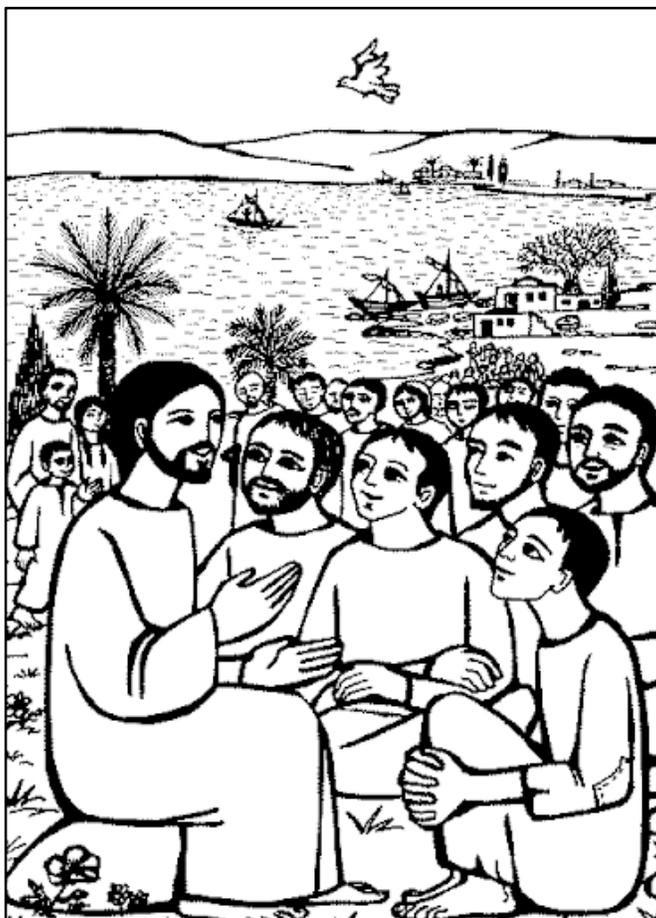


THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON
SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 – 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PASTOR – Rev. Jonathan Mitchell
LITURGIST – Judy Witte
MUSIC – Steve Muller
PIANIST – Sue Nelson

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

PRELUDE

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" African-American Spirituals
& *"My Lord What a Morning"* by Eugene Butler

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Coming up in about two weeks we will be hosting a Zoom Virtual Baby Shower for the Sims Family. If you would like to participate in this fun get together, look for info in your Eblast.
- We have not been able to take a regular offering during the current Pandemic. But if you feel led to give today you can donate online, by mail, or drop off a check through our parking lot entrance mail slot. Thank you to everyone who continues to support church ministry.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #630

Fairest Lord Jesus

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| 1. Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown. | 3. Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter;
Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast. |
| 2. Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer;
Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing. | 4. Beautiful Savior,
Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine! |

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 78

Give ear to God's teaching.

We gather to hear the stories of our ancestors.

Incline your ears to parables and sayings of old.

We come seeking stories of God's wondrous power.

We will not hide them for our children.

We will tell the coming generations of God's glorious deeds.

God split a rock open in the wilderness
and gave the people abundant water from the deep.

God causes water to flow down like rivers

We come to drink the living water.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From Exod 17, Ps 78, Phil 2, Matt 21

God of second chances, you are always there for us.

In the midst of our grumbling, we yearn to find the strength of our convictions.

**In the course of our struggles we long to work humbly on,
forsaking positions of power and authority.**

We want to work gladly in your vineyard without thought of reward or acknowledgement.

Renew us in your compassion and grace, that our eyes may be opened to your presence and our minds may be filled with the very mind of Christ.

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

From Ps 78, Matt 21

Hear the good news:

No matter who you are or what you have done,

Christ welcomes us into God's kingdom with open arms.

Join me in these words of forgiveness:

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

GLORIA PATRI - #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

From Phil. 2

Be of the same mind, have the same love,
and be in full accord with one another.

Share the signs of Christ's unity and peace.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

ANTHEM

"Come thou Fount of every Blessing" #475

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 2:1-13

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:23-32

SERMON

The Right Questions

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 #265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Vss. 1-4

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.
3. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation

by John Purifoy.