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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
PENDLETON, OREGON – MAY 21ST, 2023  
ASCENSION SUNDAY



Pendleton, Oregon

WELCOMING  
WORSHIPING  
SERVING



*PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL*  
*MUSIC LEADER: CARLY ELDER & STEVE MULLER*  
*LITURGIST: JUDY WITTE*

- **BOLD** words are spoken together
- The nursery is open for children aged 0-5
- There are children's worship booklets to use and keep as available!
- The beautiful flowers were provided by Marie and Paul Davis in honor of their parents Annette & Lowell Hall and Areta & Leland Kocher.

PRELUDE

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

\*HYMN #267

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 113

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

**Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised.

**The LORD is high above all nations, and God's glory above the heavens.**

Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

**The LORD raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of the people.**

Praise the LORD!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Christ who was and is and is to come, we stand looking up at the heavens, looking for you there.**

**Forgive us for believing that you have left us.**

**Forgive us for failing to recognize you in the world around us.**

**Forgive us for waiting idly for your return, instead of doing the work you have called us to do.**

**You are above us, around us, before us, and within us;**

**help us to embody you in our time and place, today, tomorrow, and forevermore.**

(time for silent, personal confession)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

FROM LUKE 24

Hear this astounding truth:

Christ is the one who reigns on high,

Christ is the one with the power to redeem us,

and Christ is the one who offers us

eternal love, forgiveness, and mercy.

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

We are called by Christ from suffering to renewal, from despair to hope. As witnesses to God's love for all people, let us show God's love for one another. Let us pass the peace of Christ to restore the broken places in our community.

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

*Greet one another with the peace of Christ*

ANTHEM

*Give me Jesus*

CHOIR

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

NT P. 181

EPHESIANS 1:15-23

GOSPEL LESSON

NT P. 85

LUKE 24:44-53

THIRD SCRIPTURE SESSION

NT P. 110

ACTS 1:1-11

SERMON

*Wait, Go*

\*HYMN #260

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

OFFERING

*Loving Spirit*

\*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 # 265

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Show your love and appreciation for the special people in your life with fairly traded crafts, chocolates, and coffee. They will be on display in the Rogers Room and are available for purchase from Sunday, May 7th through June 4th.
- The PC(SUA) Pentecost Offering supports children at risk, youth, and young adults across the globe. This offering enables young people to grow into the people God created them to be. 40% of the offering stays with our local congregation to support youth in the community. This year, our portion will support the day camp program, which reaches kids across the community. Please give as you are led and able.
- We have a tradition of bringing Geraniums to the church for Pentecost. If you are inclined to do so, please bring them to the church office. Judy Witte will plant them. We ask that you bring the upright variety and **not** the ivy leaf Geraniums that spread along the ground.
- We need Volunteers! On July 17th- 21st, 2023 to help put on another successful camp for kids in our community. For more information, the form will be available to fill out below in your bulletin pamphlet. Contact Lori Albright at 541-429-0698 for more details.

# Camp Creation!



Join us for  
**Day Camp @ Westminster Woods**  
**July 17-21, 2023**

**This year we've added an extra day!**

Open to all children ages 6 (by July 3, 2023) through entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Pendleton

## Time to register!

Register online at

[https://penpresvbs.wixsite.com/  
pendleton-presbyteri](https://penpresvbs.wixsite.com/pendleton-presbyteri)

beginning May 15. Space is limited  
to the first 75 students. Cost is  
\$75.00 per camper or \$260.00  
for four or more siblings.

Registration closes July 3, 2023.

We're excited for another  
successful Day Camp!