

STEWARDSHIP KALEIDOSCOPE



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SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 7:00 P.M.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PORTLAND, OREGON

Welcome to worship!
As the service begins, we ask that you please silence any devices that make noise.
An asterisk indicates that we stand in body or spirit.*
*The congregation will read the parts in **bold**.*

PRELUDE	Prelude on The Servant Song	Mark Himmelman
	Prelude on Llanfair	Marilyn Biery
	Prelude on Weisse Flaggen	Sandra Gay

WELCOME The Reverend Beth Neel

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Today is God's gift to us –

The gift of traveling mercies and community, and Sabbath,

The gift of thanks-giving and basking in the divine presence.

This time is our gift to God –

A gift of song, and prayer, and silence,

A gift of offering our lives in service to our Maker.

Surrounded by all these gifts, let us worship God.

***HYMN #689** “When the Morning Stars Together”

***INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting our Partner in grace, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Now let us pray together.

Holy God,

you know us better than we know ourselves,

and you see us more clearly.

How impossible it seems that we could ever hide anything from you,

or even try to hide something; but we do.

Sometimes we pretend to be better than we are.

We do things we know will hurt others and act as though we are blameless.

But we aren't.

We are complicit, and we are guilty, and we are broken.

So we ask for your forgiveness,

because you love us more than we can imagine,

and you can make us whole beyond our wildest dreams.

This we ask in the name of Jesus, who came to show us the way. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***SUNG RESPONSE #437** “You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!”

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2:42-47

Acts 5:1-11

SERMON

“What Are We Selling?”

The Reverend Andrew Kukla

***HYMN #503**

“Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

OFFERING

The Conference offering recipient is Barbie's Village. Gifts can be made online at the Stewardship Kaleidoscope website, or using the QR code provided. Checks and Cash may be placed in the offering plates. Checks should be made out to “Stewardship Kaleidoscope” with “offering” on the memo line.



OFFERTORY

“When Peace Like a River”

arr. Dale Grotenhuis

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is our deep joy and our delight to give you thanks and praise, O God, for you made all that is: the thunderstorm and raindrop, the comet and the firefly, the universe and the blade of grass. You made all things, great and small, and you made us, your children, mirrors of your image, your beloved.

You have always loved us but we have not always been mindful of that gift. You sent messengers to us to remind us of your love, but we did not listen. In the fullness of time you sent us your Beloved, Jesus, your son. He claimed us and forgave us; he taught us and healed us; he saved us and raises us to life eternal life . And so for this, and for all your goodness, we join our voices to those of the saints who sing these words forever:

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.

Blessed is Jesus, the One whom we follow, the One who calls us, the One whom we strive to imitate in our living. We give him our life and our death, and in return he gives us life again.

Blessed is the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus unleashed upon the church, that we might be empowered to do your work in the work. In humility and with trust we ask you to send your Spirit upon us now, and upon these gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break will become for us the Body of Christ, the Bread of Life, and the cup we bless will become the Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. By your Spirit make us one with each other and with all who share in this feast you have prepared. And hear us now as we say the prayer Jesus taught us:

**The Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Communion of the People**

COMMUNION MUSIC

“O Love”

Elaine Hagenberg

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Jesus, our beloved, we give you thanks for inviting us to your table and sharing your feast. May we know that we have been fed with love and grace, and may we follow you out in the world, ambassadors of your hope and peace. Amen.

***HYMN #714**

“God of the Fertile Fields”

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

The Reverend Andrew Kukla

***POSTLUDE**

“Postlude in C”

Henry Thomas Smart

Participating in this evening's worship

The Reverend Andrew Kukla, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Boise, Idaho

The Reverend Beth Neel, Member-at-Large, Presbytery of the Cascades

Greg Homza, Organist, First Presbyterian Church, Portland

Christina Mata, soprano

Grace Skinner, alto

Ethan Reviere, tenor

John Gladen, bass

Ushers: Members of First Presbyterian Church