

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

PENDLETON, OREGON MAY 2, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PASTOR – Rev. Jonathan Mitchell

LITURGIST – Rod Nixon

VOCALS – Steve Muller

ORGAN/PIANO – Sue Nelson

AV SUPPORT – Alison Moses



**Bold words are
spoken together.
Bold Italic words are
sung together.**

PRELUDE

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord
(Dove of Peace)

Charles Callahan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION: PENTECOST OFFERING

GATHERING PRAYER

HYMN #450

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

4. High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

CALL TO WORSHIP From **1 John 4; John 15**

Come to Christ, the true vine, and bear much fruit.

**We have come to abide in the vine,
and to bear the fruit of salvation.**

Come to love one another, for love is of God.

We have come to the household of love, for God is love.

Come to set aside your fears, for perfect love drives out fear.

**We have come to love one another,
as God has loved us.**

Come! All are welcome here.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From **1 John 4; John 15**

Source of love and life, your glory knows no bounds.

We yearn to set aside our fears, but we are often afraid.

We long to love our sisters and brothers,
but we often feel alienated from them.

**We desire to abide in you as you abide in us,
but we can't seem to figure out how.**

Show us once more how to love,
for only love can cast out our fear.

**Show us how to love one another well,
for only then can we truly know you.**

Show how to abide in your vine,
for only then can we bear the fruit that glorifies your name.

(TIME FOR SILENT, PERSONAL CONFESSION)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

From John 15

When we abide in Christ, we abide in the vine of love and grace.
Abide in the vine, and receive mercy beyond measure.

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

As we abide in Christ, our vine, we bear the fruit of God's love.
Let us share the joy of our fortune by exchanging signs
of Christ's peace with one another.

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

ANTHEM

Now Thank We All Our God

Bells of Joy

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:1-8

SERMON

Invasive Vines

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 #525

Let Us Break Bread Together

1. Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]
3. Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

HYMN #546

Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1. Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.
2. Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation
- in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.
3. Savior, when your love shall call us,
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with you in endless day.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator*
Burkhardt

Michael

(Kremser)