

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON MARCH 14TH 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Apostle's Creed

Although not written by apostles, the Apostles' Creed reflects the theological formulations of the first century church. The creed's structure may be based on Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In a time when most Christians were illiterate, oral repetition of the Apostles' Creed, along with the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, helped preserve and transmit the faith of the western churches. Candidates for membership in the church, having undergone a lengthy period of moral and doctrinal instruction, were asked at baptism to state what they believed. They responded in the words of this creed.

PASTOR – Rev. Jonathan Mitchell
LITURGIST – Barbara Wright
VOCALS – Steve Muller
PIANO – Emily Muller-Cary
AV SUPPORT – Alison Moses

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

PRELUDE

The Last Rose of Summer

by Richard Alfred Milliken
arr. Phillip Keveren

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #634 TO GOD BE THE GLORY

1. To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

2. Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 107

O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good,

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

those God redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Let them thank the LORD for God's steadfast love,

for the LORD's wonderful works to humankind.

And let them offer thanksgiving, and tell of God's deeds with songs of joy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From Ps 107, Eph 2, John 3

Gracious God, we are tired of our own grumbling.

Though we run around like errant children,

we long to return to your warm embrace.

Though we act as if the odds are stacked against us,

we yearn to rest in the knowledge

that your steadfast love endures forever.

Though we crouch in the shadows,

we long to feel the warmth

of your love shining upon us each day.

Lead us from death into life, that we might live as children of light,
and serve one another as you have called us to do.

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

From John 3:17

Hear these words of grace: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Join me in these words of forgiveness: **By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

GLORIA PATRI

***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 Ps 107

Thanking God for the bounty of love we find in Christ Jesus,
let us share our joy as we exchange signs of Christ's peace this morning.

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

ANTHEM

Danny Boy

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 2:1-10

GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:14-21

SERMON

Trust

APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

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 #853 WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

We are marching in the light of God,
 We are marching in the light of God,
 We are marching in the light of God,
 We are marching in the light of,
 The light of God,
 We are marching, marching,
 We are marching, marching,
 We are marching in the light of,
 The light of God,
 We are marching, marching,
 We are marching, marching,
 We are marching in the light of God.

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
 Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
 Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
 Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwen-,
 Khanyen' kwenkhos',
 Siyahamba, hamba,
 Siyahamba, hamba,
 Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwen-,
 Khanyen' kwenkhos'.
 Siyahamba, hamba,
 Siyahamba, hamba,
 Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

We are dancing...
 We are praying...
 We are singing...

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Garryowen, Irish Folksong

arr. by Phillip Keveren.