

FIRST 
UNITED 
METHODIST
CHURCH 

10:30^{am} IN THE SANCTUARY

Sixth Sunday of
EASTER



Established 1848
PORTLAND'S FIRST CHURCH



05/05/2024

WELCOME

First United Methodist Church of
Portland welcomes all members
and visitors. Thank you for
joining us for worship
this morning.

A few notes about worship here at First Church

COVID SAFETY

Covid-19 risk levels in Multnomah County are low. We suggest masks and social distancing where possible throughout the church. Masking and social distancing are encouraged in the balcony to include worshipers at higher risk levels.

WAYS TO GIVE

Offering envelopes and "Giving to FUMC" cards with digital giving instructions are provided in the pews. If you are here visiting with us at First Church for the first time, thank you; your presence here is gift enough.

CONNECT WITH FIRST CHURCH

Connection cards are provided in the pew and are a wonderful way to record your attendance and connect with our pastors and ministry programs. Comments or prayer requests of your celebrations or concerns can be written on the back of the card. Once filled, simply drop it in the offering plate.

KIDS IN WORSHIP

Nursery care is available for ages birth – 3 years. Activity packs & sensory tools are available at the back. Kids are invited to the chancel for a children's message, after which, kids are invited to leave for Kids' Music or Children's Church (pre-K through Second Grade).



COFFEE HOUR

All are invited for a time of fellowship and refreshments
in Collins Hall following worship this morning.

ORDER of WORSHIP

10:30^{am} in the Sanctuary
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Our ushers can provide you with hearing devices and large print bulletins upon request.
To avoid disturbing other worshipers, please have your electronic devices in silent mode.
Congregational portions of prayers and responses are in **bold** type.

“UMH” indicates hymns in *The United Methodist Hymnal*.

“TFWS” indicates hymns in *The Faith We Sing*.

❖ Please stand at the beginning of the last line of the hymn introduction if standing is comfortable.

GATHERING MUSIC

Kirk Wimmer, Pianist

PRELUDE

“Prelude on “Hyfrydol”
Jonas Nordwall, Organ

Robert Hebble

GREETING & CALL TO WORSHIP (TAYLOR’S VERSION)

Cacky Cromer, Lay Leader

We enter this space, seeking holy ground and a story of us that hits different from the broken love story others know all too well: one of bad blood, exile, false gods, and anti-heroes.

We’re worn out and burned out. We lament that not enough has changed, and yet, somehow everything has changed.

Here in this holy place, we are held. Through our story and our song we are reminded that this love of God is wrapped around us like an invisible string bigger than the whole sky. Today, Love whispers to our weary selves, ‘you belong with me.’

Now we can see: the dark night is long past; bejeweled daylight is here. Long live the joy of this day!

As we journey this labyrinth of love together, God invites our dusty souls to shake it off and learn the unforced rhythms of grace.

May we worship God in spirit and truth. May it be so!

❖ HYMN

“The Summons”

TFWS No. 2130

A CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

Rev. Lowell Greathouse

...and all God’s Children said **Amen**.

HYMN RESPONSE

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

W&S No. 3001 (St. 1)

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,

the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace, the triumphs of his grace!

CONGREGATIONAL JOYS & CONCERNS
MOMENT OF SILENCE

Cacky Cromer, Lay Leader

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Karyn Richards-Kuan

**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 trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM

“Sing Me To Heaven”
The Chancel Choir | Allison Cottrell, Conductor

Daniel E. Gawthrop

INTRODUCING THE SCRIPTURE

Rev. Ethan Gregory

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:25-30 (The Message)

Cacky Cromer, Lay Leader

SERMON

Rev. Ethan Gregory

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Karyn Richards-Kuan

OFFERTORY

“How Beautiful”
Celine Clark & Sandy Montoya, Duet

Twila Paris & Lloyd Larson

❖ DOXOLOGY & PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

UMH No. 94

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

HOLY COMMUNION

See Insert

A LITURGY FOR SAYING GOODBYE

See Insert

❖ HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

UMH No. 384

❖ BENEDICTION

Rev. Ethan Gregory

POSTLUDE

“Pomp and Circumstance No. 1”

Edward Elgar

You are welcome to sit for the Postlude or to exit the sanctuary following the pastors and Lay Leader.

INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Hear the good news: Christ lived, died, and was resurrected among us, and not one of us is ever left out or forgotten. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And Also with You**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God of us all, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, on us gathered here, in these pews and in the pews of our homes, and on all our gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ redeemed by Christ's blood.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at the heavenly banquet.

Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, all honor and glory are yours, God of us all, now and forever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*The ushers will direct you to the serving stations in the front.
Communion will be served by "intinction."
You will be handed a piece of bread to dip into the cup.
A gluten-free station is in the middle of the chancel.
After receiving at one of the stations, you are invited to kneel
at the rail for prayer before returning to your seat.*

A LITURGY FOR SAYING GOODBYE

We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister with the congregation of Salem First United Methodist Church. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us with your departure.

Music Notes

ANTHEM

“Sing Me To Heaven”

By Daniel E. Gawthrop

In my heart’s sequestered chambers
Lie truths stripped of poet’s gloss
Words alone are vain and vacant
And my heart is mute
In response to aching silence
Memory summons half-heard voices
And my soul finds primal eloquence
And wraps me in song
Wraps me, in song

If you would comfort me,
sing me a lullaby
If you would win my heart,
sing me a love song
If you would mourn me
and bring me to God
Sing me a requiem, sing me to Heaven

Touch in me all love and passion
Pain and pleasure, touch in me
Touch in me, grief and comfort
Love and passion, pain and pleasure
Sing me a lullaby
A love song
A requiem

Love me, comfort me
Sing me to God
Sing me a love song
Sing me to Heaven

OFFERTORY

“How Beautiful” by Twila Paris
Arranged by Lloyd Larson

How beautiful the hands that served the
wine and the bread
and the children of earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked the long
dusty roads and the hill to the cross.
How beautiful is the body of Christ.
How beautiful the heart that bled, that took
all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes that close to
forgive and never despise.
How beautiful is the body of Christ.
And as he laid down his life, we offer this
sacrifice that we will live just as he died:
willing to pay the price.
How beautiful the feet that bring the sound
of good news and the love of the King.
How beautiful the hands that serve the wine
and the bread and the children of earth.
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

Sanctuary Flowers

The altar flowers are provided by Circle of Friends of the
United Women in Faith in honor of Rev. Ethan Gregory.

Sunday School

CHRISTIANITY IN A CHANGING WORLD is discussing *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt through May 26. 9 a.m. in 202.

THE PEACE PROJECT is currently reading *If God Is Love, Don't Be a Jerk* by John Pavlovitz. 9:30 a.m. in room 110.

PARENTS' FELLOWSHIP Parents, Grandparents, and Guardians of kids and youth gather for connection & formation at 9:30 a.m. in room 134.

CHILDREN'S Sunday School pre-K - sixth graders meet for a fun lesson. 9:30 a.m. in room 209 and 10:45 a.m. during worship.

YOUTH Sunday School, seventh - 12th graders meet for Youth Group. 9:30 a.m. in rooms 133 & 136.

Classes & Small Groups

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF) are women of FUMC of all ages that meet regularly for study and mission support. Visit fumcpdx.org/women for more information.

ALL COMERS' BOOK GROUP meets for book discussions every fourth Monday of the month on Zoom at 7 p.m.

Congregational Care Corner

Rev. Lowell Greathouse is our church's Pastor of Congregational Care, and Brenda Jacob is the Coordinator of Pastoral Care. They help coordinate First Church's pastoral care program. If you are in need of spiritual or emotional support, call the church office @ (503) 228-3195, write your request on a connection card, or email care@fumcpdx.org.

This Week at First Church

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:30 ^{am}	Nursery Opens	Nursery
8:30 ^{am}	Worship	Chapel
9:00 ^{am}	Christianity in a Changing... ..	202
9:00 ^{am}	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
9:30 ^{am}	Parents' Fellowship	134
9:30 ^{am}	Peace Project	110
9:30 ^{am}	Children's Sunday School	209
9:30 ^{am}	Kids' Choir	210
9:30 ^{am}	Youth Sunday School	136
9:30 ^{am}	Library Opens.....	Library
10:30 ^{am}	Worship	Sanctuary
10:45 ^{am}	Children's Church.....	209
11:30 ^{am}	Coffee Fellowship.....	Collins Hall

MONDAY, MAY 6

10:00 ^{am}	Library Volunteers	Library
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TUESDAY, MAY 7

10:30 ^{am}	Staff Meeting.....	Library
6:30 ^{pm}	Parish Conference	Fireside

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

7:00 ^{pm}	Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal.....	202 & 110
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THURSDAY, MAY 9

8:00 ^{am}	Shovel & Rake	110
4:00 ^{pm}	Ping Pong	Collins Hal
7:00 ^{pm}	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

SUNDAY, MAY 12

8:30 ^{am}	Nursery Opens	Nursery
8:30 ^{am}	Worship	Chapel
9:00 ^{am}	Christianity in a Changing... ..	202
9:00 ^{am}	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
9:30 ^{am}	Parents' Fellowship	134
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9:30 ^{am}	Children's Sunday School	209
9:30 ^{am}	Youth Sunday School	136
9:30 ^{am}	Library Opens.....	Library
10:00 ^{am}	Kids' Pageant Rehearsal	210
10:30 ^{am}	Worship	Sanctuary
10:45 ^{am}	Children's Church.....	209
11:30 ^{am}	Coffee Fellowship.....	Collins Hall
11:30 ^{am}	Kids' Pageant.....	Collins Hall

Coming Up at First Church

LIFT UP FOOD DONATIONS For May, Lift UP is asking for tea and coffee. Donations can be dropped off on Sunday mornings or anytime during the week when the church office is open. They are also in need of empty egg cartons.

SEND OFF CELEBRATION FOR REV. ETHAN | MAY 5 | 11:45^{am} | COLLINS HALL Don't miss the chance to wish Ethan well as he goes to his new church! Enjoy cupcakes and make a friendship bracelet as we celebrate Ethan's ministry and impact at First Church. Appreciation cards and gifts will be collected at the reception and can be written directly to Ethan.

KIDS' MUSIC PAGEANT | MAY 12 AFTER 10:30^{am} WORSHIP Come and celebrate Mother's Day with the Kids' Choir as they present their spring pageant, In The Image in Collins Hall after worship. Our students will explore what it really means to be created in the image of God, and how they live that out. Join us for the 30-minute production after service as we celebrate a community partner, Mothers, and those mother-like!

PENTECOST SUNDAY | MAY 19th | 10:30^{am} We will welcome into membership this year's students who will be confirmed in worship. This year's celebration also includes the world premiere of a commissioned work by local composer David Walters. "Meditations on Fire" is an inspiring multi-movement piece, guiding us through the celebration, reverence, and mystery of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples. Special musicians will accompany our Chancel Choir as we celebrate the Pentecost together!

Ways to Serve at First Church

If you are looking for new or additional ways to serve our church community, the following are just a few ways available on Sunday mornings and throughout the week.

- Usher or Greeter
- Coffee Hour Team
- Tech Team Volunteer
- Sunday School Teacher or assistant
- Shovel & Rake Gang
- Sing or ring bells in one of our choirs.
- Office Volunteer

Use the comment card provided in the pews. Once filled, simply drop it in the offering plate.

WHO WE ARE



AS A
PEACE
CHURCH

We declare that we will be an advocate for peace in our local communities and the world.



AS A
RECONCILING
CONGREGATION

All are welcome to participate in the full life of the church, including all races, abilities, ages, classes, gender identities, and sexual orientations.



AS A
CREATION CARE
CONGREGATION

We advocate for lifestyles and social policies which bring healing and renewal to our precious Earth.

SENIOR PASTOR

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CONNECTIONS

LIFT URBAN PORTLAND | 503-221-1224 | lifturbanportland.org
Preston's Pantry hours: TUES, THURS, FRI 3–5:45pm

PATH HOME *formerly Portland Homeless Family Solutions* | 503-915-8306 | path-home.org

OREGON-IDAHO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CONFERENCE | 503-226-7931 | umoi.org

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

First United Methodist Church of Portland, OR is located on the traditional land of the Cowlitz, Clackamas, and Tualatin Kalapuya nations. With gratitude, we honor the land itself and the people who first called this home, and we are grateful for their stewardship of it.

We recognize the ancestors of this unceded land, and we also acknowledge the sacrifices forced upon them. In remembering these communities, we honor their legacy, their lives, and their descendants. We pray for, and commit ourselves to, the righting of past wrongs related to this reality.