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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PENDLETON, OREGON – FEBRUARY 12TH, 2023
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL
MUSIC LEADERS: CARLY ELDER, STEVE MULLER
ANTHEM PRESENTED BY THE BELLS OF JOY
LITURGIST: CAREY MEERDINK

- **BOLD** words are spoken together
- The nursery is open for children aged 0-5
- There are children's activity bags available!
- The beautiful flowers were provided by The Grilley Family in honor of Beryl Grilley and Happy Valentine's day Millie Grilley!

PRELUDE

Lord of All Hopefulness

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

*Hymn #393

O Day of Rest and Gladness

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 119

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD.

Happy are those who keep God's decrees, who seek God with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in God's ways.

You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.

I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

Come, let us worship the LORD!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and glory, you are ever ready to forgive and free us from our burdens.

Forgive us for judging ourselves and others harshly.

Free us from the times we have made others stumble.

Forgive us for lifting ourselves up by putting others down.

Free us from self-condemnation and regret.

With every breath we take, help us choose to live in Christ's ways.

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is always offering us another chance.
God is always offering life and abundance.
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

As we live in God's ways, we receive wholeness, peace,
and life.

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

ANTHEM

Sweet Hour of Prayer

BELLS OF JOY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW LESSON

OT p. 179

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

GOSPEL LESSON

NT p. 4

Matthew 5:21-37

SERMON

Jesus Said What?!

*Hymn #688 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

CONFESSION OF 1967

Adapted from section 9.15

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.

Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.

But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people.

The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

OFFERING

Let the Whole Creation Cry

*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 #539

We Will Go Out with Joy

*Benediction

Postlude

Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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."
- The ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service will be at Peace Lutheran Church on Feb. 22nd at 7 PM at Peace Lutheran Church.
- Fair Trade Valentine-themed gifts will be available for sale in the Roger's Room after worship today. There are new selections available. The items are unique and make wonderful gifts for yourself or for another person.
- We will be taking special offerings or donations for the Presbytery Disaster Assistance organization. We want to pray for those who were affected by the Earthquake incident in Syria and Turkey.