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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PENDLETON, OREGON – SEPT. 3RD, 2023  
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Pendleton, Oregon

WELCOMING  
WORSHIPING  
SERVING



*PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL*

*MUSIC LEADERS: CARLY ELDER, STEVE MULLER*

*LITURGIST: BARBARA WRIGHT*

- **BOLD** words are spoken together
- The nursery is open for children aged 0-5
- There are children's activity booklets available to keep!
- Beautiful flowers were provided by Marty Platt in loving memory of his grandparents, Bob and Shirley Michael.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Peace and Global Witness Special Offering*

GATHERING PRAYER

\*HYMN #265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

CALL TO WORSHIP FROM PSALM 105

O give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name, make known the LORD's deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to God, sing praises to the LORD; tell of all God's wonderful works.**

Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**Seek the LORD and God's strength; seek God's presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works God has done, God's miracles, and the judgments God uttered.

**Praise the LORD!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sometimes it sounds too hard: deny ourselves, take up our crosses, lose our lives.**

**Forgive us, Savior, but we'd rather you do it for us.**

**Forgive us, Christ, but we are overwhelmed with what you ask of us.**

**We long to see you come in glory, but fear the road we must take.**

**Have mercy on our weakness. Be patient with our stumbling.**

**Do not leave us behind, even when we are slow to follow, and lead us in your ways of peace.**

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ does not abandon us, but died for us, was raised for us, and loves us still.

This is the good news that prevails!

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 ROMANS 12

The Prince of Peace leads us into life. With this hope and this promise, turn to one another and pass the peace of Christ.

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

*Greet one another with the peace of Christ*

\*HYMN #372

*O for a World*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

NT P. 151

ROMANS 12:9-21

GOSPEL LESSON

NT P. 17

MATTHEW 16:21-28

SERMON Imagination

\*HYMN #726

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

OFFERING

\*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 #507

*Come to the Table of Grace Vss. 1-3*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**The Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

\*HYMN #507

*Come to the Table of Grace Vss. 4-5*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at the end of the pews. It is a great way to find out who is sitting in the pew next to you. Please join us for coffee hour following worship.
- Sunday, September 10th is Round-Up Sunday. We will be blessed by the Bluegrass Band. Wear your Western gear. It will be a festive day!
  - On that day, we will also bless the backpacks of students and teachers returning to school. There will be a Big Group Sunday School for the students.
- Book groups, Presbyterian Women's Bible study, and Adult Education opportunities will be coming in October. Details will follow.
- International Peacemaker Noemi Sanchez from El Salvador and interpreter Leslie Vogel will be in the Eastern Oregon Presbytery October 3-8. Details to follow.
- **Disaster Assistance** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is coordinating with the Presbytery of the Pacific, the Red Cross, and other emergency response agencies to support the communities impacted by the devastation of the recent wildfires in Hawaii. As search and recovery efforts continue, your prayers are appreciated for everyone struggling with this disaster. Additionally, wildfires range in our own state and Canada. Other disasters have affected our global neighbors such as cyclone Freddie, which swept across southern Africa. If you would like to help our neighbors recover and rebuild, we encourage you to donate to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Go to <https://pda.pcusa.org/>. You can pick a specific disaster, and donating online is very easy. Please lift your prayers and give as you are led and able.