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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON – SEPT. 22ND, 2024
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL

MUSIC LEADERS: STEVE MULLER, CARLY ELDER

LITURGIST: LUANN SODERSTROM

- **Bold** words are spoken together.
- The nursery is open for children aged 0-5
- There are children's activity booklets available to keep!
- Rod Nixon provided beautiful flowers at this service in honor of his 28th anniversary last week.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

BOB BLANC

GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN #320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

CALL TO WORSHIP FROM PROVERBS 31, PSALM 1, JAMES 3

Happy are those who follow paths of righteousness.

We take delight in the wisdom of God.

Happy are those who reach out to those in need.

We find delight in the love of God.

Happy are those who set aside envy.

We draw delight in the selflessness of God.

Happy are those who live in humbly.

We find strength in God's ever present love.

AFFIRMATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Elizabeth Currin, Elyse Flores, Riley Williams

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM CONFIRMANTS' STATEMENTS OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

I know God will never leave me.

I know Jesus loves me.

I believe my soul is enriched because of God.

I believe in the forgiveness of others and myself.

I believe in helping people and those in need.

I believe in salvation through grace and the forgiveness of sins.

I believe God will always forgive us and has everlasting and unconditional love.

I believe in my community of faith and that they're there for me and I'm there for them.

Children Dismissed for Big Group Sunday School

*HYMN #450

Be Thou My Vision

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of understanding, discord rages in the airwaves around us,
leading us to challenge your holy wisdom.**

**Confusion swirls within our daily lives, contributing to the discord
in our world.**

**Our selfish desires consume our attention, blocking your voice and
the needs of others from our view.**

**May your peace still the whirlwind within our minds and help us
hear your holy wisdom as we walk our journey of faith.**

**And may kindness spring forth from our tongues,
each and every day.**

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

FROM PSALM 1

...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 MARK 9

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

Greet one another with the peace of Christ

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

NT P. 216

JAMES 3:13-4:3, 7-8A

GOSPEL LESSON

NT P. 42

MARK 9:30-37

SERMON *Active Wisdom*

*HYMN #435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

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 #307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

*BENEDICTION

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 in the Rogers Room.
- Peacemaker Dr. June Lorenzo will be in the Eastern Oregon Presbytery from Sept. 26th to September 30th. She will lead a discussion in the Rogers Room on Sunday, Sept. 29th at 4:30 PM. See attached flyer. Light snacks will be provided. Here are a few words about Dr. Lorenzo: An attorney, consultant, and human rights advocate, June L. Lorenzo is Laguna Pueblo and Diné (Navajo Nation). Holding a JD and PhD, she practices law in New Mexico and advocates for the rights of Indigenous Peoples before the United Nations and Organization of American States bodies.
- Tiny Collins' celebration of life will be Saturday, Oct. 5 at 11:00 AM followed by a reception in the Rogers Room.
- There is an Eastern Oregon Sunrise Project presentation on Oregon Black history for 450 years in 45 minutes. This event will be on Oct. 5th at BMCC. The flyer with more information is displayed at the back of your bulletin.
- There is a 6-week Bible Study for those who want to dig deeper into the following Sunday's passage. More information is displayed on the flyer at the back of your bulletin.
- Oregon East Symphony: The Sue Nelson Festival will be on October 12th, 2024, at 6 PM. The flyer at the back of your bulletin provides more information.
- Rod Nixon provided beautiful flowers in honor of his 28th anniversary last week.

COMMUNITY GATHERING BUILDING PEACE IN A COMPLEX WORLD

WHO: Peacemaker Dr. June L. Lorenzo - An attorney, consultant and human rights advocate, Dr. Lorenzo is Laguna Pueblo and Diné (Navajo Nation). Holding a JD and PhD, she currently practices law in New Mexico and advocates for the rights of Indigenous Peoples before the United Nations and Organization of American States bodies.

WHAT: A community gathering to discuss cooperative peacemaking efforts with indigenous peoples in the United States and the world.

WHERE: First Presbyterian Church, 201 SW Dorion Ave. Pendleton, OR.

WHEN: *Sunday, September 29th at 4:30 PM.* Light snacks will be provided.

WHY: Building peace with neighbors requires a deep understanding of the historical and current contexts surrounding relationships with indigenous peoples. Dr. Lorenzo is uniquely qualified to lead a conversation about these relationships and explain current, complicated issues. Together, we will learn and exchange ideas.

To learn more about Dr. Lorenzo, scan the QR code and scroll down to her bio.



EASTERN OREGON SUNRISE PROJECT

We are a local truth & reconciliation coalition working to help communities reconcile their history of being sundown towns.

Oregon Black History: 450 Years in 45 Minutes

In conjunction with the debut of a month-long exhibit from the Oregon Black Pioneers at the Pendleton Public Library, Mariah Rocker will share "Oregon Black History: 450 years in 45 minutes" at Blue Mountain Community College.

11:00 AM
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OCTOBER

**PIONEER HALL AT
BLUE MOUNTAIN
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**

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People of African descent have lived and worked in Oregon since before the founding of the earliest English-speaking settlements in the Americas. Despite this, the popular narrative of our state's history excludes the experiences of African Americans before the mid-20th century. The Oregon Black Pioneers is dedicated to preserving and presenting the experiences of African Americans.

This program was made possible in part by a grant from Oregon Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this event, do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities.



FEASTING ON THE WORD

AN IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S PASSAGE

WHO: Anyone who wants to dig deeper into the following Sunday's passage.

WHAT: A 6-week Bible study based on the preaching commentary: Feasting on the Word.

WHY: This is great preparation for Sunday's sermon and worship. There is a lot of material, information, questions, and ideas that don't make it into Sunday worship. This is an excellent venue for a more in-depth investigation.

WHERE: First Presbyterian Church Vert Room

WHEN: Thursdays at 6:00 PM

Date	Passage	Topic
10/10/24	Mark 10:17-31	The Rich and the Kingdom of God
10/17/24	Mark 10:35-45	The Request of James and John
10/24/24	Mark 10:46-52	Blind Bartimaeus Receives His Sight
10/31/24	No Class, Halloween	
11/07/24	Mark 12:38-44	The Widow's Offering
11/14/21	Mark 13:1-8	The Destruction of the Temple
11/21/24	John 18:33-37	Christ the King Sunday

OREGON EAST SYMPHONY

The **SUE NELSON FESTIVAL**
6:00pm, Saturday, October 12th, 2024

Pendleton First Presbyterian Church
(201 SW Dorion Ave, Pendleton, OR)



Featured guest performer **Bill Crane**

Brahms - Clarinet Trio in A minor, Op. 114
w/ Steve Bass (clarinet) & Zach Banks (cello)

Kreisler - Prelude and Allegro in the Style of Pugnani
w/ Viet Block (violin)

Schubert - Fantasy in F minor for piano, four hands
w/ Kristy Moore (piano)



Free concert benefitting the
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