

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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.

Sending of God's Word

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Be Unto Your Name* Lynn DeShazo and Gary Sadler

Birthdays this week: Barb Mack 2/23, Sue Walker 2/23, Whitney Schaaf 2/25, Doris Hayes 2/26

Leading in worship today:

Karen Young, CRE
Ursula Damgaard, Music Director
Sher Castro, liturgist



For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. Luke 6: 38b

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Eugene, Oregon

February 20, 2022

Gathering Around God's Word

PRELUDE

Immortal, Invisible

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WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God is a merciful God.

Our God seeks kind hearts and humble minds.

Our God is a forgiving God.

Our God asks us to forgive as we are forgiven.

We come in worship with thanksgiving and praise.

We come in worship and service.

Let us worship God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Holy God we are aware of our failure to be your witness in this fallen world. We transgress by causing discord between your people. We are sometimes jealous, envious, self-centered and judgmental. We have not acted as peacemakers. We fail to offer hope in the middle of despair. We do not walk the extra mile, turn the other cheek, clothe the naked with our coat, lift the foreigner out of the ditch. We pray that the Holy Spirit will illuminate our sins, guide us to confession, and motivate us to change our thoughts and behaviors to your example.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice, mercy, and forgiveness, we confess our corporate failure as witnesses to You in this world. We confess our individual sins of thought and action. Convict us of our unworthy position in Your sight. We confess and repent and seek your loving promise of reconciliation and restoration of our place in Your presence. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sin and death and separation from God have been defeated by Jesus Christ. Your sins have been atoned and you are redeemed in Jesus Christ who came to save us. You are forgiven.

MUSIC RESPONSE

We Are Forgiven

Hal Hopson

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 45:3-11,15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you

many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Old Testament Reading: Luke 6:27-38

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

ANTHEM

Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

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SERMON

"Good Measure"

Karen Young, CRE