Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

\* **HYMN #14**

For the Beauty of the Earth

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\* **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

\* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, we confess the blindness unaware of sinning;  
the delusion that imagines enough possessions can make us secure;  
the coldness of heart grown too hardened to care.  
For these and all our sins, remembered and forgotten,  
we are truly sorry and turn to you, asking your forgiveness and peace.

*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 saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,  
that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.  
Friends, believe 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

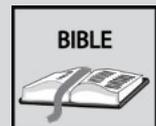
### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

Pew Bible, pg. 614 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**ANTHEM**            Come, One and All, from Near and Far            I-to Loh  
Come, one and all, from near and far, to share the insights I have found:  
a heart which has been taught by faith informs the wisdom I expound.

Some flaunt their gold, some trust its power— but what they cherish will decay;  
and still the ransom for a soul remains a price too great to pay.

Though wealth or learning may be ours, or fame that spreads throughout the land,  
the shackles of mortality prevent so much that we have planned.

Beyond this age of shame and sham we glimpse a better destiny:  
the Lord will lift us free from death to walk with him eternally.

Why crave renown or opulence? They fade, those things we now possess;  
our hope, our life are in the Lord, the God we honor and confess.

— *Martin Leckebusch, 2006 (based on Psalm 49)*

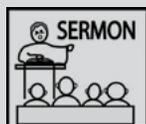
**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**    Luke 12:13-21            Pew Bible, pg. 74 (NT)  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**                    “The Most Important Thing”            Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks

\* **HYMN #716**            God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending            BEACH SPRING

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**    *from* the Song of Faith, the United Church of Canada

We sing of God’s good news lived out,  
a church with purpose:  
faith nurtured and hearts comforted,  
gifts shared for the good of all,  
fierce love in the face of violence,  
human dignity defended,  
members of a community held and inspired by God,  
corrected and comforted,  
instrument of the loving Spirit of Christ,  
creation’s mending.  
We sing of God’s mission.



**OFFERTORY**                    Take My Life, that I May Be                    J. Aaron McDermid

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;  
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Amen.

— Frances R. Havergal, 1874

*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.**

Text: © 1990 by Neil Weatherhogg  
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH, LM; Genevan Psalter, 1551

**\* 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 #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Major

J.S. Bach

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Associate Pastor  
Rev. David Dornack, Parish Associate  
Darlene Cusick, Guest Organist and Choir Director

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We join in holding in prayer:*  
Kathy Callas, Liz Dean, Ed & Janice Gehrig, Herb Grose, Fran Hermanson,  
Myra Rounsavell, 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 in loving memory of Lynn Hermanson Blum, by Robin Blum Flaig and Bob Blum.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **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.

### **Walk the Wildwood Registration Closes Tomorrow!**

Have you thought about registering for Walk the Wildwood but waited because you weren't sure of your schedule? Now's the time to commit: registration closes at noon tomorrow! Don't miss out on a fun event in a beautiful place that will do such good for our friends at the Kamwenge Secondary and Vocational School in Uganda. Register at [pim-africa.org/walk-oregon](http://pim-africa.org/walk-oregon). Questions? Contact Kathryn Hill ([hillka@teleport.com](mailto:hillka@teleport.com)) for more information.

### **Renegade Opera's "Tito" Opens August 4**

FPC music assistant Maddy Ross invites you to join her for an immersive opera production! Last summer, Renegade Opera filled the plaza at FPC with the whimsical world of "Orfeo in Underland" and they are back to bring Portland another opera, this time at Alberta House in NE Portland. "Tito" is a modern, English language adaptation of Mozart's "La clemenza di Tito" set in a near future White House. The audience plays the role of the press and will vote to decide the end of the story! Performances August 4-14. Tickets available here: [www.renegadeopera.org/tito](http://www.renegadeopera.org/tito)

### **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 Pastor Brenna at [bdykman@firstpresportland.org](mailto:bdykman@firstpresportland.org).  
*\*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.*

### **Guest Organist/Choir Director Today**

We welcome Darlene Cusick as our guest pianist/organist and choir director this morning. Darlene serves at Rise Church (Calvin Presbyterian Church) in Tigard, and has served at Valley Community Presbyterian Church in Raleigh Hills, as well as at FPC (working alongside Jim Welty). She is also a concert pianist and teacher, and played the inaugural concert on FPC's Steinway grand piano.

### **FPC 2022 Photo Directory - Photos Due Tomorrow**

A big thank you to all those who have submitted photos for the new member directory. If you have not submitted your photo, please email your digital photos (or drop off printed photos) by Monday! (Be sure to include the names of all who are in the photo!) For active members who participated in the last photo directory, we will use your previous photo unless we hear from you!

To submit photos and/or questions, email Jennifer at [communications@firstpresportland.org](mailto:communications@firstpresportland.org)

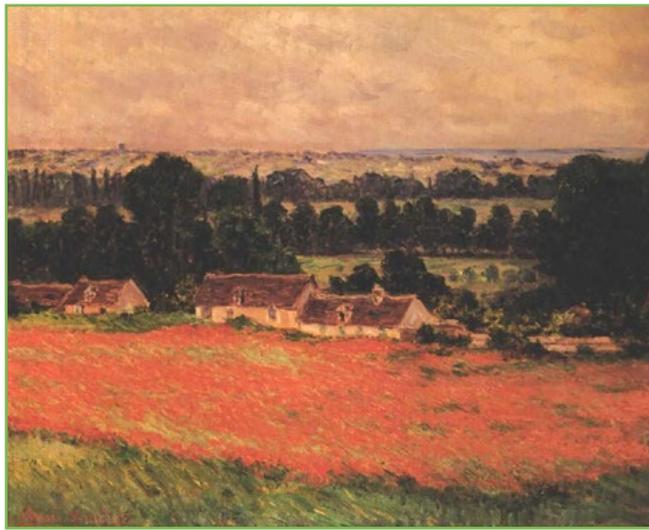
### **All Church Labor Day Retreat, September 2-4**

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; Session has approved funds to assist members who wish to attend. Questions: contact Ann Walsh, registrar ([ann.walsh@gmail.com](mailto:ann.walsh@gmail.com)). Register at: [www.firstpresportland.org/news-and-events](http://www.firstpresportland.org/news-and-events)

### **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](mailto:awood6961@gmail.com) or Pastor Brenna at [bdykman@firstpresportland.org](mailto:bdykman@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.*



In Jesus' parable, the landowner said,  
I will build bigger barns and there store all my grain...

Claude Monet, "Red Poppy Field at Giverny," 1885



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

### Pastoral

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