



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Sunday Worship Service

10:30 am
April 23rd, 2023
Third Sunday of Easter

Love God.
Love Our Neighbors.

Please remember to silence your cell phone.

* = Please stand as you are able.

Regular text is read by minister
Bold text is read by congregation

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Earth Carol *from* St. Francis Suite
All Creatures of our God and King

Richard Purvis
arr. Robert J. Powell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Alleluia Canon

David Hurd

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We need your presence along the road, O Lord,
the road between discouragement and resurrection.
As we walk along, whatever our way may hold,
we rejoice that you are always at our side.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious Lord, as you draw near to us,
we see your presence through the gradual recognition
of something holy enmeshed in our daily lives:
common as bread, welcome as a companion along the way.
Grant us the eyes of faith and trusting hearts
to recognize you, our risen Lord, and to follow where you lead.
In your holy name we pray.
Amen.

*HYMN#233

The Day of Resurrection!

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Creator God, have mercy on our wayward world
that seems bent at times on destruction.
Have mercy on those living in poverty around the world,
who suffer in the wake of drought and storm.
Forgive us for being caught up in the self-concern
that neglects to care for your people and your creation.
Help us pray and work to preserve this earth,
and to free your children 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 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**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you!
Please take a moment to greet those around you with God's peace.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

NEW MEMBERS JOINING

Phil Brooke, Lauren Hojnacki, Michael Hojnacki Rev. Christine Holcomb,
Henry Holcomb, Anna Lucas

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

Pew Bible, pg. 681 (OT)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

How Many Are Your Works, O Lord

Charles Callahan

How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting,
living things, great and small.
The ships are moving there and the monsters you made to play with.
All of these look to you to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up; you open your hand, they have their fill.
You hide your face, they are dismayed; you take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the Lord last forever! May the Lord rejoice in his works!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all.
Alleluia, alleluia. Amen.

— text from Psalm 104:11-15a (The Grail)

(Tina Bull, flute)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-31

Pew Bible, pg. 35 (NT)

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“A Companion Along the Way”

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler

***HYMN #246**

Christ Is Alive!

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison*)

from “A Song of Faith” United Church of Canada

**We are each given particular gifts of the Spirit.
For the sake of the world, and to embody God’s love in the world,
God calls all followers of Jesus to Christian ministry and service.**

**In grateful response to God’s abundant love,
we bear in mind our integral connection to the earth and one another;
and take up our part in God’s work of healing and mending creation.**

Thank you for your faithful support of the church and Christ’s ongoing ministry. You may give through the church website at: 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 you depart the sanctuary.

OFFERTORY

For the Flowers Are Great Blessings

Benjamin Britten

For the flowers are great blessings.
For the flowers have their angels, even the words of God’s creation.
For the flower glorifies God and the root parries the adversary.
For there is a language of flowers.
For the flowers are peculiarly the poetry of Christ.

(Alex Trull, tenor)

***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 (*Unison*)

**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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Thank you for joining us for worship this morning at FPC!

We invite you to join us for a coffee and get to know those who were here in worship with you today. Our Coffee Hour is held in Geneva Hall. You can access Geneva Hall by going out the large doors to the right of the front of the sanctuary going down the stairs directly to your right to the bottom level and taking a right down the hallway.

You may also use the elevator in our Chapel. You access the Chapel by going out the same doors, and it is the door on your left directly after the hallway.

Please ask an usher for directions and they will be happy to assist.

If you would like to get involved with the life of our church, you can either email the church at office@firstpresportland.org or talk with any of the ushers or worship leaders.



“Road to Emmaus”

Daniel Bonnell, 2011

A memorial will be held at the church for David Hall after the service today, at 1:30 pm.

**WORSHIP
LEADERS**

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler, Pastor
Rev. David Dornack, Parish Associate
Rev. Carmen Goetschius, Supply Associate Pastor
Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries
Deborah Resley, Lay Reader

**PRAYERS OF
THE PEOPLE**

We join in holding in prayer:

Kathy Callas, Ross Fogelquist, Fran Hermanson, Marlin Icenogle,
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 flowers on the right are in loving memory of James and Mildred Millington and Theodore and Mary Ziel, from their granddaughter, Sharon Ziel. The flowers on the left are in loving memory of Mary Etta Wilson by Tom Wilson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FPC Livestream Team Members Needed

FPC is seeking additional team members to assist in the streaming of our Sunday worship services, weddings, and memorial services. New team members will be oriented to these roles. You do not need experience to volunteer, just a desire to help make sure all people can worship with us.

Helpful skills include:

- Experience with technology.
- Audio or visual production knowledge is a plus.
- Attention to detail.
- Problem solving skills, including having cool, calm reactions, and an ability to troubleshoot issues.
- Creative and inventive.

Interested? Call the church office or email the church. **Training will be provided.**

Save the Date for the “MOM PROM!”

On **May 14th from 11:45 to 2pm** our youth will be hosting a post church prom to raise funds for their upcoming mission trip to the Philippines. There will be food, fun, and of course dancing. This event is for everyone! Bring your mom, your family, your neighbor, your friends. Tickets will go on sale starting **April 16th** after church in Geneva Hall.

Wine Wall Donations

We are looking for donations of wine bottles valued at \$20 and higher for a Wine Wall at the FPC Youth Prom as part of the fundraising fun! Please drop donations at the church office with your name (so we can say thank you) and the value of the wine.

Women’s Book Club

The Women’s Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, May 2** at noon in the Heritage Room (#207) and on Zoom. Midge Birnie will lead the discussion on the book **“The Tattooist of Auschwitz”** by Heather Morris. This book is based on interviews with a Holocaust survivor and tattooist in Auschwitz who fell in love with a fellow prisoner. It is a story of selfless acts of love alongside shocking brutality.

Soft Goods & Books!

Running from **now until April 30th**, the youth will not only be collecting soft goods, but books as well. This drive goes to support their mission trip to the Philippines. Both the soft goods and books go to a local thrift store, and the youth raise money per pound of items! So bring us those big books and old clunky shoes and more. **All items can be dropped off in Geneva Hall.**

CAN you Help?

With the rising cost of food and cuts made to SNAP benefits, our emergency food closet is being hit hard. For the next month we are collecting food staples: **peanut butter, tuna, canned fruit, canned soups**. As our space is limited, we are **ONLY collecting the above items**.

Please drop donations in the large Red bin in Geneva Hall or by the church office.

Portland Society for Calligraphy for their “Beautiful Words: Reconnection”

We are happy to be hosting the Portland Society for Calligraphy for their “Beautiful Words: Reconnection” Gallery Exhibition from **April 2-May 28**. This exhibit features calligraphy that explores the beauty of writing and design and empowers calligraphers to write words that are personally meaningful. The artists all members of the Portland Society for Calligraphy are celebrating their reconnection with each other through this exhibition.

Celebrate and Act for God’s Creation – “All Hands on Deck” Earth Day Fair

After church on **today**, come down to Calvin Library to learn about ways to live more lightly on God’s Creation, learn about the proposed solar projects for FPC, check out a book on eco-theology in the FPC library, have a bite to eat, bring in hard to recycle items and learn how to avoid plastic in the first place. Bring your clear plastic #1 PET clamshell containers; plastics #2, 4, 5, and 6; plastic utensils and straws; plastic screw-on caps; CD and cassette tape cases; and scotch tape dispensers and Styrofoam, and the Earth Care Team will take them to James Recycling! You may drop these items off before church. We will have displays and materials from various organizations from Presbyterians for Earth Care to Backyard Wildlife Habitats. For more information or to help out call Jenny at 503-309-0973.

Plan to Participate in the Post-Pentecost Paella Party!

Plan to join us on **June 4th** for this festive celebration, enjoying this traditional Spanish dish of rice, vegetables, seafood, spices, and more (a vegetarian option will be available as well). Look for sign up opportunities in upcoming church communications. The cost to attend will be: \$25 for adults and teens, \$15 for ages 7-12, and ages 0-6 are free.

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.

Ways to get involved at FPC

Adult Bible Lectionary Study

Every Sunday @ 9:00 am via Zoom and in Room 308

Practical Theology Study and Discussion

Every Wednesday @ noon at the church

Open Circle

Every Thursday @ 10:15 am in the Heritage Room (207) and via Zoom

Chancel Choir

Practice every Thursday @ 7pm in the Choir Room

Sunday School: Pre-k to 8th Grade

Every Sunday @ 10:45 am during worship at the church, except for Communion Sundays
(First Sunday of the Month)

Volunteer @ Alder House Food Closet, Community Dinners, and NEFP

Contact Rev. Brenna Dykman for info (email below)

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