

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON
NOVEMBER 8TH 2020
23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

About the *Thank Offering*

Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, planted the seed for Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering in 1888 when she urged each woman to give one dollar over and above her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. Year after year, women have responded to Clokey's call to give a "thank offering to her Lord," and have raised tens of millions of dollars for mission at home and around the world.

The Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women has chosen 18 grant recipients each year. This year's recipients provide the tangible love of Christ through food for children who are hungry, education for women who seek it, support for immigrants who need friends, shelter for those without beds and homes, and healing for patients at home and abroad. As the prophet Jeremiah reminds us, God hears us when we call. It is through our offerings and our ministry to others that we demonstrate God's love throughout the world.

For more information on the 2019 Thank Offering recipients, read the July/August 2019 issue of *Horizons* magazine or go to www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank.

PASTOR – Rev. Jonathan Mitchell
LITURGIST – Judy Witte
VOCALS – Steve Muller
ORGAN/PIANO – Sue Nelson

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

PRELUDE

Now All the Woods Are Sleeping

JS Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #362

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

1. Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising and soon he will draw nigh.
Up, watch with expectation; at midnight comes the cry.
2. See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil;
look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand;
arise, O heirs of Glory; the Bridegroom is at hand!
3. Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this shadowed sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 78 and Josh. 24

Our ancestors have led us here.

We are witnesses of their faith.

The wisdom of the ages has called us here.

We are children of its call.

The call to follow God lies before us.

We are heirs of its promise.

The Lord of life has called us here.

We are here to worship the Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We long to have the courage to choose you, O God, each and every day. We yearn for the forbearance to wait patiently, through the long watches of the night – for we desire to be found ready when you appear in your glory. Too often we fail. Fill our lamps with your grace, that we might share your light with our children and with the generations to come.

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

From 1 Thess. 4:17

Hold onto these words of hope:

“We will be with the Lord forever.”

Love the Lord and live.

Join me in these words of forgiveness:

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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***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 Matt. 25

Christ has filled our lamps with hope and peace. Let us share God’s peace with one another.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

ANTHEM

Steal Away

HEBREW LESSON

Amos 5:18-24

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:1-13

SERMON

Shining Lights

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 #175

Seek Ye First

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!
3. Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccatà in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel