

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PENDLETON, OREGON – SEPTEMBER 12, 2021  
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
~ **ROUND UP SUNDAY** ~



PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL  
MUSIC: BLUEGRASS BAND, FEATURING:  
ANDY CARY, STEVE MULLER, AND EMILY MULLER-CARY  
AV SUPPORT: ALISON MOSES  
LITURGIST: CATHY MULLER

You are welcome to sing softly with us.  
We are required to wear masks at this time.  
Bold words are spoken together.  
\* Indicates to stand (as you are able) for  
Hymns and Gloria Patri, as a sign of worship.

PRELUDE

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

PEACEMAKING OFFERING MINUTE FOR MISSION

BLUE GRASS BAND      ***Hallelujah (I'm ready)***

Chorus:    Hallelujah (I'm ready) I'm ready (Hallelujah)  
              I can hear the voices singing soft and low  
              Hallelujah (I'm ready) I'm ready (Hallelujah)  
              Hallelujah I'm ready to go

In the darkness of night not a star was in sight  
On a highway that leads down below  
But Jesus came in and saved this soul from sin  
Hallelujah I'm ready to go

Sinners don't wait before it's too late  
He's a wonderful Savior you know  
Well I fell on my knees and he answered my pleas  
Hallelujah I'm ready to go

***Angel Band***

My latest sun is sinking fast  
My race is nearly run  
My strongest trials now are past  
My triumph has begun

Oh come angel band  
Come and around me stand  
Oh bear me away on your snow white wings  
To my immortal home  
Oh bear me away on your snow white wings  
To my immortal home

Oh bear my longing heart to him  
Who bled and died for me  
Who's blood now cleanses from all sin  
And gives me victory

## CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

**yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.**

In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hid from its heat.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel,  
but we remain silent in the presence of evil.

**You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,  
but we are content to live in separation.**

You call us to seek the good of all,  
but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.

**You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit  
idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near.**

Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit

**Give us the courage and strength  
to be reconciled to others through Jesus Christ.**

(time for silent, personal confession)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

From 2 Cor. 5:17

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

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 James 3

We have received peace through forgiveness.  
The words we speak to one another have a profound effect.  
Look to your neighbor, wave to your neighbor,  
and speak words of peace to your neighbor.

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

ANTHEM *It is Well with My Soul* Blue Grass Band

EPISTLE LESSON James 3:1-12

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8:27-38

SERMON Hard Words

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.**

BLUE GRASS BAND

*Where the Soul Never Dies*

To Canaan's land, I'm on my way  
Where the soul never dies  
My darkest night will turn to day  
Where the soul never dies

Chorus: No sad farewells  
No tear-dimmed eyes  
Where all is love  
And the soul never dies

The rose is blooming there for me  
Where the soul never dies  
And I will spend eternity  
Where the soul never dies

The love light beams across the foam  
Where the soul never dies  
It shines and lights the way to home  
Where the soul never dies

### ***I'll Fly Away***

Some glad morning when this life is over  
I'll fly away  
To a home on God's celestial shore  
I'll fly away

Chorus: I'll fly away, oh, Glory  
I'll fly away  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by  
I'll fly away

Oh how glad and happy when we meet  
I'll fly away  
No more cold iron shackles on my feet  
I'll fly away

Just a few more weary days and then  
I'll fly away  
To a land where joy shall never end  
I'll fly away

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### **Tuesday, September 14**

3:00 PM Wired Word

### **September 16-17**

Office will be closed.

### **Sunday, September 19**

10:00 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary

### **Tuesday, September 21**

3:00 PM Wired Word

### **Sunday, September 26**

10:30 AM Worship in the Woods: Westminster Woods  
Afterwards: "Fall Fest"