

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 – 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PASTOR – Rev. Jonathan Mitchell
LITURGIST – Carol Noe
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

Hallelujah I'm Ready

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Mission: Peace and Global Witness Offering

OPENING PRAYER

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CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 103

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love.

God will not always accuse, nor stay angry forever.

God does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God's steadfast love
toward those who fear the LORD;**

as far as the east is from the west,
so far God removes our transgressions from us.

**As parents have compassion for their children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear God.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is
hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness
of our hearts; Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud
thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may
draw near to you, confessing our faults, and confiding in your grace, and
finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.**

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

From Psalm 103

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

God removes our transgressions from us as far as the east is from the west.

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 From Psalm 103

God crowns us with steadfast love and mercy. God satisfies us with good as long as we live so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's. This brings us peace. Let us share God's peace with one another.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

ANTHEM

By The Mark

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HEBREW LESSON

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then

his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

SERMON

Giving Life

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Farther Along

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

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.

BENEDICTION