

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

Gathering

PRELUDE *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* arr. C.E. Walz

WELCOME *Please sign the fellowship pad*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God the Lord speaks and summons the earth from the rising sun to its setting.

God says, “Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me.”

Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor the Lord.

To those who give the right way I will show the salvation of God.

Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN *The God of Abraham Praise* #49

PRAYER OF PRAISE

O God in heaven, like a potter you framed the universe, and with your hands you made us. You fashioned creation to fulfill your purpose. Through Christ you restore that which is broken; by your Spirit, you enflame us with zeal to obey. Look down from heaven to see if there are any who act wisely; you will see us and hear us praising your name.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

By faith you called Abraham to sojourn, O God; by faith Sarah conceived even when she was past the age. We read of their witness and marvel at their obedience; our faith is meager by comparison. We rarely venture out without knowing the destination; we want to know what’s in it for us before we commit ourselves to your call.

Forgive our lack of daring and commitment and help us to trust you completely.

(Prayers continue in silence)

SUNG RESPONSE *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* #471

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Remember that ‘faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen...By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.’ We can therefore look ‘forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.’ For by the faith of Jesus, the cornerstone, we are forgiven.

TIME WITH CHILDREN *The Word*
Children are invited to gather up front
(Child care will be provided for children ages 0-2nd grade in the Kid’s Room and can be dismissed now)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: Hebrews 11:8-22

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom he had been told, “It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you.” He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked blessings for the future on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, “bowing in worship over the top of his staff.” By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave instructions about his burial.

New Testament Reading: Luke 12:32-40

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

ANTHEM *Great is Thy Faithfulness* Halberg/ Burk singers

SERMON “Prescription for Affluenza” Rev. John Mahon

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all the families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* #307

Responding to God’s Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Faith of Our Fathers* arr. David S. Harris

*SUNG RESPONSE *Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow* #606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All praise and honor be unto you, O God, for your faithfulness throughout the ages. We could offer you nothing were it not for Christ our Redeemer. We could not walk obediently without your Holy Spirit to guide us. We could not bring you our offerings except for your grace. We are yours, blessed God. Use us now!

The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Eucharistic Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord!

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after Communion

Sending of God’s Word

*CLOSING HYMN *For All the Saints* #326

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* arr. Wilbur Held

**indicates those who are able may stand. Congregational responses are in bold...*

During communion, *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*, arr. Lloyd Larson

Happy Birthday to: Joyce Eltz 8/09, Monika Dinsmore 8/12

Children's and Youth Sunday School is on a break for summer. Worship activity bags are available in the Narthax. Childcare is available for children ages 0 to 2nd grade in the child care room.

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED - Please consider signing up to be a Coffee Hour Volunteer. Set up as well as clean up will be easier because we will only have coffee, tea or hot chocolate on most Sundays. Training can be provided if you have never done this. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board at the Harlow Road door.

During sabbatical, what if I need ----- If you have any pastoral needs, or a request, or a question, or any need while the pastors are on sabbatical, please call or email the office. Brooke and the sabbatical support team of John Mahon, Karen Keady, Teri Yerton, and Karen Young will triage that inquiry and get you an answer. Or, you might contact your deacon. office@wpceugene.org (541) 343-3140

**If there is an announcement you would like to put in the bulletin, email or contact Brooke Irvin in the church office (office@wpceugene.org or (541) 343-3140)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 8/07/2022

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Coffee Hour: hosted by Valjean Turk
5:00 pm AA Meeting (Meeting Room)

Monday 8/08/2022

Tuesday 8/09/2022

11:00 am WPC Knitter's (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday 8/10/2022

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Group at Countryside Pizza & Grill
10:30 am Pioneer Quilters (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday 8/11/2022– Office Closed (Brooke has a booth at The Scandinavian Festival– go say hi to her)

Friday 8/12/2022- Church Office Closed

Saturday 8/13/2022- Church Office Closed

Leading in worship today:

Pulpit Supply: Rev. John Mahon

Liturgist: Dawn Champoux

Organist: Larry Brown

Usher/Greeter: Gene Heinle, Don Hirst, Eileen Sanders, Lin Hirst

Counters: Arlis Wozniak and Drew Emmett

Communion Servers: Sheila Snyder, Karen Bradford,

Arlis Wozniak, Julia Frederick, Teri Yerton

Coffee Service: Valjean Turk

Next Sunday:

Pulpit Supply: Ann Bowersox

Liturgist: Dawn Champoux

Organist: Larry Brown

Usher/Greeter: Mike Bagaason, Kyle Coats, Judy Coats

Counters: Anita Brown and John O'Brien

Our pulpit supply today: Rev. Dr. John Mahon got his undergraduate degree from Occidental College in Los Angeles, California and his Doctorate in Religion from Claremont School of Theology in Claremont, California. He served the Presbyterian Church in Oregon for over 20 years as an administrator with the Presbytery in Eugene and as a pastor in Clatskanie. He was also an organizing pastor in St. George, Utah and an associate pastor in Modesto, California. He is Co-Executive Presbyter-Emeritus, Cascades Presbytery, PCUSA. He is honorably retired, but most Sundays he is in a pulpit somewhere in central Oregon. He is currently a member of the Emerald Empire Kiwanis Club and a Meals on Wheels volunteer.

During our sabbatical he will be moderator of WPC Session and is part of the Sabbatical Support team for our on-call pastoral needs and to officiate at communion.



Chagall: *The Sacrifice of Isaac*

9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022

10:00 am

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