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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON – SEPT. 10TH, 2023
ROUND- UP SUNDAY



Pendleton, Oregon

WELCOMING
WORSHIPING
SERVING



PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL

MUSIC LEADERS: EMILY MULLER-CARY, STEVE MULLER

LITURGIST: ALICE HEPBURN

- **BOLD** words are spoken together
- The nursery is open for children aged 0-5
- There are children's activity booklets available to keep!
- Ralph and Carol Noe provided flowers today in loving memory of the Noe and Francke families.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION

MARY DAVIS

Peace and Global Witness Offering

BLUEGRASS BAND

Hallelujah (I'm Ready)

CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 149

Sing a new song to God.

Sing of light and hope.

Dance with laughter and joy.

Dance with hearts full of love.

Rejoice with strings and drums.

Rejoice with justice and peace.

Sing a new song to God.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

God, as our children return to the rhythm of the school year,

We ask for blessing upon them:

That they may learn and grow,

That they may make and be good friends,

That they may have their minds opened,

That their hearts may be soft,

That they may be protected from evil,

That they may be filled with love.

As they make independent decisions each day

Be with them.

As they work and play

Be with them.

As they relate to other people

Be with them.

As they navigate tricky situations

Be with them.

As they confront their own hearts

Be with them.

For their teachers, we pray for endless wells of patience-

Let it be so;

Wisdom and insight into each child-

Let it be so;

Creativity and abundant resources-

Let it be so;

Blessings on earth and in the spirit -

Let it be so;

We know that safety is never guaranteed for anyone,

But we ask for it anyway -

That your angels would guard and keep them,

That kind people would surround them.

Give us wisdom as we raise and teach them,

To model kindness, empathy, and awareness,

To encourage creativity and open-mindedness,

And to love and welcome them whole-heartedly.

Amen*

Children are dismissed to Big Group Sunday school

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

FROM ROMANS 13

Beautiful Savior, you have made your law clear: Love.

Love one another. Owe one another nothing but love.

Do no wrong to a neighbor.

But we have not mastered what it is to love.

We have fallen short, causing harm to others through careless action and thoughtless lack of action.

Forgive us.

Teach us how to love more fully, more perfectly, as generously as you love, following your law and fulfilling your will.

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As God's forgiven children, we are a new creation.

The old life has gone. A new life has begun.

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

Set aside sorrow and past resentments. Embrace Christ's gift of healing and reconciliation as we share signs of 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

BLUEGRASS BAND

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

NT P. 152

ROMANS 13: 8-14

GOSPEL LESSON

NT P. 19

MATTHEW 18: 15-20

SERMON

Context

BLUEGRASS BAND

Angel Band

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

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Where the Soul Never Dies

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.

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I'll Fly Away

*BENEDICTION

Postlude

*Fran Pratt <http://www.franpratt.com/litanies/2018/8/15/litany-for-back-to-school>

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.
- International Peacemaker Noemi Sanchez from El Salvador and interpreter Leslie Vogel will be in the Eastern Oregon Presbytery October 3-8. Details to follow.
- Adult Education Opportunity: See the flyer in the back of the bulletin for information about the Feasting on the Word study and Sermon discussions starting in October.
- **Presbyterian Women:** Dear Presbyterian Women, please join us for the new “Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts” Bible Study.
 - The study will be offered by Ruth Circle, who will be here in person on Wednesday, Oct. 11th at 9:30 am and the following Wednesday of the month. Business meeting study starts at 10 am and all are welcome to join! An online version will be available later this year if you do not have time to attend. More information will be provided on the next page.

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The Gospel According to Luke and the Book of Acts of the Apostles, or Luke-Acts, “one story in two parts,” demonstrate the unfolding of God’s redemptive purposes in human history and present a distinctive perspective on the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Written by Luke, a physician and traveling companion of Paul, the message to the early Christian community (and to us) is radical, inclusive, and hope-filled.

This study will be offered by Ruth Circle as an in-person opportunity beginning Wednesday, October 11th at 9:30 am, and afterward on the second Wednesday of the month. We have a brief business meeting, and the study begins at 10:00. We rarely go past an hour, and sometimes we go out to eat afterward! This time together is precious to us, as we encounter Christ’s word and see His presence in each other. We share our joys and needs, pray, eat, and laugh a lot. All are welcome to attend! If the time doesn’t suit you, look for an evening online version later in the year, or a quarterly offering by Sarah Circle. Questions? Please call Lori Powell, 541-278-6738.

Feasting on the Word

Pastor Jonathan will be leading a Bible study entitled Feasting on the Word. The curriculum is based on a commentary series on the revised common lectionary. Each week, we will dive into the sermon passage for the following Sunday. Sessions will include study, practical application, and discussion. Feasting on the Word is a great way to prepare for Sunday's sermon and worship. Dates, Time, Place Tuesdays October 17th through November 28 th 6:00 PM in the Vert Room

Sermon Discussion

Each Sunday following worship, Pastor Jonathan will host a "sermon discussion." Come to coffee hour, grab some coffee and a treat! We will gather at a table in a corner in the Rogers Room. Pastor Jonathan will briefly present some material that "didn't make it into the sermon." The focus will be on responses to the sermon, questions raised during the sermon, and the many ways we may respond to the message and/or the passage. The format will be very informal. Please join us! Dates and Times, Place Sundays: October 15 th through November 26 th following worship, in the Rogers Room