

Sending of God's Word

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Here I Am, Lord

Daniel L. Schutte

Our Lord Jesus said "*it is more blessed to give than to receive*" and one of the ways we do this is by giving our tithes and our offerings to support the ministry and mission of the church. At this time, we are not passing a shared offering plate, but there is a place for you to leave your tithes and offerings in the Narthex.

Birthdays this week: Phil Fitzer 1/30, Gayle Davies 1/30, Joan Hladky 2/02, Jane Emmett 2/03, Emily Dayton 2/04, Elaine Stewart 2/04

The SOUPER BOWL OF CARING is February 13, 2022. The Youth & Kid's Groups are collecting non-perishable food to help tackle hunger in our community. Food will be donated to **FOOD FOR LANE COUNTY**. Please bring your donations to the church office during office hours or to worship on February 13th.

Leading in worship today:

The Revs Marta and David Ukropina, Co-pastors
Ursula Damgaard, Music Director



God Touches Jeremiah's Mouth, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Eugene, Oregon

January 30, 2022

Gathering Around God's Word

PRELUDE

I Exalt Thee

Pete Sanchez, Jr.

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

From the very beginning, God calls us.

God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.

We come up with excuses to avoid our calls, for we are afraid.

But God reassures us in many and various ways through the course of our days.

Even if we are brought to the edge of a cliff,

God is with us and sustains us.

Let us worship God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God calls us to speak the truth, even when it is difficult, to others but also to ourselves.

Confessing our sin in prayer, we dare to speak the truth about ourselves to God, who desires to deliver us and cast out fear.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end. Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus Christ your love incarnate. Amen. (Prayers continue in silence...)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has loved us since the beginning, and God's love for us will never end. Do not fear, therefore, but have faith in God's steadfast love, God's healing power, and God's ability to make all things new.

MUSIC RESPONSE

We Are Forgiven

Hal Hopson

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast,

but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

ANTHEM

Blessing, Honour and Glory Geoff Bullock and David Reidy

SERMON

"Called to Love"

Rev. Marta Ukropina

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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.