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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PENDLETON, OREGON – MARCH 19TH, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL
MUSIC LEADERS: CARLY ELDER, STEVE MULLER
LITURGIST: CAREY MEERDINK

- **BOLD** words are spoken together
- The nursery is open for children aged 0-5
- There are children's booklets to use and keep available!
- The beautiful flowers were provided by Mike and Linda Muller to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary.

PRELUDE *Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bob Blanc

*Hymn #744 *Arise Your Light Is Come!*

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 23 and Ephesians 5

Dawn is breaking. Christ's light is shining.

The Light of the world shines in our lives.

Put aside the cares of the night.

In the Lord, we live in the light.

Even in the darkest valley, God illuminates our path.

Even in times of despair, hope shines forth.

Sleeper, awake! Christ's light is shining.

The Light of the world shines in our lives.

Come, let us worship the LORD!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION From 1 Samuel 16 and John 9

In our weakness, O God, we often fear what we do not understand.

In our blindness, we fail to see others as you do.

Yet, we long to see as you see and to perceive as you perceive.

We yearn to cast aside the shadows of the night and live as children born anew in the light of your love.

Help us behold your glory this day, that we might reflect your light for all to see.

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON From Psalm 23

Israel's shepherd is our shepherd. The Light that leads us through the darkest valleys, anoints us with love, fills our cup to overflowing, and brings us goodness and mercy all the days of our lives.

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

Look around and see Christ's light shining in one another.
Greet one another as children of light, for that is what you are.
Let us share God's 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

The King of Love and Grace

CHOIR

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Pastor Jonathan)

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us by your Word through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HEBREW LESSON

OT p. 248

1 Samuel 16:1-13

GOSPEL LESSON

NT p. 96

John 9:1-41

SERMON Sassy

*Hymn #451 *Open My Eyes That I May See*

OFFERING *Holy Ground*

*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 #853 *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

*Benediction

Postlude *Santo, Santo*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Souper Bowl of Caring Update: We gathered 110 pounds of food and \$365 for the Outreach Food Pantry through the Souper Bowl of Caring. Thank you for your generosity!
- “Family Game Night” scheduled for Sunday, March 19, 2023, from 4-6 p.m. Please bring a snack to share and your favorite game. The Congregational Vitality Commission will provide drinks and has a few fun games planned as well. Please RSVP to Mei in the Church Office.
- Soup supper will be at the Peace Lutheran Church. Soup will start at 6 pm and service at 7 pm. Rev. Jonathan Mitchell will be preaching.
- There will be a meditative and reflective Maundy Thursday service on April 6th at 7:00 PM.
- ANNUAL MEETING OF OREGON TRAIL MANOR, INC. on Thursday, April 13th at 3:00 P.M. in the Recreation Room of Oregon Trail Manor, 2430 S.W. Perkins Avenue, Pendleton, OR.