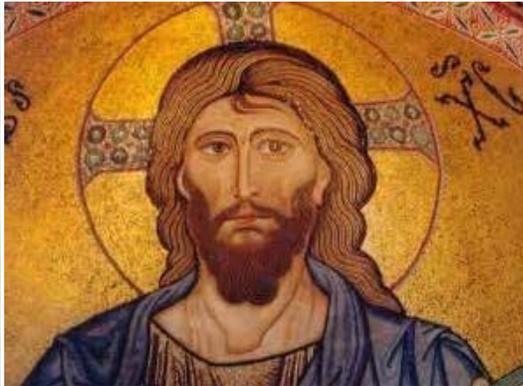
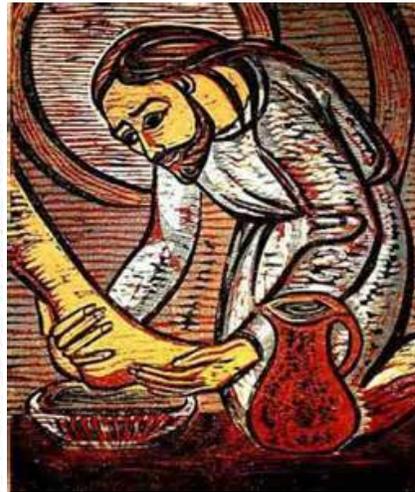


THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PENDLETON, OREGON      NOVEMBER 22, 2020  
**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

BREAD OF LIFE Lord of All HOLY ONE  
DELIVERER ANointed ONE Lamb of God OVR PEACE  
MIGHTY ONE JESUS WORD OF GOD  
ALPHA & OMEGA CHRIST  
IMMANUEL King of Kings BELOVED WONDERFUL  
GOD WITH US Lord of Lords SON MIGHTY GOD  
GOOD SHEPHERD EVERLASTING FATHER  
THE WAY THE TRUTH THE LIFE PRINCE OF PEACE  
LION OF JUDAH MESSIAH  
REDEEMER  
SAVIOR



**PASTOR – Rev. Jonathan Mitchell**  
**LITURGIST – John Turner**  
**VOCALS, GUITAR – Steve Muller**  
**PIANO – Sue Nelson**

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

PRELUDE

*Coming Home*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION: PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN THANK OFFERING

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #26

*Earth and All Stars*

1. Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song! Hail, wind and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done Marvelous things; I too sing praises with a new song!
2. Trumpets and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song! Harp, lute and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done Marvelous things; I too sing praises with a new song!
3. Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers! Sing to the Lord a new song! Limestone and beams! Loud building workers! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done Marvelous things; I too sing praises with a new song!
4. Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song!
5. Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done Marvelous things; I too sing praises with a new song!

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 95

O come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;**

**let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In God's hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

**The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land,**

**which his hands have formed.**

O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**For the LORD is our God,  
and we are the people of God's pasture,  
and the sheep of God's hand.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From Matthew 25

Merciful God, we confess that we have wandered  
from your way of truth and life.

**You call us to share all that we have  
and work together for the common good,  
but we hoard up treasures for ourselves  
and deny others their daily bread.**

You call us to set the captives free  
and seek justice for the oppressed,  
but we live in fear of our neighbors  
and hide ourselves from our own kin.

**You call us to walk in newness of life and to be witnesses to the resurrection, but  
we dwell in the valley of dry bones and keep silent about your saving love.**

Forgive us, God of grace. Set us free from sin, death and fear so that we may serve  
you with gladness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

With power and grace, God gives us wisdom, enlightens our hearts and provides  
hope now and in the age to come.

Join me in these words of forgiveness:

**By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

GLORIA PATRI - #577 in The Presbyterian Hymnal

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

***As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.***

***As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.***

***Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.***

PASSING OF THE PEACE

We have received peace and forgiveness  
through the greatness of God's power.

Let us share God's peace with one another.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

ANTHEM

*One Pair of Hands*

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON

Relationships

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*A Brief Statement of Faith (excerpts)*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives.**

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

**In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image to live as one community.**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

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 #772

*Live into Hope*

1. Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The oppressed shall be the first to see The year of God's own jubilee!
2. Live into hope the blind shall see with insight and with clarity,  
Removing shades of pride and fear a vision of our God brought near.
3. Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be,  
The right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
4. Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*The Heavens Are Telling the Glory of God*

Frans Joseph Haydn, arr. by Colon Curtis

## ~ A PREFACE TO THE BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH ~

In 1983 the two largest Presbyterian churches in the United States reunited. The “Plan for Reunion” called for the preparation of a brief statement of the Reformed faith for possible inclusion in *The Book of Confessions*. This statement is therefore not intended to stand alone, apart from the other confessions of our church. It does not pretend to be a complete list of all our beliefs, nor does it explain any of them in detail. It is designed to be confessed by the whole congregation in the setting of public worship, and it may also serve pastors and teachers as an aid to Christian instruction. It celebrates our rediscovery that for all our undoubted diversity, we are bound together by a common faith and a common task.

The faith we confess unites us with the one, universal church. The most important beliefs of Presbyterians are those we share with other Christians and especially with other evangelical Christians who look to the Protestant Reformation as a renewal of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Diversity remains. But we are thankful that in our time the many churches are learning to accept, and even to affirm, diversity without divisiveness, since the whole counsel of God is more than the wisdom of any individual or any one tradition. The Spirit of Truth gives new light to the churches when they are willing to become pupils together of the Word of God. This statement therefore intends to confess the catholic faith.

We are convinced that to the Reformed churches a distinctive vision of the catholic faith has been entrusted for the good of the whole church. Accordingly, “A Brief Statement of Faith” includes the major themes of the Reformed tradition (such as those mentioned in the *Book of Order*, “Form of Government,” Chapter 2), without claiming them as our private possession, just as we ourselves hope to learn and to share the wisdom and insight given to traditions other than our own. And as a confession that seeks to be both catholic and Reformed, the statement (following the apostle’s blessing in 2 Corinthians 13:14) is a trinitarian confession in which the grace of Jesus Christ has first place as the foundation of our knowledge of God’s sovereign love and our life together in the Holy Spirit.

No confession of faith looks merely to the past; every confession seeks to cast the light of a priceless heritage on the needs of the present moment and so to shape the future. Reformed confessions, in particular, when necessary even reform the tradition itself in the light of the Word of God. From the first, the Reformed churches have insisted that the renewal of the church must become visible in the transformation of human lives and societies. Hence “A Brief Statement of Faith” lifts up concerns that call most urgently for the church’s attention in our time. The church is not a refuge from the world; an elect people is chosen for the blessing of the nations. A sound confession, therefore, proves itself as it nurtures commitment to the church’s mission, and as the confessing church itself becomes the body by which Christ continues the blessing of his earthly ministry.

(This preface does not have confessional authority, but is included as an aid to interpret the “Brief Statement of Faith.”)

## *The Statement*

In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.  
We trust in Jesus Christ,  
Fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.  
We trust in God,  
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.  
We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and  
neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit  
who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.  
In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"  
With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our  
Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.\*  
\*Instead of saying this line, congregations may wish to sing a  
version of the Gloria