



**First  
Presbyterian**  
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

## Service for the Lord's Day

July 20, 2025

10:30 AM

Sixth 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

Before Thy Throne I Now Appear, BWV 668[a]

J.S. Bach

#### 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 arise 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 Dietrich Bonhoeffer,  
who courageously opposed the Nazi regime  
and taught pastors the true cost of discipleship.  
May we learn from him.  
May his discipleship in the name of Jesus inform our own.  
**Amen.**

**\*HYMN #307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

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

**It is too easy, God  
for faith to become an escape  
—a way to avoid the pain of being human and alive;  
or a path to success  
—a way to persuade the universe to give us the things we want;  
or a system of control  
—a way to bend others to our will.**

**But the faith you offer is different, Jesus,  
more dangerous and compelling;**

**It's the faith that carries the cross,  
that embraces death and lays itself down for the sake of others;**

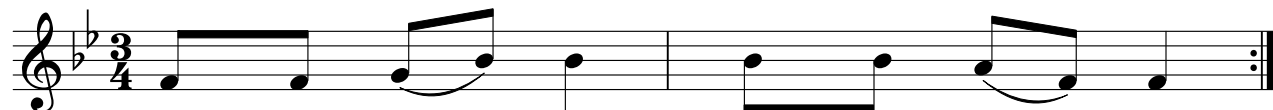
**It's the only faith that can lead us to resurrection  
to life renewed and overflowing.**

**We praise you for this faith, God,  
and open our hearts to receive it.**

*Prayers of confession continue in silence.*

**\*LORD, HAVE MERCY**

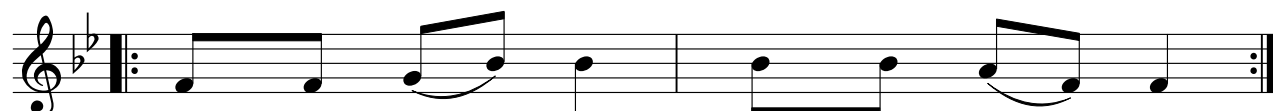
*Cantor first, then ALL*



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**

Our God who knows us and calls out to us when we falter or misstep,  
is the same God who embraces us,  
reminds us of our belovedness,  
and forgives us our sins.

Hear the Good News:  
in Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

**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.

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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**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Linda Grabe

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 1:9-15

Pew Bible, NT p. 34

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**ANTHEM**

You Are Beloved

Ana Hernández

You are beloved for God is love, you are beloved of God.  
You are beloved for God is love, for God is love.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 8:31-36

Pew Bible, NT p. 44

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

“Costly Grace”

Rev. Heidi Bolt

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

\***HYMN #223**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Theological Declaration of Barmen*)

**The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren  
in which Jesus Christ acts presently  
as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit.  
As the Church of pardoned sinners,  
it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world,  
with its faith as with its obedience,  
with its message as with its order,  
that it is solely his property,  
and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort  
and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.**

**We reject the false doctrine,  
as though the church were permitted  
to abandon the form of its message and order to its own pleasure  
or to changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions.**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

*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.*

**OFFERTORY**

By Gracious Powers

C. Hubert H. Parry

By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered, and confidently waiting, come what may,  
we know that God is with us night and morning and never fails to greet us each new day.

Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented, still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;  
O give our frightened souls the sure salvation for which, O Lord, you taught us to prepare.

And when this cup you give is filled to brimming with bitter suffering, hard to understand,  
we take it thankfully and without trembling, out of so good and so beloved a hand.

Yet when again in this same world you give us the joy we had, the brightness of your sun,  
we shall remember all the days we lived through, and our whole life shall then be yours alone.

– Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1944 (trans. Fred Pratt Green, 1972)

**\*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 #432**

How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord



# 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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