

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON MARCH 21ST 2021
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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PASTOR – Rev. Jonathan Mitchell
LITURGIST – Mike Muller
VOCALS – Steve Muller
ORGAN/PIANO– Sue Nelson
AV SUPPORT – Alison Moses

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

PRELUDE

Romance on "Love Unknown"

Karl Osterlund

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

GATHERING PRAYER

HYMN #401

Here in This Place (Gather Us in)

1. Here in this place, new light is streaming
now is the darkness, vanished away,
See, in this space, our fears and our
dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken.
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your
daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion,
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place, the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

CALL TO WORSHIP

From **Psalm 51, John 12**

Have mercy on your people, O God.

Wash us. Cleanse us. Make us more perfect in your love.

Open the skies and pour down your grace upon your people.

Open our hearts to hear your voice.

Let the thunder of your presence awaken us!

Have mercy on your people, O God.

Restore within us the joy of your salvation.

Draw us nearer to Jesus, our Redeemer! Come, let us worship the LORD.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From Psalm 51

God of steadfast love and mercy,
we have shielded our eyes from the evil and injustice in the world.

**We have turned away from your forgiveness and your compassion,
and from your wisdom and your guidance.**

We have allowed our voices to be silent. Cleanse us. Purify us.

Remind us that we still have much to learn, and that you continue to teach us.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that our faith in you might be renewed.

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

From Heb 5, Psalm 51

In the grace of God, through the love of Jesus Christ,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are saved from brokenness,
and we and are restored to the joy of God's salvation.

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 Psalm 51 John 12

As people of faith, united in the steadfast love and mercy of God,
let us share the peace of Christ, who is glorified for the sake of all.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

ANTHEM

Take Up Your Cross, The Savior Said

HEBREW LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:20-33

SERMON

Being Gathered

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 #767

Together We Serve

1. Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending God's love to the last and the least.
2. We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.
3. We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.
4. Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Michael A. Burkhardt