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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON – SEPTEMBER 19, 2021
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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LITURGIST: ALICE HEPBURN

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

Abide with Me

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION: PEACEMAKING OFFERING

GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CALL TO WORSHIP

From James 3 and 4

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

**As we come into God's presence,
the Spirit is speaking words of wisdom.**

The Spirit calls us to kindness and peace.

Wisdom calls us to service and love.

Wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable and gentle.

**Wisdom from above is willing to yield,
full of mercy and good fruits.**

As we worship let us draw near to God,
and may God draw near to us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From Mark 9 and James 3

**Servant God, humble our hearts,
even when we are proud.**

**Call us back to service and love,
even when our focus is lost in the pursuit of power and prestige.**

Remind us to welcome the powerless as we welcome you.

**Cover us with your grace and unify us in your peace,
that we may embrace your wisdom**

from above and your humility from below.

In your mercy and grace, we pray.

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

From Psalm 1 and Mark 9

With the nourishment of Christ the Living Water,
we are refreshed and made new.

We are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season.

In God's mercy and grace,
we are again claimed as God's children and called into God's service.

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 and 4

What is the wisdom from above? It is lives lived here and now,
when we are peaceful, gentle, merciful, good, kind, fair, and
genuine. Let us serve one another with signs of this wisdom as
we pass the peace of Christ. Look to your neighbor, wave to
your neighbor, and share God's wholeness with one another.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

ANTHEM

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

EPISTLE LESSON

James 3:13-4:3,7-8a

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:30-37

SERMON

Fear and Wisdom

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Although not written by the 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.

-From the Book of Confessions PC(USA)

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 #157

I Danced in the Morning

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

This Little Light of Mine.