



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

July 6, 2025

10:30 AM

Fourth 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 *Amazing Grace*
Improvisation on *Good Trouble*

Harold M. Best

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 Martin Luther, who stood up to the catholic church,
declaring God's grace as found in the Word is supreme.

May we learn from him.

May his discipleship in the name of Jesus inform our own.

Amen.

***HYMN #475**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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

Reconciling God,

the words we speak all too often do not show you in our lives.

We spend so much time boasting to others,

they imagine we have no need for you.

**We grumble impatiently when you don't respond immediately to our requests,
but are slow to sing your praises.**

**We mutter under our breath about the behavior of those around us,
when we could be asking them if there is some way we could serve them.**

**It is on our journey to the cross and the tomb
that you fill us with the riches of your mercy, Steadfast Love!**

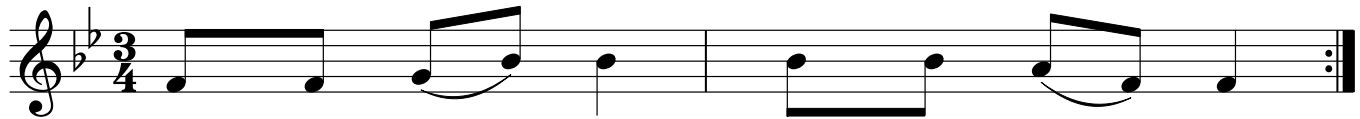
**You do so, not because of anything we have done,
but because of the compassion which flows from your heart
wounded by our failings.**

**As we open our lives to receive your forgiveness,
may we turn to the Light which brings us life,
following Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, every step of the way.**

Prayers of confession continue in silence.

***LORD, HAVE MERCY**

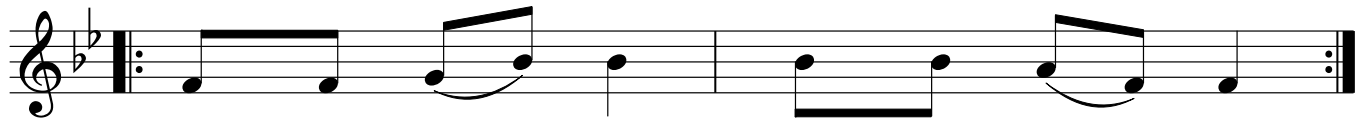
Cantor first, then ALL



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**

How much does God love us?

Enough to send the divine heart, hope, and spirit to us,
not to condemn us, but to save us.

Not by our speaking or doing,

but by God's good and precious grace are we saved.

Thanks be to 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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of six staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is a simple, melodic line. The lyrics are: "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." The final note of the sixth staff is a whole note G4, followed by a double bar line.

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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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Diane Ponder

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

Pew Bible, NT p. 192

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“By Grace You Have Been Saved”

Rev. Heidi Bolt

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN #649**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Heidelberg Catechism*)

Question 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own,

but belong— body and soul, in life and in death—

to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,

and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way

that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven;

in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him,

Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life

and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Out of the Depths

Martin Luther
(arr. John Erickson)

Out of the depths I cry to thee. Lord, hear me I implore thee.
Bend down thy gracious ear to me, I lay my sins before thee.
If thou rememberest each misdeed, if each should have its rightful meed,
who may abide thy presence?

Thou grantest pardon through thy love, thy grace alone availeth,
our works could ne'er our guilt remove, yea e'en the best life faileth.
For none may boast himself of aught, but must confess thy grace hath wrought
whate'er in him is worthy.

And thus my hope is in the Lord, and not in my own merit,
I rest upon his faithful word to them of contrite spirit,
that he is merciful and just, here is my comfort and my trust.
His help I wait with patience.

— Martin Luther, 1524 (trans. composite)

***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 #275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*CLOSING PRAYER

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it.
I am weak in the faith; strengthen me.
I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent,
that my love may go out to my neighbor.
I do not have a strong and firm faith;
at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether.
O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you.
In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have.
I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor.
I am a sinner; you are upright.
With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness.
Therefore I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give.
Amen.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude on *Ein' Feste Burg*

Helmut Walcha

*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 by Judy Morton in loving memory of her grandparents, Minnie & Jack McNeel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July Birthday Celebration Today!

When: Today, Sun, Jul 6, 11:30 am

Where: Geneva Hall

Happy birthday to all those born in July! We want to celebrate you after the worship service today with cupcakes and a song. Please come to Geneva for a brief celebration at coffee hour!

Save the Date: Open Circle Fall Book Orders & Start Date

Book Payment Deadline: Fri, Aug 1

Open Circle Fall Start Date: Thu, Sep 4, 10:00 am

Open Circle invites all women in the FPC community to join us in weekly study and prayer. From September through November, we'll be using *Messy People: Life Lessons from Imperfect Biblical Heros* by Jennifer Cowart to guide our discussion. Contact Deb Resley at resleydd@gmail.com if you would like to order a book through the church; a payment of \$16 for the book will be due on August 1. We hope to see you there this fall!

Save the Date: Menucha Labor Day Retreat!

When: Fri, Aug 29 - Sun, Aug 31, all day

Where: Menucha

We are so excited to share that Menucha Retreat & Conference Center is hosting its very first Labor Retreat at the end of the summer! This retreat has long been cherished by our members at FPC and we're thrilled to have the opportunity to share it with the greater community. Join us for a weekend of fun and relaxation! This new program is your chance to bring your loved ones to the place you've cherished while attending other retreats or events. Enjoy a relaxed, family-focused weekend of fun, rest, and connection in the Gorge. Swim, play, explore, picnic, and make one last summer memory together before the busy fall arrives. **Registration is open now** - visit menucha.org/hurrah for more info and registration.

DISRUPTORS H L Y

*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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