

## ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

### *Gathering*

PRELUDE      *Dove of Peace*      The Southern Harmony, 1835  
arr. Gilbert M. Martin

WELCOME      *Please sign the fellowship pad*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come today as a reflection of the great tapestry of God's realm.

**Rich and poor, progressive and traditional, joyful and sad, we join as one people.**

While the world often sees differences as barriers to connection, we, the body of Christ, see differences as reflections of the uniqueness of God's people.

**We may be diverse, but we celebrate our unity in Christ.**

Let us worship the God who unites us as one.

**Let us worship the God who is big enough for all.**

\*OPENING HYMN      *O For A World*      #372

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

The sign of a healthy Christian is not perfection, but a willingness to look in the mirror and to see ourselves for who we are—beautiful and broken people. Let us confess before God and each other the honest story of our lives so that we may be loved for who we really are.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and Accepting God, we admit that despite our best intentions we often separate ourselves from others.**

**Sometimes it is out of a sense of superiority, but often times simply out of fear and lack of understanding. Break**

**through the barriers that we place between us and our brothers and sisters. Help us to see that the sick and the naked and the prisoner are not a different kind of people, but people just like us traveling the journey of life. Forgive us for our a lack of faith and give us courage to love all of your people. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

*(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

Friends, hear the good the good news. Through the selfless life of Jesus Christ we are forgiven and loved and accepted just as we are. Claim the good news. Live the good news. Be the good news. Amen.

### *The Word*

*(Childcare is provided for children 0—2nd grade in the Kid's Room. All other children are invited to stay in worship)*

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### *Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 15:7-11*

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, "The seventh year, the year of remission, is near," and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land."

### *New Testament Reading: Matthew 25:31-46*

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

SERMON      "Matthew 25: Then and Now"      Rev. Brian Heron

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      from A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and**

**to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

\*HYMN      *Called As Partners in Christ's Service*      #761

### *Responding to God's Word*

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### 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      *Peace Like A Dove Descends*      Edward Broughton

\*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

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
Invitation to the Table-      Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after Communion

**Help us rise in your resurrection power from this table where you, the Ruler of the Universe, have served us by your own hand, that we may extend your arms of peace to a world at war. This we ask through Christ, in Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit.**

### *Sending of God's Word*

\*CLOSING HYMN      *This Is My Song*      #340

#### \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      *Dona nobis pacem (Grant us peace)*      Traditional

During communion, *Thee We Adore* (ADORE TE), arr. Henry Coleman. Used by permission.

**Being God's People Adult Bible class on Deuteronomy 1-11 TODAY**, through Oct. 30, 2022 (Sunday's after worship 11:15am). Led by Jack Maddex. Study guide and information was emailed or you can pick up a copy in the Meeting Room during the class.

**Looking Forward:**

**10/16 Coffee Hour: Welcome Home, Welcome Back to honor the Ukropina's return**

**10/20 Presbyterian Women 1:30pm and 5:30pm**

**10/30 Trunk-OR-Treat in the Harlow parking lot from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.... Sign up to bring your decorated car and/ or volunteer in the office**

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

**Sunday 10/02/2022**

10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Coffee Hour: Unavailable today  
11:15 am Jack Maddex's Adult Bible Study Class (Meeting Room)  
5:00 pm AA Meeting (Meeting Room)

**Monday 10/03/2022**

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Meeting

**Tuesday 10/04/2022**

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

**Wednesday 10/05/2022**

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

**Thursday 10/06/2022**

**Friday 10/07/2022- Church Office Closed**

**Saturday 10/08/2022- Church Office Closed**

**Leading in worship today:**

Pulpit Supply: Rev. Brian Heron  
Presiding at Communion: Rev. John Mahon  
Liturgist: Jennifer Stanton  
Organist: Larry Brown  
Usher/Greeter: Gene Heinle, Don Hirst, Lin Hirst, Eileen Sanders  
Counters: Sandi Ash and Lee Kersten  
Communion: Teri Yerton, Marcee Long, Ann Miller,  
Jennifer Stanton and Gwen Childs  
Coffee Hour: Unavailable

**Next Sunday:**

Pastor: Rev. Marta Ukropina  
Organist: Larry Brown  
Usher/Greeter: Mike Bagaason, Kyle Coats, Judy Coats  
Counters: Anita Brown and Karen Young  
Coffee Hour: TBD

**Our pulpit supply today: : The Rev. Brian Heron is the Presbyter for Vision and Mission for the Presbytery of the Cascades. He has served the church in various capacities including new church developments, congregational legacies, interim positions, solo pastorates and chaplaincy. His spirituality has been shaped by the rich historic tradition of the church and connection to the Sacred through cycling, hiking, kayaking and snowshoeing. He is the father of two and grandfather of two—all of whom live in the Portland area.**



**17th Sunday after Pentecost  
October 02, 2022  
10:00 am**

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