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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON – DEC. 31ST, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY



MUSIC LEADERS: CARLY ELDER, STEVE MULLER

LITURGIST: VALERIE CONNER

- **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 Carly Elder & Carey Meerdink, in memory of Carly's parents, Mary & David Walker.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN #393 *O Day of Rest and Gladness*

CALL TO WORSHIP

ISAIAH 61 AND 62

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God;

for God has clothed me with the garments of salvation, God has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Come, let us worship the LORD!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, in Christ you were born a humble child,
love-made-flesh, God-with-us.**

**Forgive us when we fail to follow in your way of humility,
love, and peace.**

**Free us to see your Light reflecting in the faces of friends
and family, neighbors and strangers, enemies and friends,
and make us shine forth with your love.**

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

FROM ISAIAH 61 AND 62

Hear the promise of the Lord: See, your salvation has come!

You are a holy people, redeemed by God, sought out, not forsaken.

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 PSALM 148

In this time of glory and praise, let us rejoice by sharing signs of Christ's peace.

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

Greet one another with the peace of Christ

HYMN #14

For the Beauty of the Earth

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW LESSON

OT P. 550

PSALM 148

GOSPEL LESSON

NT P. 55

LUKE 2: 22-40

HYMN AND CAROL SING

This is an opportunity to choose your favorite hymn and carol. We will sing the songs together. Please allow everyone to have a chance to choose a song.

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

This brings us to the time of the prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer. Our prayers of the people this morning is the peace prayer of St. Francis Assisi.

Let us pray,
Lord, make me us instruments of your peace:
where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

And now we pray the prayer our Lord taught his disciples

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