



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

May 25, 2025
10:30 AM
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

The prelude is a time of music for quiet reflection to prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Come Down, O Love Divine
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Marilyn Biery
arr. Jeffrey Honoré

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Those attending worship are invited to fill out a blue card in the pew to register your attendance or express interest in the church's programs. You may place the cards in the offering plates as you depart at the end of the service. Those worshipping online are invited to click the blue tab on the worship page, "Visiting FPC? Let's Connect!"

INTROIT

from Psalm 8 (Adonai, Adonenu)

Dan Forrest

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
Adonai, Adonenu. (*O Lord, our Lord.*)

(*Riverton (Utah) High School Choir; Daniel Clegg, director*)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Open our hearts, O Lord,
and we will listen to your word.
Come into this house
and teach us to follow you in faith.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Unison*)

**Loving God, you have made a home with us through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Now send us your Holy Spirit to teach us your way
so that we will keep your word and live in peace;
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

***HYMN #395**

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Unison*)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Prayers of confession continue in silence.

***LORD, HAVE MERCY #551**

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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 of God's promise:
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE #245 (verse 4)**

**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, let us forgive one another.
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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Melissa Dailey

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5

Pew Bible, NT p. 259

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Even When He Is Silent

Kim André Arnesen

I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining.
I believe in love, even when I feel it not.
I believe in God, even when he is silent.

— *Anonymous (20th century)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:23-29

Pew Bible, NT p. 109

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Risky Hospitality”

Rev. Heidi Bolt

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN #282

Come Down, O Love Divine

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from The Confession of Belhar*)

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation
is made manifest in the church as the community of believers
who have been reconciled with God and with one another;**

**We believe that unity is, therefore,
both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ;
that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force,
yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought:
one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain,**

**We believe that this unity of the people of God
must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways;
in that we love one another;
that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;
that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully
to be of benefit and blessing to one another;
have one God and Father,
are filled with one Spirit,
are baptized with one baptism,
eat of one bread and drink of one cup,
confess one name,
are obedient to one Lord,
work for one cause,
and share one hope
and together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth
of the love of Christ.**

*Thank you for your faithful support. To contribute to the life and ministry
of this congregation, please refer to page 6 of the worship bulletin.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light...

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild...

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven...

— *Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864, alt.*

***DOXOLOGY #609**

**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**

PRAYER 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 #233**

The Day of Resurrection!

***BENEDICTION**

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace.
 Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
 Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;
 praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I come,
 and I hope by thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home.
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.
 Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God.
 He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace, how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
 Let thy goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee.
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

— Robert Robinson, 1758

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Contributions may be made by:

- *Leaving your gifts in the offering plates as you depart.*
- *Mailing a check to the church office.*
- *Scanning the QR code on the right.*
- *Visiting www.firstpresportland.org.*



**PRAYERS OF
THE PEOPLE**

*We join in holding in prayer: Kathy Callas, Louise Grose,
 Russ Mendenhall, Gordon Priedeman, Phyllis Whittington,
 and others facing illness and loss.*

**SANCTUARY
FLOWERS**

*Today's sanctuary flowers are given in honor of
 Raj, Ravi, & Raman Garg by Shelly Garg.*

Visiting Choir in Worship Today

Under the direction of Daniel Clegg, the Riverton High School Choir is visiting First Presbyterian Church today from Riverton, UT (near Salt Lake City). Besides sightseeing the gorgeous Oregon coast, their 2025 musical tour includes a university choral clinic with Dr. Ethan Sperry at PSU and performances at First Presbyterian, The Grotto, the LDS Portland Temple Visitors' Center, and a Memorial Day service at Evergreen Air and Space Museum. They are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to share their music with the congregation of FPC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Week for Robison Art Gallery

When: Today, Sun, May 25

Where: Chapel Art Gallery

Artist Judy Robison's exhibit "A Change of Seasons" closes at noon today. We hope you'll take this last opportunity to enjoy this exhibit before we introduce our new artist next week!

Children and Youth Ministry Events

Fun and exciting things are coming up for our kids and youth at FPC! We hope you'll join us!

- Today, Sun, May 25, 9:15 am - monthly Parent & Baby playgroup in the church nursery
- Today, Sun, May 25, 10:45 am - final "Arts & Music" Sunday with David and Maria
- Sun, Jun 8, 10:45 am - final Sunday School of the school year

Mission Study Team Survey

When: Now

Where: Online (paper versions available on request)

The Mission Study Team is discerning God's will for our church's future as we prepare to search for our next Head of Staff Pastor. Your input is vital! Each household member should complete it individually. Paper copies are available at church or by request. An in-person feedback opportunity will also be available after worship on June 1. Thank you for your participation! You can complete the survey at the following link: shorturl.at/nW2MO

FPC Office Closed

When: Mon, May 26, all day

Where: FPC Offices

Please note that the FPC offices will be closed this Monday in observance of Memorial Day. If you assistance during this day, please feel free to leave us a voicemail or send an email!

Youth Fundraiser: Pancake Lunch

When: Sun, Jun 1, 11:45 am

Where: Geneva Hall

All are welcome to a pancake lunch hosted by this year's Youth Mission team! They are raising funds to travel to the Philippines in July to work with the Ingan Leyte project. A free will donation box will be available for those who would like to support the trip. We hope to see you there!

Women's Book Club June Meeting

When: Tue, Jun 3, 11:30 am

Where: Heritage Room & Zoom

Join us for June's meeting of the Women's Book Club! Amy Wood will lead with the book *Inheritance* by Dani Shapiro, a memoir of her discovery that her father was not her biological father and her quest to find her birth parent. Join us in person or at the following link: us02web.zoom.us/j/81233316517. Please note this change: We will begin with the book discussion beginning at 11:30 followed by devotions, announcements and a potluck lunch.

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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