

First Presbyterian Church Worship Bulletin 6.20.21

Welcome & Announcements & Senior Bible Presentations

Prelude

Call to Worship

In the midst of darkness, God brings a new light.

Thanks be to the God of light.

In the midst of confusion and fear,
God brings new opportunities and peace.

Thanks be to the God of peace.

In the midst of strife and stress, God comforts and leads us.

Let us praise God who truly loves us and brings us new life. AMEN.

Call to Confession

Assured that God hears our confession, let us turn our minds to the truth, confessing our sins to God and one another. Let us pray...

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, we so often react to difficulties in a negative way. When hardship comes our way, we say, "I can't do that" or "I can't imagine doing that." When we encounter obstacles, remind us that you are with us. Forgive us and lead us to a more gracious, responsive life. Restore us and let your face shine upon us and we know we will be saved. Amen.

Prayer Song *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* STF2193

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Silent Reflection and Confession

***Proclamation of the Gospel**

Please stand with me as we celebrate the good news of the gospel...The light of God's love shines upon each of us in the gift of God's love, Jesus

Christ. This is given for you. Rejoice! You are forgiven and loved by God, now and forever. AMEN.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

We are called to share the peace we have received with our neighbors so they may experience that peace with us.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another in the Spirit of Christ by bowing or waving to our neighbors around us. If you are worshipping online with us, please share your peace with us in the comments.

***The Gloria Patri**

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray...As your Holy Spirit spoke with and to so many people in the Bible, today, we ask that you speak to us now through your Word that by hearing we too may receive faith and be strengthened to do your will.

Amen.

Scripture Matthew 1:18-25 & Matthew 17:20

Sermon Mountains as Opportunities

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves to God

Offertory

***Doxology (Stand)**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Let us pray...Holy God, you bless us with many gifts, you retrieve us from despair and fear and you visit us with surprising proclamations. We thank you for your steadfast love and for the gift of faith, faith that allows us to see obstacles as opportunities. Use our gifts to bring comfort and justice to those in need, reforming the ways of our world for the sake of new life.

Amen.

***Communion Hymn** *Time Now to Gather* STF2265

*Time now to gather,
Time now to feel
Christ's holy presence
gracing this meal.
Grain from the harvest
fruit of the vine;
simple the supper,
sacred the sign.*

*Time to remember
Christ who was sent.
Time to say thank you
for all he meant.
Come to this table.
Come, without fear.
God will forgive you,
welcome you here.*

*All who are hungry,
come, and be fed.
Serve one another
this cup and bread.
All who are troubled,
hurting, or sad,
come, and find healing.
Come, and be glad!*

The Lord's Supper

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 our thanks and praise.

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude

Remembering in Prayer

Praise and Thanksgiving: *(Lord, hear our praise):* Our earthly fathers and our Heavenly Father

Ministry of the Church in the Community: Narcotics Anonymous

Healing and Encouragement *(Lord, hear our prayer):*

Homebound: Jean M.

For those seeking healing and comfort: Lonnie, Russ K. and family, Pete W., Kate, Gary Tucker, Bryce, Mary Helen, Bobi S., Pastor Keith's family, Ellen and Randy's sister-in-law, Kortlyn, Cindi C, Dave P. and his twin brother and family, Mark, Barbara, Preston, Mark, Adam, Patty's husband, Sheri, and the Umatilla Cnty Sheriff's Department at the loss of a deputy.

For those with ongoing life challenges: Families dealing with mental health issues or addiction and those suffering economic or health issues from extreme weather and the pandemic, Cindy and Steve, Joanne's daughter Mary, schools, and churches seeking to glorify God.

For our Nation: Those suffering from the extreme heat, especially the western states

Psalm of Encouragement:

And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you. Psalm 9:10
