

## ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

### *Gathering*

PRELUDE *Matin* Gordon Young

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please sign the fellowship pad*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are the poor in spirit, the downtrodden and despairing,

**They will rejoice in God's reign forever.**

Blessed are those who mourn, who are grieving

**They will be comforted in God's reign forever.**

Blessed are the ones who seek justice and righteousness

**They will find it in God's reign forever.**

Blessed are we when we love our neighbors and seek their needs

**We will live in God's reign forever.**

Blessed are we all when we seek to serve others in God's name.

**Let us worship together, serving one another  
and serving our Mighty God. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN *Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm* #731

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins, for the Holy One delights in blessing those who seek to walk with God.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. 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

Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame. Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great; Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace.

ANTHEM *Blest Are They* David Haas  
Steve Halberg, Marcee Long, Ann Miller, Marta Ukropina– Quartet

TIME WITH CHILDREN Children are invited to gather up front  
*(Children ages 0-3rd grade will be in the Kid's room, 4th-7th grade will be in the Elementary room & 8th grade+ will be in the Youth room)*

*The Word*

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### *Old Testament Reading: Psalm 15*

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart; who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors; in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

### *New Testament Reading: Matthew 5:1-12*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

\*HYMN *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* #418

SERMON “Rejoice and Be Glad” Rev. Marta Ukropina

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*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 *Like a Shepherd* Bradbury/ Rasley

\*SUNG RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father* #581  
**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.**

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Sending of God's Word*

\*CLOSING HYMN *Rejoice, the Lord is King!* #363

#### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

#### \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postlude on Darwell's 148th* Charles Callahan

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

\*\*Our Call to Worship was written by Rev. Mindi, and posted on **Rev-o-lution**. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – Our brief Congregational Meeting today has two items on the agenda.

First is to approve a Nominating Committee for 2023. The nominees are – Larry McKaughan, Darlene Valtinson (Elder), Arlis Wozniak (Deacon), Ann McCarley.

Second is to approve the 2023 Terms of Call for the Pastors. The terms include:

Pastor 1 – David Ukropina – Salary: \$36,120, Housing Allowance: \$18,250, SECA: \$2,932.

Pastor 2 – Marta Ukropina – Salary: \$45,632, Housing Allowance: \$18,250, SECA: \$2,932.

The difference in base salary is due to adding a couple of Cost of Living Adjustments to the terms for Pastor 2 (Marta) so that Board of Pension medical dues don't go up as much for the church.

Sunday, **February 12th is Super Bowl Sunday**, but did you know it is also SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY? No matter who you are rooting for in the big game or even if you don't watch football, EVERYONE can root for the SOUPER BOWL. Our Youth Group will once again be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring, a national event in which youth groups tackle hunger in their local communities. Please bring in your food donations for Food For Lane County. Our youth will collect them during worship on February 12th. When we bring in our canned goods, we can help make sure everyone is a Souper Bowl Champion as we tackle hunger together.

Would you like to sign up to **bring dessert** to our amazing youth groups? Available dates are March 5th and March 19th. Desserts can be dropped off in the morning. Please contact Brooke in the church office to sign up. office@wpceugene.org

The **Season of Lent** is just over a month away. Ash Wednesday is February 22nd and we will worship together at 6PM. Worship will include the sacrament of communion and the imposition of ashes. What a wonderful way to begin our Lenten journeys together.

New **Lenten Small Group**- Join us Mondays during Lent at 7PM for a Lenten Small Group led by Martha Zaborowski. We will be using Donald McKim's book, Living into Lent. The book offers daily readings and reflections and centers us in God's Word using the Spiritual Practice of Lectio Divina. Please purchase your book ahead of time and bring it with you to the first group. Amazon or Thriftbooks have the best prices. Please call or email the church office to let us know if you will be attending. 541-343-3140 / office@wpceugene.org

The **Men's Breakfast Group** meets Wednesday mornings at 8 a.m. for breakfast in the meeting room at Countryside Pizza & Grill. 645 River Rd, Eugene. They enjoy good food, fellowship, prayer, great discussions and getting to know one another. We support various activities around the church such as taking our turn at serving coffee hour after Sunday service, we supply the flowers for the sign at the corner of Harlow and Coburg and do the cleanup and planting a couple times a year, we contribute to the Bazaar, and we host a church-wide Corn Feed in the fall. Contact Kyle Coats: coatskyle1@gmail.com

**Do you love music?** Do you want to meet new friends or get to know other church members better all while having fun? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then choir may be for you! All experience levels are welcome--all that is required is a willingness to come and sing! Choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7PM in the sanctuary. Teenagers through adults are welcome. Come join us as we sing our praises to God through song. Questions? Contact WPC Music Director Michael Mercatante: Michael@wpceugene.org

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday 1/29/2023

10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Coffee Hour hosted by: N/A  
11:15 am John Mahon's Adult Bible Study (Meeting Room)  
5:00 pm AA Meeting (Meeting Room)

### Monday 1/30/2023

9:00 am Preschool  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Meeting

### Tuesday 1/31/2023

9:00 am Preschool  
11:00 am WPC Knitter's (Fellowship Hall)

### Wednesday 2/01/2023

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Group at Countryside Pizza & Grill  
9:00 am Preschool  
9:15 am Preschool Chapel  
10:30 am Pioneer Quilters (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 pm Choir Practice

### Thursday 2/02/2023

9:00 am Preschool  
9:15 am Preschool Chapel  
9:30 am Townscape Walkers (contact Julia Frederick for location)

### Friday 2/03/2023- Church Office Closed

9:00 am Preschool

### Saturday 2/04/2023- Church Office Closed

#### Leading in worship today:

Pastor: Rev. Marta Ukropina  
Music Director: Michael Mercatante  
Usher/Greeter: Gene Heinle, Keith Barr and Sue Martichuski  
Counters: Julia Frederick and Catherine York  
Coffee Hour: N/A

#### Next Sunday:

Pastor: Rev. David Ukropina  
Music Director: Michael Mercatante  
Usher/Greeter: Jim Salerno, Doug Schaaf, Teri Yerton, Larry McKaughan  
Counters: Arlis Wozniak and Katie Marwitz  
Coffee Hour: N/A

*Rejoice and be glad!*

**4th Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 29, 2023**  
**10:00 am**

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#### Our Church Staff

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