

**The Order of Worship
First Presbyterian Church
Pendleton, Oregon
August 15, 2021
Worship in the Woods**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Westminster Woods! For those here with us today, please wear a mask while in the building. Our county has seen a dramatic increase in Covid cases and we are doing our best to keep everyone in our community safe.

- Pastor Laura Hudson will give the sermon today
- Pastor Keith Hudson will be our liturgist
- Denise Owen will lead music, and
- Ellie Mitchell is running the livestream.

There is a livestream on Facebook this morning for anyone who could not be with us. And if you are here in person and interested in staying after the service to hike, eat a picnic lunch, or any other activities, you are welcome to make the most of your time here at Westminster Woods.

GATHERING PRAYER

***SOH #2 As the Deer**

1. As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.
Refrain: You alone are my strength, my shield;
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

2. You're my friend and You are my brother even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other, So much more than anything. 3. I want
you more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy. You alone are the real
joy-giver and the apple of my eye.

*SOH #21 Glorify Thy Name

1. Father, we love You, we worship and adore You, Glorify Thy name in
all the earth. Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all
the earth.
2. Jesus...
3. Spirit...

*SOH #98 I Love You, Lord

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice -
to worship You, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what You hear,
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Liturgist:

Liturgist: Please join me in the call to worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come together as one.

One people, gathered in the name of the one God.

We will worship together as one.

**One community, giving praise and honor
to the Righteous One.**

We are being empowered as one by One.

**One body and one Spirit,
called to the hope of one calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all who is above all
and through all and in all.**
Let us worship God!

Liturgist: If anyone sins, there is one who pleads with God on our behalf-- Jesus Christ the righteous one. And Christ himself is the means by which our sins are forgiven. Let us confess together by praying the prayer in the bulletin. Let us pray...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of unity and love, place within each of us a spirit of hope and community. Have mercy upon us when we speak without love or act without humility. Cleanse us with the living water of your grace. Create in us willing hearts to live in patience and gentleness. Raise us up to be your children, growing toward maturity in faith and love. Strengthen this church, that we may be a model of ministry and unity for all the world to see. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Please stand with me as we celebrate the good news of the gospel... Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

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**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
To this peace we were called as members of one body.
The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another in the name of our Lord Jesus
by bowing or waving to our neighbors around us.

***SOH #51 Where the Spirit of the Lord Is**

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace;
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love.
There is comfort in life's darkest hour, there is light and life,
There is help and power in the Spirit, in the Spirit of the Lord.

***SOH #47 Thy Word**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

1. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the
end.

2. I will not forget Your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side, and I will love you to the end.

SCRIPTURE Page 182, Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the

calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said:

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.”

(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly,

promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

SERMON Growing Up Together

*SOH #70 Lord, I Lift your Name on High

Lord, I lift Your name on high. Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life. I'm so glad You came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way.
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

*SOH #62 Give thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (x2)

And now let the weak say, I am strong!" let the poor say, "I am rich!" –
because of what the Lord has done for us. (x2)

...Give thanks. Give thanks.

*SOH #84 Shine, Jesus, Shine

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus Light of the World, shine upon us, set us free by the truth You now
bring us, Shine on me, Shine on me.
2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, From the shadow into Your
radiance; By the blood I may enter Your brightness, search me, try me,
consume all my darkness, Shine on me, shine on me.
3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell Your

story, Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, - fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, Blaze, - set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, - flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN 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.

*SOH #81 We Are the Church (verses 1, 2, 5)

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, All around the world! Yes, we're the church together.

1. The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place, the church is a people!
2. We're many kinds of people, With many kinds of faces,
All colors and all ages, too, from All times and places.
5. At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit, and told the
Good News through the world to All who would hear it.

BENEDICTION