

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON – OCTOBER 17, 2021
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Bless the LORD, O my
soul! O LORD, my God,
you are very great! You
are splendor and majesty.

Psalm 104:1

Pastor: Kate Bottorff
Liturgist: Alice Hepburn
Music: Emily Muller-Cary and Steve 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

"Graduel and Alleluia"

Henri Potiron

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on

Leader: We praise you, O God, and honor your holy name.

People: **Our God, you are very great.**

We praise you and honor your holy name.

Leader: You are clothed in honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

People: **Our God, you are very great.**

We praise you and honor your holy name.

Leader: You make springs gush forth in the hills, giving drink to every wild animal. By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation: From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

People: **Our God, you are very great.**

We praise you and honor your holy name.

Leader: Let us worship the One who has created us and all of life.

*HYMN #32

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Dear God, we pray in the name of Jesus, who talked with women and men, boys and girls, and cared about them all. Care for us the way Jesus cared for them. Hear the questions of our hearts and the confession of our souls.

People: **God, why do we strive so often to put ourselves in places of importance? Forgive us for the times we have been too filled with the sense of our own importance, for the times we have ignored the needs of others in our families and in our community, and have stepped on the rights of those whom we considered less important.**

God, why are we do reluctant to serve the needs of others? Forgive us for the times we could have used our power to serve others, but didn't, for the times that we have not been ready or willing to be a servant of all and the share your holy love with others.

God, why is it so hard to accept the gifts of your awesome love? Forgive us for the times we have taken your majesty and power for granted, for those times that we could not lift our eyes beyond our own pettiness and desire for status and power in order to receive a new understanding of your wisdom and live out your purpose for all creation.

Into your hands. O God, we place our hearts and souls. Grant us your merciful forgiveness and share with us your cup of blessing.

(time for silent, personal confession)

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Jesus came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Jesus calls us to follow him, sharing in the blessings and challenges of his cup and his baptism. Dear friends in Christ, the gifts of forgiveness and a new beginning have been given to us. Let us open our hearts, minds, spirits, and bodies to receive the precious gift of faith.

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

In forgiveness, we have received Christ's love, wholeness and grace. This gives us peace. Look to your neighbor, wave to your neighbor, and share God's peace with one another.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

ANTHEM *"My Lord, What a Beautiful Morning"* Mark Hayes

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Page 458 OT Job 38:1-7, 16-18

GOSPEL LESSON Page 44 NT Mark 10:35-45

SERMON Too Close for Comfort

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 #757 *"Today We Are Called to Be Disciples of the Lord"*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* Oliver Holden

Tuesday, October 19

10:30 AM Stewardship

3:00 PM Wired Word on Zoom

Wednesday, October 20

6:00 PM Session

Sunday October 24

10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary,
 Followed by Sermon Discussion - Zoom

11:30 PM Worship Commission Meeting