

Sending of God's Word

CLOSING HYMN

For The Bread Which You Have Broken

#516

- 1 For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
- 2 By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.
- 3 With the saints who now adore you seated at the heavenly board, may the church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.
- 4 In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Eugene, Oregon
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Gathering Around God's Word

GATHERING MUSIC

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Small as a mustard seed and lofty as a cedar:

The kingdom of God is growing.

While we sleep and rise night and day:

The kingdom of God is growing.

The low are brought high; the high are brought low:

The kingdom of God is growing.

*OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

#817

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.
- 4 And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God will not count our trespasses against us, longing instead for us to be reconciled. We come before God, then, in honesty, humility, and hope.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we so often miss your kingdom at work among us. Captivated by power and prestige, we miss the seeds you have planted. Forgive us for failing to notice where you are at work. Forgive us when we work against your plans, making divisions when you have called us to reconciliation. Help us to grow in faithfulness, so that we might reach our fullest faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, we walk by faith and not by sight. Guide our steps in your Word that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are kept from falling, and find our way in your way. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

New Testament Reading: Psalm 92:1-4

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy. The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God. In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap, showing that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Old Testament Reading: Mark 4:26-34

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know

how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

ANTHEM

Footsteps of Jesus

by Mary B.C. Slade and Stan Pethel
soloist: Elizabeth Dhungana

SERMON

"Get Quiet"

Rev. David Ukropina

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – from Colossian 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

Responding to God's Word

COMMUNION 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.