



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

June 15, 2025

10:30 AM

First Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude on *Beach Spring*
Improvisation on *Good Trouble*

John Karl Hirten

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!"

*OPENING LITANY

We begin our worship in the name of the One who creates,
the One who liberates, and the One who inspires us to be who we were made to be.

**[sung] Our faith has challenged us to make good trouble,
to make good trouble, to make good trouble.**

**Our faith has challenged us to make good trouble,
to make this world a better place.**

In every generation around the world,
there arises powers that seek to destroy, to dominate and oppress for their own gain.
In every generation the faithful are called to rise up and name this oppression.
Whether these destructive powers come from unjust laws and policies,
or from beliefs and cultural practices that harm the soul,
whether they come from government, society, or from the church itself,
we are called to make good trouble.

**[sung] Our faith has challenged us to make good trouble,
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To be a Holy Disruptor is to take up your cross and follow Jesus.
To be a disciple is to see Christ in the face of the oppressed and suffering.
We are called to be sacred interrupters,
refusing to participate in the Domination Way,
but instead learning to walk the Good Way.
One of courage, collaboration, compassion, and integrity.
Faithfully, we divest our hearts, minds, and actions from the way that harms
and invest our hearts, minds, and actions
in the Way that brings life, healing, and wholeness to all living things.

**[sung] Our faith has challenged us to make good trouble,
to make good trouble, to make good trouble.**

**Our faith has challenged us to make good trouble,
to make this world a better place.**

Today we walk alongside the desert Mothers and Fathers.
We learn the value of silence, of contemplation,
of solitude with God in a loud and frantic world.
May we learn from them.
May their discipleship in the name of Jesus inform our own.
Amen.

***HYMN**

Come Away from Rush and Hurry

**Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace;
from our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ and find release.
Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace;
come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's face.**

**In the pastures of God's goodness we lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of his mercy we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of his presence all his saints are richly fed.
With the oil of his anointing into service we are led.**

**Come, then, children, with your burdens – life's confusions, fears, and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus; take instead his kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them – he alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.**

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Tune: BEACH SPRING, 8.7.8.7.D; *The Sacred Harp*, 1844

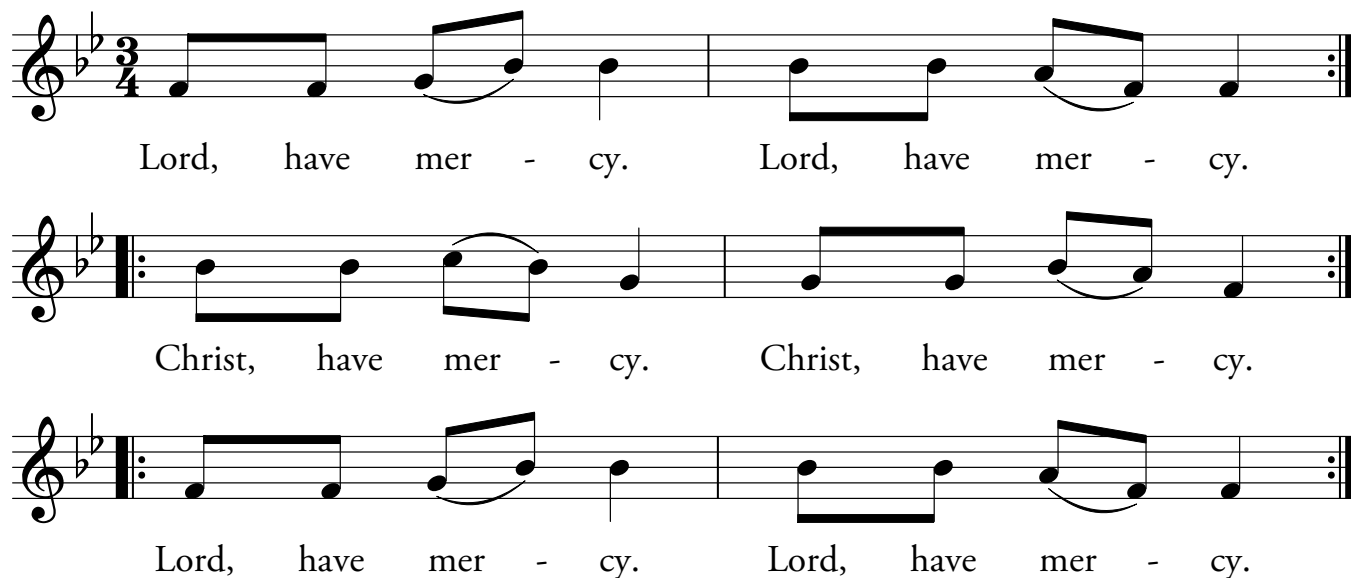
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Unison*)

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.**

Prayers of confession 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**

Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us
for the forgiveness of sins.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**



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.

Text: Michael Perry © 1982 by Hope Publishing Co.
Tune: THAXTED, 13.13.13.13.13.13; Gustav Holst, 1918

***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

BLESSING THE GRADUATES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deborah Resley

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:30-32, 45-46

Pew Bible, NT p. 41

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“The Desert Mothers...and Fathers”

Rev. Brenna Dykman

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN #182**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

Thank you for your faithful support. To contribute to the life and ministry of this congregation, please refer to page 7 of the worship bulletin.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

God Rest Us

Colin Gibson

God rest us. Rest that part of us which is tired.

Awaken that part of us which is asleep.

God awaken us, and awake within us. Amen.

— Michael Leunig, 1992

***DOXOLOGY**

**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**

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 #320**

The Church of Christ in Every Age

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Berceuse (Lullaby), Op. 57
(*Darlene Cusick, piano*)

Frédéric Chopin

*This service is based on
Holy Disruptors – How Christian Saints, Prophets, and Mystics Led in Times of Difficulty
by Pastor Siri Strommen*

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CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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.



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

Today's sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Charles William Hawkins, Bonnie Wilcox Hawkins, and David S. Hawkins by their daughter & sister, Melinda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT: Alder St. Closure

When: Mon & Tue, Jun 16-17, all day

Please note that there will be an Alder St. closure this week as part of the Julia West House construction. This will impact all street and pedestrian paths access. If your building has access to this area, sidewalks will be granted to **local access only**. SW Alder between SW 13th and SW 12th will be closed to traffic, bikes, parking and pedestrians for **both days all hours**.

Volunteers Request from First Unitarian Portland

First Unitarian (13th & Salmon) hosts ministry offering hospitality, food, drinks, computer access, phone charging, clothing, and showers for local houseless individuals. Each shift lasts about two hours on Wed & Thu, with six volunteers and around ten guests per shift. Although First Unitarian has a long list of volunteers, they have reached out to other local ministries for support to fill all slots weekly. Training is provided. More about the program: shorturl.at/aGNuP
If interested, contact Greg Aldrich, Bill Resley, or Rev. Brenna Dykman.

Save the Date: Menucha Open House

When: Sun, Jun 29, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Where: Menucha

Mark your calendars for Menucha's annual Open House Picnic, a day filled with fun, relaxation, and connection. Take your picnic and Menucha will provide ice cream for dessert! More info is available in this week's eBlast.

Farewell Celebration for Pastor Carmen

When: Sun, Jun 29, 11:30 am

Where: Geneva Hall

We're excited to celebrate Pastor Carmen's 7 years of ministry at FPC with a farewell celebration at the end of the month! The theme for the celebration is "Oregon Road Trip Adventures!" Enjoy her favorite dessert—blackberry crisp—while we share memories and express our gratitude. If you'd like to contribute monetarily to a farewell gift or write Carmen a card or note of gratitude, please give them to Kristine Olsen, place them in the church safe, or mail them to the church by **June 22**. You may also give them to Carmen directly on **June 29**.

Stephen Ministry Training Applications Open

When: Now! (trainings start in September)

Are you interested in helping others by serving as a compassionate and faithful listener? FPC would like to expand our Stephen Ministry program. Training classes begin in September, mainly on Zoom. Stephen Ministry equips and empowers lay caregivers—called Stephen Ministers—to walk alongside people who are hurting with confidential, Christ-centered support. You can find general information at StephenMinistry.org. Apply by contacting Janet Leatherwood (Dmjslwood@comcast.net, 503-238-1155) or Bill Resley (kayak500@gmail.com, 713-256-6658). Applications are also sent to Pastor Brenna, Stephen Ministry supervisor.

DISRUPTORS HOLY

*How Christian Saints, Prophets, and Mystics
Led in Times of Difficulty*

Summer 2025 Sermon Series

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 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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