



**First
Presbyterian**
CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Service for the Lord's Day

July 21, 2024

10:30 am

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Please remember to silence your cell phone.

*Please stand as you are able.

Regular text is read by minister.

Bold text is read by congregation.

THE GATHERING

The prelude is a time of music for quiet reflection to prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

My Lord! What a Morning
Melody

Emma Lou Diemer
Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

(Matt Smith, Guest Organist)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Those attending worship are invited to fill out a blue card in the pew to register your attendance or express interest in the church's programs. You may place the cards in the offering plates as you depart at the end of the service. Those worshipping online are invited to click the blue tab on the worship page, "Visiting FPC? Let's Connect!"

INTROIT

In God Alone

Jacques Berthier / Taizé

In God alone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.
Only in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.

(Kathryn Hill, flute)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into the presence of the Most High God
with songs of praise and shouts of thanksgiving.

For our Savior frees us from slavery;
our Savior heals our diseases;
our Savior is our peace.

You are a holy temple in the Lord Jesus Christ.
Let us worship God.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God,
in Jesus Christ you opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.
Give us pure hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN #394**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation


***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.


Prayers of confession continue in silence.

***LORD, HAVE MERCY**

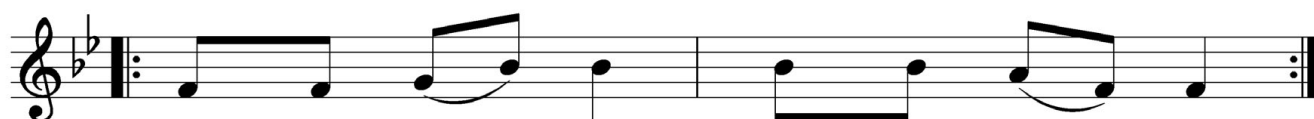
Cantor first, then ALL



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

THAXTED



O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day
and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;
for we can on-ly won-der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up-on your Word,
we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might-y Lord.

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***SHARING THE PEACE**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you!

Please take a moment to greet those around you with God's peace.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Steve Chown

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Pew Bible, pg. 41

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM

Lord Jesus Christ

John L. Bell / Iona

Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all,
trail wide the hem of your garment, bring healing, bring peace.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:11-22

Pew Bible, pg. 192

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Belonging”

Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks

***HYMN #761**

Called as Partners in Christ’s Service

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Unison*)

(*from Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39*)

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God’s purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

*Thank you for your faithful support of the church.
For various ways to contribute to the life and ministry of the church,
please refer to page 6 of the worship bulletin.*

OFFERTORY

Dona nobis pacem cordium

Jacques Berthier / Taizé

Grant us peace of heart. Grant us peace.

***DOXOLOGY**

**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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Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH, LM; Genevan Psalter, 1551

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

**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.**

THE SENDING

***HYMN #623**

I've Got Peace like a River

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Impromptu No. 1

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

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CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions to the church can be made in the following ways:

Mail a check to the church office.

Leave your gifts in the offering plates as you depart worship.

Scan the QR code on the right.

Visit <https://pushpay.com/g/firstpresportland>.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We join in holding in prayer: Suellen Bergdorf, Kathy Callas, Louise Grose, Fran Hermanson, Russ Mendenhall, Gordon Priedeman, Bruce Purdy, Phyllis Whittington, and others facing illness and loss. If you would like your name added to the prayer section of the weekly bulletin, please contact the church office.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Today's sanctuary flowers are given in honor of our 45th Wedding Anniversary, by John and Grace Babatunde.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Organist

We welcome Matt Smith, guest organist/pianist, and director this Sunday. Originally from San Francisco, Matt has lived in Portland since 2001. Previously he was organist and choir director at St. Stephen's Parish at SW 13th and Clay and St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Portland. He is the incoming Dean of the Portland chapter of the AGO (American Guild of Organists), for which Pastor Dave Dornack serves as Chaplain. Matt is currently Director of Training for CorVel Corporation and is married to Lisa Johnston-Smith, a graphic designer and ceramics artist.

July Coffee Hour Volunteers

If your last name begins with T, U, or V, July is your month to shine at Coffee Hour! Please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD4AABA92BA2FFCE9-46813925-coffee#/> to sign up or call Alexis in the church office at (503) 228-7331 or Amy Hall at (503) 330-0377.

Walk The Wildwood - Saturday, August 10

If you haven't already, please stop by our registration table during Coffee Hour **today** to register for Walk The Wildwood. For event details, visit <https://pim-africa.org/walk-oregon> or contact Kathryn Hill at hillka@teleport.com. If you're unable to attend but would like to donate to support Kamwenge Secondary and Vocational School, please visit [Donate to Walk the Wildwood](#). We're partnering with GotSneakers this year to raise funds and reduce sneaker waste in landfills. Please drop off your gently used sneakers in Geneva Hall or at the event. Thanks for your support!

Retirement Celebration for Pastor Spencer

Join us after worship on **August 11**, as we celebrate Pastor Spencer's retirement. We are preparing a treasure box for Spencer filled with cards, letters, poems, and drawings. Feel free to send your contributions to the church office in advance or bring them on **August 11**. You may also email a message for Spencer to Alexis in the church office at office@firstpresportland.org to be included in the treasure box. Stay tuned for details to come.

Labor Day Retreat Registration is Open!

Join us for FPC's All-Church Retreat, **August 30 - September 1**. Relax, reflect, and enjoy the fellowship at Menucha Retreat and Conference Center. Everyone is invited to spend the weekend with activities for all ages. Sign up **today** during coffee hour or online at <https://bit.ly/3RXKy8v>. This year's program theme is Life-Transitions, guided by the Rev. Joyce Emery of East Woods Presbyterian in Vancouver. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for community building as we worship, learn, and play together.

Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC)

The Congregational Nominating Committee is starting to meet to nominate new Elders and Deacons to serve terms starting in January 2025. If you would like to be considered or would like to nominate someone to serve, please contact Pete Vanden Bosch at petevandenbosch@gmail.com or (503) 440-7886.

Julia West Construction Update

Visit https://www.firstpresportland.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Neighborhood-Construction-Update_Julia-West-House_07.03.2024.pdf for the latest information on the Julia West construction project.

Pushpay Giving

Our online payment processing migration to Pushpay (parent of CCB) platform continues. Members with recurring gifts in CCB for pledges and other donations will receive emails with prompts for recreating recurring gifts in Pushpay. Contact Marc Lavender at cba@firstpresportland.org with any questions.

Youth Internship Application

Calling all high school students! Do you want to play a meaningful role in the life of a child at FPC and grow as a leader while having fun on Sunday mornings? Consider applying to serve as one of our Children's Ministry Interns. Compensation is provided! To learn more about this faith-enriching opportunity or to apply, please contact Session elder Kristine Olson at kristineolson4@gmail.com. **Application Deadline: August 4, 2024.**



Christ Healing the Blind
by El Greco (Domenikos Theotokopoulos),
c. 1570

**Love God.
Love Our Neighbors.**

Vision Statement

We commit to be a church that is:

Engaged: A forward-thinking and involved congregation committed to each other and to the wider community.

Inclusive: A faith community that affirms and welcomes all people.

Compassionate: A congregation that follows in Christ’s way, advancing the well-being and dignity of all people, working for a just and equitable society, and caring for all creation.

Faithful: Living our faith authentically with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love while expanding the circle where God’s love is known.

CHURCH STAFF

Principal Church Staff:

- Rev. Brenna Dykman, Bridge Pastor
- Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Menucha Director, Associate Pastor
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