



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

June 29, 2025

10:30 AM

Third 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

O Waly Waly

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

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.

**[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.**

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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 Julian of Norwich, who saw visions of God on her deathbed,
assuring her of God's unconditional love in a time of fear and death.
May we learn from her.
May her discipleship in the name of Jesus inform our own.
Amen.

***HYMN #396**

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

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

**O God, You who are always doing a new thing,
we confess that we sometimes close windows
against the fresh air of new ideas,
against the noise of other people's worries,
against the winds of change.**

**God of every place and time,
we confess that we often draw the curtains
against people who are different,
against world news or community concerns.**

**Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes,
our shuttered churches,
the security systems on our hearts.
Open up our lives,
and let your Spirit blow through.**

Prayers of confession continue in silence.

***LORD, HAVE MERCY**

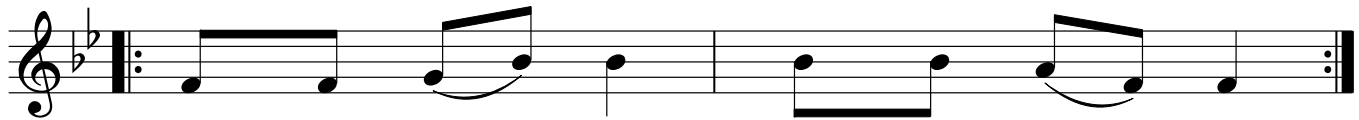
Cantor first, then ALL



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** (*1 Corinthians 15:17-20*)

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away;
look, new things have come into being!
All this is from God,
who reconciled us to himself through Christ
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;
that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,
not counting their trespasses against them,
and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.
So we are ambassadors for Christ,
since God is making his appeal through us;
we entreat you on behalf of Christ:
be reconciled to God.

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; 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

Rev. John Evans

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-7

Pew Bible, NT p. 259

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Declaring a God of Love”

Rev. Heidi Bolt

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

**Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of ev'ry breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.**

**Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,
the grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.**

**Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one, in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow until I flow'r, until I know.**

Text: © 1991 by Jean Janzen (inspired by Julian of Norwich)
Tune: O WALY WALY, LM; English folk melody

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Nicene Creed*)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

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was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

*Thank you for your faithful support. To contribute to the life and ministry
of this congregation, please refer to the insert of today's worship bulletin.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

All Shall Be Well

Barbara Bridge

All shall be well. All shall be well,
and all manner of thing, all manner of thing shall be well.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall come my help?
My help will come from God, my creator, from God who made heaven and earth.

God will keep your feet from stumbling and guard you as you rest;
for God never slumbers nor sleeps. God is with you by day and by night.

For God will always guard you from evil and keep your soul from harm;
and God will guard your coming and going, both now and forevermore.

(please join in singing the final refrain)

**All shall be well. All shall be well,
and all manner of thing, all manner of thing shall be well.**

— verses adapted from Psalm 121

(Leah Papay, soloist)

***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

LITURGY OF GOODBYE

***CLOSING PRAYER**

In you, Father all-mighty, we have our preservation and our bliss.
In you, Christ, we have our restoring and our saving.
You are our mother, brother, and savior.
In you, our Lord the Holy Spirit, is marvelous and plenteous grace.
You are our clothing; for love you wrap us and embrace us.
You are our maker, our lover, our keeper.
Teach us to believe that by your grace all shall be well, and all shall be well,
and all manner of things shall be well.
Amen.

THE SENDING, CONT.

*HYMN #306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fiesta
(Jaebon Hwang, guest organist)

Emma Lou Diemer

*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 Dr. John & Ruth Van Bruggen by Anna & Bill Myers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Organist at FPC

When: Today, Jun 29

We welcome Jaebon Hwang as our guest organist this Sunday. 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.

Farewell Celebration for Pastor Carmen

When: Today, 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 Laurna Shively 503-803-4672 by tomorrow, Monday, June 30.**

Menucha Annual Open House Picnic

When: Today, 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!

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*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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