



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

June 22, 2025

10:30 AM

Second 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

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731 Johann Sebastian Bach
Improvisation on *Good Trouble*
(Jaebon Hwang, guest organist)

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.

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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 St. Francis and St. Clare,
who devoted their life to simplicity in peace in a time of violence and war.
May we learn from them.
May their discipleship in the name of Jesus inform our own.
Amen.

***HYMN #395**

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

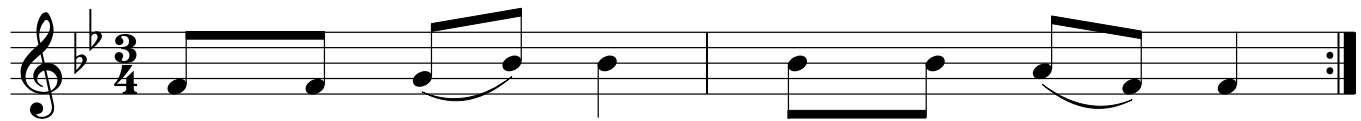
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Unison*)

**Holy God,
we confess that we do not always love our neighbor.
We confess that we have despised others,
even to the point of hatred.
We confess that we have been hurt by others.
We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times
are just impossible for us.
We know that nothing is impossible in You.
We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us.
Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others,
to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness.
For Your Son came and lived among us,
was betrayed and denied,
abused and put to death.
He rose again,
and came with the message of peace to those
who had denied him and abandoned him.
May we walk in his ways.**

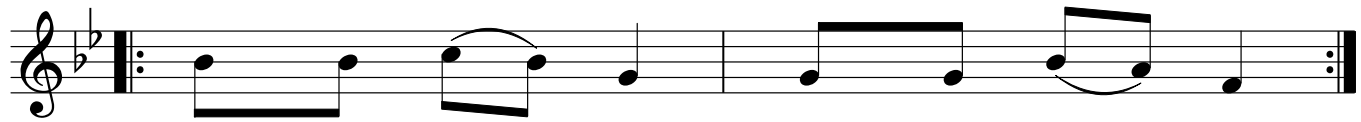
Prayers of confession continue in silence.

***LORD, HAVE MERCY**

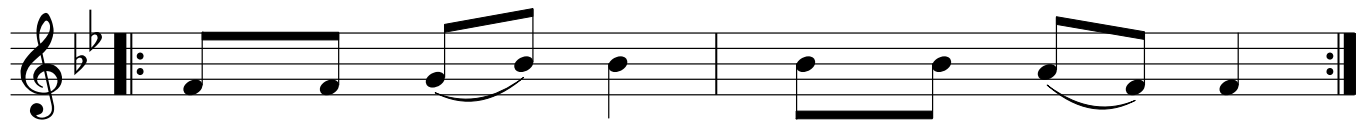
Cantor first, then ALL



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**

For nothing is impossible with God.
There is no place you can go,
no end of the earth you can run,
where God cannot find you.
There is nothing on earth or beyond death
that can separate you from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
You are forgiven.
You are loved.
You are reconciled to God.
Go and live with the love of God.
Amen.

***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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Linda Grabe

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:38-48; 6:19-21

Pew Bible, NT p. 5; 6

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Saying Yes and Saying No”

Rev. Heidi Bolt

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN #15**

All Creatures of Our God and King

Verses 1 and 6 – All

Verses 2 and 4 – Higher Voices

Verses 3 and 5 – Lower Voices

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Apostles Creed*)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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of this congregation, please refer to page 7 of the worship bulletin.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Servants of Peace

K. Lee Scott

Lord, make us servants of your peace: where there is hate, may we sow love;
where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope,
where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek to be consoled, but to console,
nor look to understanding hearts, but look for hearts to understand.

May we not look for love's return, but seek to love unselfishly.
For in our giving we receive, and in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying, we live, and are reborn through death's dark night to endless day.
Lord, make us servants of your peace, to wake at last in heaven's light.

— James Quinn, SJ, 1969
based on a prayer attributed to Francis of Assisi

(FPC Summer Choir; Paul Butler, guest director)

***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.**

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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 #450**

Be Thou My Vision

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Major, BWV 577
(Jaebon Hwang, guest organist)

Johann Sebastian Bach

*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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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 loving memory of Katherine & Paul Dailey Sr., Shirley Dailey, and Robert Hastings by Paul, Melissa, Paul, & Andrew Dailey. The second arrangement is given in loving memory of James & Mildred Millington and Theodore & Mary Ziel, from their granddaughter, Sharon Ziel.

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.

CHURCH STAFF

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Organist at FPC

When: Sun, Jun 22 & 29

We welcome Jaebon Hwang as our guest organist this Sunday and next. She is a Portland-based composer, concert organist, and collaborative keyboardist with a diverse and extensive musical background. Dr. Hwang teaches organ at Lewis & Clark College and has previously taught composition and music theory at San Diego State University. Most recently, she served as Director of Music Ministries and Organist at First United Methodist Church of San Diego.

Walk the Wildwood In-Person Registration

When: Today, Sun, Jun 22, 11:30 am

Where: Geneva Hall

Volunteers will be available during coffee hour **today** to assist you with registration for this year's Walk the Wildwood event! Join us **August 9** for guided trail walks in Washington and Forest Park to raise funds for building 2 vocational school dorms at Kamwenge Secondary and Vocational School in Uganda, a mission partner of FPC. **Registration closes August 1!** Learn more, register online and follow our progress towards meeting our goals at firstpresportland.org/news-events/walk-the-wildwood/ Remember to bring used sneakers to Geneva (thru the end of August), or to the event, for redistribution to those in need and keep them out of the landfill.

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 next week! 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 **TODAY**. You may also give them to Carmen directly on **June 29**.

Kathy Withycombe 90th Birthday Celebration!

When: Sun, Jul 13, 12:00-2:00 pm

Where: Geneva Hall

Kathy Withycombe and family would love for you to join them for a tea party reception celebrating Kathy's upcoming 90th birthday! The family has requested no gifts, please - your presence is the best present! Kindly RSVP to Lurna Shively 503-803-4672 by June 30.

Menucha Annual Open House Picnic

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

Where: Menucha

Celebrate community with Menucha! Save the date for Menucha's Annual Open House Picnic. Bring your own picnic and enjoy free ice cream for dessert! Discover Menucha through self-guided tours, scenic trails, lawn games, and their peaceful labyrinth. Don't miss the grand opening of the Sunrise Daisy Survivor Path, celebrating recovery journeys. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the wonderful Menucha community, explore breathtaking views, and embrace their mission of hospitality, reflection, and renewal. For more details, contact Menucha at 503-695-2243 or check out menucha.org/open-house-picnic.

Summer Red Cross Blood Drive

When: Tue, Jul 1, 12:30-6:00 pm (appointment only)

Where: Geneva Hall

First Presbyterian Church is hosting our summer community blood drive, and we need your help! Donating blood is a simple act that can make a life-saving difference. **This event is by appointment only.** To schedule your appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter code: FirstPresbyterianChurch. Every donation helps patients in need and supports emergency care across the country. Join us in giving the gift of life—your contribution matters more than ever. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Volunteers Request from First Unitarian PDX

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.