

First Presbyterian Church Worship Bulletin 8.13.23

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of the Day

Grant unto us, O God, the fullness of your promises. Where we have been weak, grant us your strength; where we have been confused, grant us your guidance; where we have been distraught, grant us your comfort; where we have been dead, grant us your life. Apart from you, O Lord, we are nothing; in and with you we can do all things. Amen.

Remembering our Baptism

Remember your baptism **and be thankful.**

Prelude *O For A World* Arr: Paul Manz

*Call to Worship

Come, people of God!

**Take refuge in the Lord,
who listens when we cry out,
who rescues us when we call,
and who leads and guides us according to his unfailing love.**
You are our God; our lives are in your hands.
Let's worship God together!

*Hymn of Praise #386 O For a World

*1 O for a world where everyone
Respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done
With justice and with praise.*

*2. O for a world where goods are shared
And misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared,
Equality achieved.*

3 We welcome one world family

*And struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity
And gives our vision voice*

*4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
The foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn; Outcasts belong,
Who perishes will rise.*

*5. O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace
Where time and tears will be no more
And All but love will cease.*

Call to Confession

Laying Our Burdens Before Christ

Holy One, We long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace, to serve each other in love and humility, to serve your world with wisdom and energy. Forgive us when we stumble over pride, when our words and actions are not guided by love. Turn our hearts when we act in folly. Restore our energy when it is gone. Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail. But your abundant grace is strong and eternal, And forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayer Song *More Precious than Silver* Sing the Faith #2065

*Lord, you are more precious than silver.
Lord, you are more costly than gold.
Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds,
And nothing I desire compares with you.*

Silent Reflection and Confession

***Proclamation of the Gospel**

Christ suffered for sins, once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. Through the mercy of Christ, God remembers you but not your faults or your sins. Brothers and Sisters in Christ, your sins are forgiven!

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another in the name of Christ! If you are worshiping online with us, please share your peace with us in the comments.

***The Gloria Patri**

Prayer for God's Wisdom

Fill us, oh Lord, with your Word. May it nourish us and guide us by your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Scripture Readings 1 Peter 3:13-22

Message Accounting For Our Hope

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves to God

Offertory *Bridge Over Troubled Water* Arr: Mark Hayes
 Danny Bailey

***Doxology**

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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**

***Hymn** #403 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!*

*2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?*

*We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!*

*3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.*

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.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving with Prayers of the Community and the Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Elements

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Postlude *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*

Arr: Mark Hayes

Remembering in Prayer

Praise and Thanksgiving: *(Lord, hear our praise):* For the youth and future leaders of the church.

Ministry of the Church in the Community: Koinonia House

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

Homebound: Yvonne, Jean, Ernie, Carlene and Wayne, Les, Sheri and Jim

For those seeking healing and comfort: Scott & Laurel, Jim & Sue, Rich, Grandma Eila, Leroy, Carol, Eric, Michael, Bryce, Cindi, Dan, Ken & Lori, Kelsi, Logan, Judy, Sheila, Bobbie, Beth, Katherine, Margaret, Tracey, Shannon, Freya and family, Katelyn, Ross, Preston, George, Corban, Nicholas F & his family, Cindy & Steve, Ukraine.

For our World: That those living in turmoil may experience Christ's peace in their lives.

Worship in the Woods

Aug 20, 10:00AM

Potluck to follow-Bring a side to share

Directions to Westminster Woods

From La Grande:

Drive west on interstate highway 84, take exit 234 (Emigrant Springs State Park), cross the freeway on an overpass and then take an immediate left onto the Westminster Lane service road at a Y intersection just after leaving the freeway overpass. Travel down Westminster Lane for about 1/4 mile (look for a sign) and turn right into Westminster Woods.

August Food Drive for Friday Backpack

- **16 oz plastic jars of peanut butter**
- **small cans of tuna, chicken or Vienna sausages**
- **small cans of chili**
- **small cans of Chef Boyardee**
- **small cans of stew**
- **16 oz cans of spaghetti sauce - no glass jars**
- **1 lb bags of dry pasta**
- **small cans of refried beans**
- **small cans of chicken noodle or tomato soup**
- **macaroni and cheese boxes**
- **small cans of vegetables**
- **ramen**
- **small pouches of instant potatoes**
- **individual packets of oatmeal**
- **individual packets of cocoa/hot cider**
- **individual cups of applesauce or fruit**
- **individually wrapped crackers**
- **granola bars**
- **packets of fruit snacks/fruit roll ups**
- **pudding cups**
- **individual boxes of cereal**
- **juice boxes**

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