



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

August 10, 2025

10:30 AM

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Please remember to silence your cell phone.

Regular text is read by minister.

*Please stand as you are able.

THE GATHERING

The prelude is a time of music for quiet reflection to prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Andante tranquillo
The Peace May Be Exchanged

Felix Mendelssohn
Dan Locklair

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.

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

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.**

***HYMN #645**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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

**God of the people,
you have called us to walk humbly before you
and to share in the struggle with the least of these,
yet we have failed to live up to this call.
Today, we come before you
asking your Spirit to empower us
to be agents of transformation for the world.
Make us a chalice from which all the oppressed
can find the living waters of God,
who calls us to live a life of service, of humility,
and of reconciliation with you, with creation,
and with the world.**

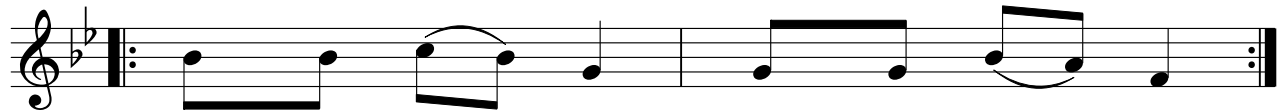
Prayers of confession continue in silence.

***LORD, HAVE MERCY**

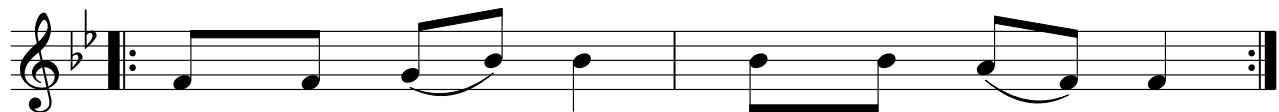
Cantor first, then ALL



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**

God searches for the lost,
and finds us;
God invites the hungry to the table,
and feeds us;
God sends Jesus,
and frees us from death's prison;
God forgives all who sin,
and heals us with mercy and grace.
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

Estelle Brunner

SCRIPTURE READING John 10 & 14 (excerpts); Luke 15:1-7

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN #729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from the Confession of 1967*)

**God’s redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life:
social and cultural, economic and political,
scientific and technological, individual and corporate.**

It includes the natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin.

**It is the will of God that the divine purpose for human life
shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ
and all evil be banished from creation.**

**With an urgency born of this hope,
the church applies itself to present tasks
and strives for a better world.**

**It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth,
nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.**

**In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement
to the final triumph of God.**

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP - WARM SPRINGS

Bill Resley

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

I Shall Not Live in Vain

Jake Heggie

If I can stop one Heart from breaking
I shall not live in vain
If I can ease one Life the Aching
Or cool one Pain

Or help one fainting Robin
Unto his Nest again
I shall not live in Vain.

— *Emily Dickinson (1830-1886)**(Madeline Ross, soprano)*

***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 #766** The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Prelude in Classic Style Gordon Young

*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

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.*



IN MEMORIAM

Our prayers are with the family of Chase Hunter, who passed away this week.

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 celebration of Joyce Evans' birthday, a gift from her husband John Evans and her family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Menucha Volunteer Work Party

When: Sat, Aug 16, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Where: Menucha

This upcoming Saturday, you're invited to celebrate summer with community bonding while improving the Menucha property. There will be something for everyone! Lunch is included. Email Menucha at hello@menucha.org to let them know you'd like to sign up for this season's work party!

Children's Ministry Internship for Youth

Application Deadline: Fri, Aug 22

Calling all high school students! Do you want to play a meaningful role in the life of a child at FPC? Do you want to grow as a leader and have some fun on Sunday mornings? Please consider applying to serve as one of our Children's Ministry Interns. You can apply for one semester or for the entire year. Compensation is provided! To learn more about this faith-enriching opportunity or to apply, please contact Kara Morris (karawmorris@gmail.com) by August 22.

Warm Spring Worship & Fellowship

When: Sun, Aug 24, 10:00 am

Where: Warm Springs PC

(1141 Warm Springs St, Warm Springs OR)

You're invited to join in worship at Warm Springs Presbyterian Church later this month. Pastor Jeff Sievert, joined by his wife and FPC member Lori, will provide pulpit supply. This is a meaningful opportunity to strengthen FPC's connection with our sisters and brothers on the reservation. Warm Springs celebrated 150 years of ministry last summer and is now in renewed partnership with the Presbytery. You're also welcome to bring a treat to share for fellowship! For more info, contact Jeff at jscott5717@gmail.com or 503-523-8305.

Mission Study Team Survey Sharing Sessions

When: Sun, Aug 24, 11:30 am

Where: Heritage Room

The Mission Study Team would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for participating in the survey and the multiple listening sessions held in May. The team received over a 100 survey responses and held about 8 listening sessions. We hope you'll join us for the second survey results sharing session later this month following worship.

Menucha Fall Fundariser - "75 Years of Transforming Lives"

When: Sun, Sep 7, 4:30 pm

Where: Menucha, Wright Hall

Menucha invites you to their annual fundraising dinner celebrating 75 years as a retreat center! Join us for an evening of connection, inspiration, and support as we honor Menucha's legacy and look toward a vibrant future. The keynote speaker will be Mark Yaconelli, author, storyteller, and founder of The Hearth. For more information and to buy tickets, visit menucha.org/fall-fundraising-dinner. Ticket sales end August 22.

Women's Book Club Fall Start Date

When: Sun, Sep 9, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Where: Heritage Room

Join us for the new season of the Women's Book Club next month! Please note that the September meeting will be on the **second Tuesday**. We will be voting on a list of books we've read over the summer. We hope to see you in person or on Zoom: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81233316517!](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81233316517)

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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