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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON – JANUARY 29TH, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL
MUSIC LEADERS: CARLY ELDER, STEVE MULLER
LITURGIST: KATHERINE KRAUEL-HERNBERG

- **BOLD** words are spoken together
- The nursery is open for children aged 0-5
- There are children's activity bags available!
- The beautiful flowers have been provided by Darcey Ridgway this Sunday in memory of her aunt Sue Nelson.

PRELUDE *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

*Hymn #19 *God of Great and God of Small*

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 15

Come, let us walk in God's ways.

Let us listen for God's word.

Let us speak the truth from our hearts.

We will dwell here in God's tent.

We will sing God's praises.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, we are overwhelmed by the struggles of life.

We hunger and thirst for righteousness, but find ourselves feeling empty.

We grieve in seasons of loss, feeling hopeless and lost.

We want to show mercy, but we hold on to old resentments.

We want to make peace, but we don't even know where to begin.

Come with your wisdom and guide us in your ways.

Renew us and inspire us to live faithfully, as you walk beside us.

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON From Matthew 5

Jesus speaks words of blessing to those who struggle, offering joy and gladness each and every day.

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 Matthew 5

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who make peace; they will be called children of God." Children of God, share signs of this peace with one another.

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

Greet one another with the peace of Christ

ANTHEM

Spring Meadow

BELLS OF JOY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW LESSON

OT p. 816

Micah 6:6-8

EPISTLE LESSON

NT p. 156

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

GOSPEL LESSON

NT p. 4

Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON

A Good Sermon

*Hymn #372

O for a World

OFFERING

I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes

*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***

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 #547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

*Benediction

Postlude *I've Got Peace Like a River*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Congregational Vitality is starting a book study, which is called "Desserts and Discussion" on "So You Want to Talk About Race" by Ljeoma Oluo. The book is widely available online. Our first discussion will be Monday, Feb. 6, at 6:30 in the Vert Room. We will discuss chapters 1-8.
- Once again we will be doing the "Souper Bowl" of Caring. On Super Bowl Sunday, we will gather canned and dry food donations for the Outreach Food pantry. You can also make a financial donation. Please designate "Souper Bowl of Caring."
- February 12th will also be our next large group Sunday school with the theme of "Love."
- The ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service will be at Peace Lutheran Church on Feb. 22nd at 7 PM at Peace Lutheran Church.
- The Presbyterian Women will begin a 9-week study entitled "Celebrating Sabbath." The first discussion will begin Sunday, Feb. 5th at 6:00 PM via Zoom. All are welcome. Contact Barb Clark or the office for details
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