



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

August 3, 2025

10:30 AM

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday**

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 *Nettleton*
Prelude on *Dove of Peace*

Craig Phillips
Daniel Burton

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.
Our faith has challenged us to make good trouble,
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.**

Today we walk alongside Dorothy Day,
whose faith taught her to see value in the poorest of the poor.
May we learn from her.
May her discipleship in the name of Jesus inform our own.

Amen.

***HYMN**

As We Gather at Your Table

**As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.**

**Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.**

**Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.**

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Tune: NETTLETON, 8.7.8.7.D; *Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

***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.

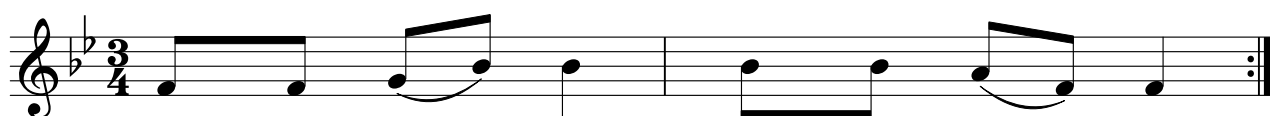
Today, we come before you asking your Spirit to empower us
to be agents of transformation for the world.

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**

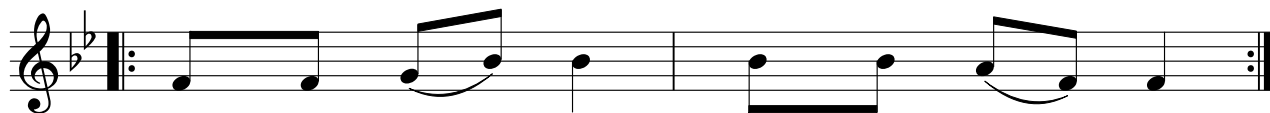
Cantor first, then ALL



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

Shelby Walker

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 13:1-3, 7-8, 15-16

Pew Bible, NT p. 227

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Servant Song

Richard Gillard
arr. Francis Patrick O'Brien

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow 'til we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46

Pew Bible, NT p. 29

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Heidi Bolt

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN #726**

Will You Come and Follow Me

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

In each time and place,

**there are particular problems and crises
through which God calls the church to act.**

The church, guided by the Spirit,

**humbled by its own complicity and instructed by all attainable knowledge,
seeks to discern the will of God**

and learn how to obey in these concrete situations.

The following are particularly urgent at the present time.

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The reconciliation of humankind through Jesus Christ makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God’s good creation. Because Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited, the cause of the world’s poor is the cause of his disciples. The church cannot condone poverty, whether it is the product of unjust social structures, exploitation of the defenseless, lack of national resources, absence of technological understanding, or rapid expansion of populations. The church calls all people to use their abilities, their possessions, and the fruits of technology as gifts entrusted to them by God for the maintenance of their families and the advancement of the common welfare. It encourages those forces in human society that raise hopes for better conditions and provide people with opportunity for a decent living. A church that is indifferent to poverty, or evades responsibility in economic affairs, or is open to one social class only, or expects gratitude for its beneficence makes a mockery of reconciliation and offers no acceptable worship to God.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Thank you for your faithful support. To contribute to the life and ministry of this congregation, please refer to page 8 (insert) of the worship bulletin.

OFFERTORY

Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table

Jeeva Sam

“Come now, you blessed, eat at my table,” said Jesus Christ to the righteous above.
“When I was hungry, thirsty, and homeless, sick and in prison, you showed me your love.”

When did we see you hungry or thirsty? When were you homeless, a stranger alone?
When did we see you sick or in prison? What have we done that you call us your own?

“When you gave bread to earth’s hungry children, when you gave shelter to war’s refugees,
when you remembered those most forgotten, you cared for me in the smallest of these.”

Christ, when we see you out on life’s roadways, looking to us in the faces of need,
then may we know you, welcome, and show you love that is faithful in word and in deed.

— Ruth C. Duck, 1979

***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 HUNDREDDTH, LM; Genevan Psalter, 1551

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF GREAT THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high.....

we join our voices to those of the Church on earth and in heaven:

**(spoken) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord God, as we come to share the richness of your table.....

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

For us you were born.....

loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes.

Amen.

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.

COMMUNION, CONT.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

Ubi caritas and Adoro te devote

Michael Larkin

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE SENDING

*HYMN #515

I Come with Joy

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in F Major, BWV 556

J.S. Bach

*This service is based on
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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 Lynn Hermanson Blum by Robin Blum Flaig and Bob Blum.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Update from the Youth Mission Team!

Thank you everyone for your prayers and support of our 2025 Philippine Youth Mission Trip. Inspired by our time at the Ingan Leyte Project our team will be **collecting new school supplies for the five schools the project supports**. This month while school supplies are on sale, we hope you will consider picking up a pack of pens or pencils, etc. to bring to church and drop off the donation box in **Geneva Hall**.

August Birthday Celebration Today!

When: Today, Sun, Aug 3, 11:30 am

Where: Geneva Hall

After worship today, we'll wish a happy birthday to all those born in August! We want to celebrate you after the worship service with cupcakes and a song. Please come to Geneva for a brief celebration at coffee hour!

Allan Oliver Exhibit Opening Reception

When: Today, Sun, Aug 3, 11:30 am

Where: Chapel Art Gallery

You are invited to join us in the art gallery **following worship today** to meet artist Allan Oliver and view his liquid flow paintings. Refreshments will be served. Thoughts from the artist: "By its nature, liquid acrylic art is abstract, but I plan and choose colors and composition to achieve significance and meaning. The combination of intention, discipline and inspiration keeps me working in the studio and helps maintain my sense of wonder and conscious contact with God."

Walk the Wildwood This Weekend!

When: Sat, Aug 9, 7:30 am - 3:00 pm

Where: Stevens Pavilion at Washington Park

Walk the Wildwood 2025 is **this Saturday!**

The first check-in starts at 7:30 am. Enjoy a guided walk in the forest, catered boxed lunch, and stories from Kamwenge Secondary and Vocational School, (KSVS) in Uganda! Funds raised this year will contribute to construction of two dorms for vocational students. We look forward to seeing you there!

Save the Date: Volunteer Work Party

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

Where: Menucha

In a few short weeks, 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!

Reminder: Menucha Labor Day Retreat!

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

Where: Menucha

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! 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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