

The Order of Worship
1st Presbyterian Church
Pendleton, Oregon
September 4th 2022
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

O Magnum Mysterium

Ola Gjeilo

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good morning everyone! Welcome to First Presbyterian Church in Pendleton, Oregon. We are so glad that you are joining us here in the sanctuary and watching from home. If you could let us know you are here, that would be great! Drop a hello on the Facebook comments online or take a moment to sign the friendship pad in your pew and pass it to your neighbor.

- I am Pastor Jonathan Mitchell.
- Carly Elder will be leading music.
- Gary Zimmerman will be our liturgist today.

The Preschool opened this week to our biggest enrollment in recent memory. 75 students are learning to work together and improve their skills in preparation for Kindergarten. They are doing great!

In fact, classes all around Pendleton started this week. So please keep teachers and students in your prayers. We have a strong legacy of supporting education and teaching in this congregation. We appreciate all of you teachers and other staff who support children's education in many ways!

On September 22, we will be meeting with other churches who are participating with us as we seek to determine how to serve Immigrant Families through the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services program. If you would like to help, please join us at Peace Lutheran Church on Sept 22 at 5:30.

Our next Church in the Woods will be on October 2nd, followed by a nice potluck lunch with Fall Fest activities. It is a great weekend to invite a friend. You are welcome to hike the trails and enjoy the camp.

GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN #403 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

Liturgist: Please join me in the call to worship from Psalm 139

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 139

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD,
you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

Come, let us worship the LORD!

Liturgist: When the journey becomes difficult, we often turn away from God. We do not trust God to be with us. Please join me in the prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
In your great mercy forgive our sins
and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your way.**

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus accompanies us on life's journey,
offering abundant mercy and bountiful forgiveness
along the way. This is good news!

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

All of us are called to the journey of faith.

All of us are invited to the table of peace.

Let us share that peace with one another.

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

Greet one another with the peace of Christ

*HYMN #32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

HEBREW LESSON

OT p. 179

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

“See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses.

Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

FIRST GOSPEL LESSON NT p. 72

Luke 14:15-24

One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, “Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” Then Jesus said to him, “Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is ready now.’ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.’ Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.’ Another said, ‘I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ And the slave said, ‘Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.’ Then the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.’ ”

Liturgist's part done

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON NT p. 73

Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

SERMON

Jesus said What?

**HYMN #410 God is Calling Through the Whisper*

OFFERING *All Glorious Above*

*Doxology GTG #607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION, JOYS, CONCERNS,
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 #516 *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* Vss. 1,2

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*HYMN #516 *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* Vss. 3, 4

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *I Believe in God the Father*