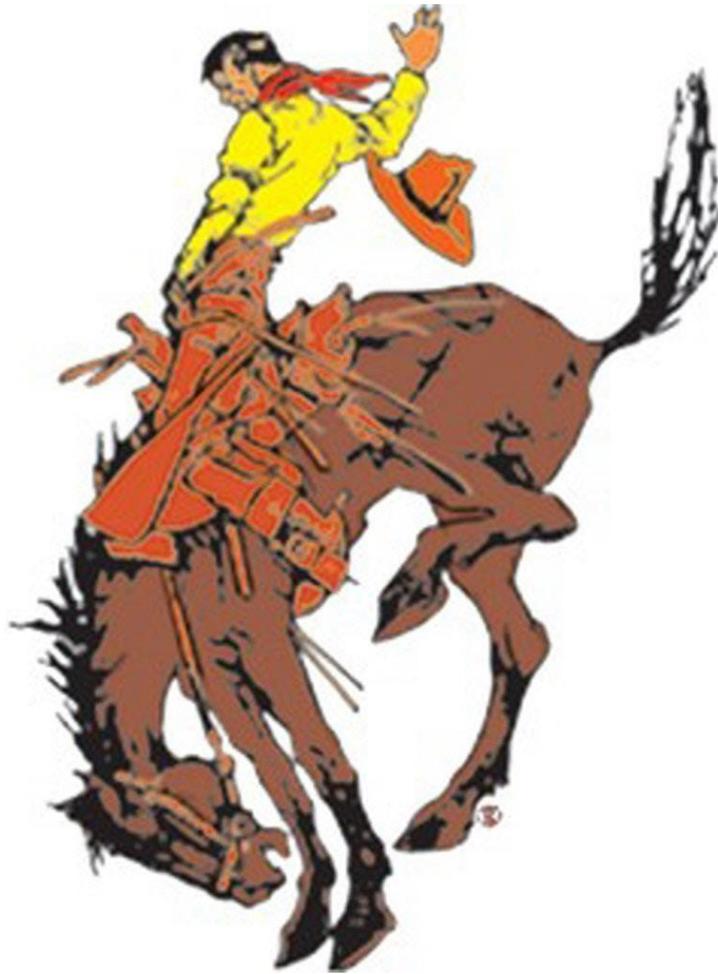


THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PENDLETON, OREGON MAY 16, 2021

**ASCENSION SUNDAY – GRADUATE SUNDAY**



**Pastor – Rev. Jonathan Mitchell**  
**Liturgist –**  
**Vocals – Steve Muller**  
**Organ/Piano – Sue Nelson**  
**AV Support – Alison Moses**

**Bold words are spoken together.**

We will stand (if you are able) during the hymns and Gloria Patri as a sign of worship. Humming softly is welcomed, but please do not sing.

PRELUDE

Ode to Joy      Ludwig van Beethoven  
Pomp and Circumstance      Edward Elgar

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION: PENTECOST OFFERING

GATHERING PRAYER



HYMN #260

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

- 1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;**  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
**Alleluia!** his the triumph,  
his the victory alone!  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of every nation  
has redeemed us by his blood."
- 2. Alleluia! Not as orphans**  
are we left in sorrow now;  
**Alleluia!** he is near us;  
faith believes nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received  
him,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise:  
"I am with you evermore"?
- 3. Alleluia! Bread of angels,**  
here on earth our food, our stay;  
**Alleluia!** here the sinful  
flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, hear our plea  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4. Alleluia! King eternal,**  
Lord omnipotent we own;  
**Alleluia!** born of Mary,  
earth your footstool, heaven your  
throne.  
As within the veil you entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
here on earth both priest and victim  
in the eucharistic feast.



CALL TO WORSHIP      From **Ephesians 1**

Mystery of God, draw us near.

**Fill our minds with awe!**

Wisdom of God, surprise us.

**Encourage us with hope!**

Glory of God, shine through our lives.

**Reveal your power and your glory!**

In the mystery, in wisdom, glorify God,

**Let us worship the Lord!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From **Luke 24 and Acts 1**

The story of Ascension Day challenges us to seek the presence of the risen Christ in the here and now—in our lives, our community, and our world.

When we "look up to heaven" for our answers,  
and so fail to seek the Spirit at work in our midst—

**Lord, have mercy.**

When we forget to repent of our wrongdoing;  
when we fail to forgive others for mistakes of their own,  
and so fail to give witness to the risen Christ—

**Christ, have mercy.**

When we doubt the power of your Spirit,  
which is at work changing hearts and opening minds,  
and so fail to embrace relationships  
of righteousness and peace—

**Lord have mercy.**

(time for silent, personal confession)

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, the love of God revealed in Jesus forgives us,  
heals us, and sets us free to witness to his love in the world.  
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 **Luke 24 and Acts 1**

Christ passed peace to his followers in the days before his ascension.  
We too have received that peace. Let us share it with one another.  
May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**



#### ANTHEM

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

#### FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

#### GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:44-53

#### SERMON

Waiting then Going

#### HONORING OUR GRADUATE

**Gabrielle Fitzmorris**

#### 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 #265**     *Jesus Shall Reign Where're the Sun*

- 1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**
- 2. To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise  
with every morning sacrifice.**
- 3. People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.**
- 4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the prisoners leap to loose their chains;  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.**
- 5. Let every creature rise and bring  
honors peculiar to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen!**

**BENEDICTION**



**POSTLUDE**

**Pomp and Circumstance**     **Edward Elgar**  
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