

Sending of God's Word

CLOSING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Shout to the Lord

Darlene Zschech

Marta Ukropina is in Texas today. She had the honor and privilege to serve on an Ordination Commission for a former youth. The service was held at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Flower Mound, Texas, a congregation Marta served as Associate Pastor for 9 years. Brianna Benzinger was active in the church youth group and served as a youth elder (and was babysitter extraordinaire for Eric and Audrey when they were little). This ordination is especially wonderful as it was originally scheduled for the spring of 2020. Covid postponed it, but did not have the last word! Marta says: "It is such a blessing to be a part of Brianna's ordination to the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament. Brianna has been called to full time chaplaincy at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth. Please join me in praying for her and her ministry. Being able to be a part of this service is such a wonderful example of the connectional church."

Sunday School for children and youth. Kids will meet in their Sunday school rooms right at 10AM. Parents will pick up after worship. Masks are required.

6th-12th grade will be in the Youth Room, room 3

3rd-5th grade will be in the Elementary Room, room 2

2nd grade and under will be in the Primary room, room 4

Happy Birthday to: Jerry Turk 11/21, Marjorie Pearson 11/22, Darlene Valtinson 11/23, Mikayla Irvin 11/29, Kim Uwate 11/29

Leading in worship today:

Dr. Karen Young, worship leader

Ursula Damgaard, Music Director

Bryan Wickman, liturgist

Anni Riedel, violinist



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Eugene, Oregon

November 21, 2021

Gathering Around God's Word

PRELUDE

I Can Only Imagine

Bart Millard

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 95

O come, let us sing unto the Lord

Let us rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving.

For our Lord is a great God and King.

We are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his fold.

We worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.

Come let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

#260

CALL TO CONFESSION

God comes to judge the world with righteousness and truth. Yet in God's mercy and love, he sent his son, not to condemn the world, but to save it. If we confess and call upon him for forgiveness and repent of our sins, we are forgiven.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you have asked me to walk justly. I confess that the work for justice is uncomfortable. It invites criticism. It identifies me with those who are treated unjustly. You ask me to love mercy. That requires me to offer compassion and forgiveness to those who have harmed me. This is difficult. You ask me to walk humbly with You. This requires putting aside my influence and self-confidence and to identify with weakness and dependence. God, give me divine empathy that I will be able, though you, to feel and know the distress of those around me. Give me an awareness of my own need for your mercy for my transgressions. Give me a sense of the greatness of your forgiveness toward me, so that I will seek to walk in your service. Recall to my mind and heart my sins Lord, as I come in contrition and silence before you.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

You have promised that for those who call upon you for forgiveness, that, in your son Jesus Christ we are free. Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, Thanks be to God.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 8:1-9

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 24:1-10

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

ANTHEM

There Is a Redeemer

Melody Green
Anni Riedel is the violinist

SERMON

“...A Letter from the church at Eugene”

Dr. Karen Young

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH –

We believe in God, our creator, who at the beginning of time made us to be sons and daughters; who, after we separated ourselves from God, did not abandon us. We believe in God, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who is one with the Creator; who in love, limited himself to life as a human; who was born in Bethlehem, lived in Galilee, walked in Palestine and Israel; who through his life and death and resurrection reunited us with God, bringing to us, in his person, God's all encompassing love and peace. We believe in God, the Holy Spirit, who feeds us with wisdom, strength, faith and love so that we can return to God restored to the wholeness for which we were created.

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.