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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON
AUGUST 23, 2020 – 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PASTOR – Rev. Jonathan Mitchell
LITURGIST – Carol Blanc
MUSIC – Steve Muller
ORGANIST – Sue Nelson

You are invited to participate with us.
Bold words are spoken together.
Bold Italic words are sung together.

PRELUDE

Thy Strong Word

John A. Behnke

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #647

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart
 Give thanks to the Holy One
 Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son
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 Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son
 And now let the weak say, "We are strong"
 Let the poor say, "We are rich
 Because of what the Lord has done for us"
 And now let the weak say, "We are strong"
 Let the poor say, "We are rich
 Because of what the Lord has done for us"
 (Repeat)
 Give thanks

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
 before the gods I sing your praise;
**I bow down toward your holy temple
 and give thanks to your name
 for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
 for you have exalted your name and your word
 above everything.**
 On the day I called, you answered me,
 you increased my strength of soul.
**All the kings of the earth shall praise you,
 O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.**
 They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
 for great is the glory of the LORD.
**Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
 you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
 you stretch out your hand,
 and your right hand delivers me.**

The LORD will fulfill God's purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you our God.**

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion cleanse us from our sin.

Do not cast us away from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.

**Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

From Matt 16, Rom 12

Jesus promised that the gates of the underworld would not be able to stand against the church. Each of us is part of this church, this body of Christ. Each of us has unique gifts and our own unique calling. Know that God will bless you with new imaginings, new thoughts, new hopes and new courage.

Join me in these words of forgiveness:

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

GLORIA, GLORIA

***Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia***

PASSING OF THE PEACE

We are one body in Christ,
and we belong to one another in this family, the church.
Let us welcome one another as we share the peace of Christ.
May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

ANTHEM

The Lord's Prayer

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 12:1-8

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16:13-20

SERMON

The Church and its Calling

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

1. God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.
3. Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
4. Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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