



Forest Grove Presbyterian Church

October 24, 2021

*Perhaps you are here for just
such a time as this!*

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if possible
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Take heart!

For we are gathered in the Father's presence to proclaim the wonders of the Lord.

Get up!

For we are beckoned by the Risen Son to respond to grace undeserved.

God is calling us!

For we are united by the Spirit to follow Jesus on the way.

Come, let us worship God together!

OPENING PRAYER

Come to this sanctuary, this house, this home: Jesus Christ Son of David!

Let us receive you with lavish welcome. You are the Restorer of our fortunes, the Promise of new life.

We pour out our praise to you.

Fill this room with your Spirit: The sound of wind, the warmth of flame, the scent of perfume.

Fill our hearts with your compassion, not just in this time and place, but in all times and in all places.

As we celebrate the great things you have done for us, may we embody the love you give to all. Amen.

HYMN #401 Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

1. Here in this place new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; Gather us in, the blind and the lame.
Call to us now and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your children to gather, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you.
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining; not in some heaven light years away.
But here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own.
Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bones.

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENNESS (Responsive)

*When we want to be a church ever-reforming,
yet cling to comfortable ways:*

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

*When we want to honor your “still speaking voice”,
but are fearful of insights which challenge old assumptions:*

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

*When we want to live into Jesus’ dream of oneness,
but fail to listen to voices of difference:*

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

*Take heart, get up; Jesus is calling to us! We trust in the one who has guided the church for two millennia. Through Christ, God forgives us our failings, and continues to call us into a community of mutual love and forgiveness. Let us celebrate this mercy of God! Remember the Good News and say it with me: **Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.***

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 31:7-9

⁷ For thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸ See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹ With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN #418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.
Refrain: "Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]

3. O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]

SECOND SCRIPTURE Mark 10:46-52

46 They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 48 Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 49 Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." 50 So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 51 Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." 52 Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

SERMON

"Jesus Calls! Are We Answering?"

Ryon Herin

RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer our gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may our offerings become a source for hope and love in your Church, and in the community around us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who is 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.

HYMN #172 Blest are They

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.
Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. [Refrain]

3. Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs
Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God. [Refrain]

4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. [Refrain]

5. Blest are you who suffer hate; all because of me.
Rejoice, be glad; yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. [Refrain]

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Church Staff

Susan Fall, Pastor Leanne Yerkes, Director of Music
Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator Jason Gordon, Youth Director
Mary Ann Welsh, Treasurer Chris Miterko, Grounds Keeper

ANNOUNCEMENTS: October 24, 2021

Due to the prevalence of the Delta variant, masks are required for those unvaccinated and highly recommended for everyone else.

Welcome Ryon Herin: Ryon was our seminary intern last year so he is no stranger to our pulpit. We welcome him this morning. It is wonderful to have you with us! Pastor Su has been away this weekend on a presbytery sponsored retreat. She will be back in the office tomorrow.

Special Worship Next Sunday: We will be celebrating a modified version of the Jewish festival of Purim. All are invited to wear a costume during worship – including those who join us from home. This will have significance for the reading of the Old Testament book of Esther. Costumes can be as simple or elaborate as you wish.

Youth Group: Save the Date – November 7th at 9:30am. **Church Has Left The Building.** We will be gathering together for worship and then head out into our community to help those who need assistance with lawn care. BYOR! Bring your own rake! We will also have some provided if need be! Contact Jason Gordon at forestgroveyouthministry@gamil.com or 215-990-2494 for more information.

Wednesday noontime: This Wednesday October 27, 2021. Bring your lunch. We hope you can join us.

Thursday Night Bible Study and Fellowship to resume: On **October 28 at 7:00** all are invited to join on Zoom as we continue to discuss the Psalms. Even if you don't have a computer, join us by phone. The Zoom connection is the same as every Sunday morning: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/127591875> Meeting ID: 127 591 875 or by phone: 301-715-8592 or 253-215-8782. Bring your Bible and join the group.

Scout Troop 71 Greenery Fundraiser: Once again our Scout troop is selling beautiful holiday wreaths, swags, and centerpieces. The funds raised will be used to purchase a new shed and equipment. Help support our Boy Scouts by going to: <https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/bsatroop71/products> or contact Nathan or Sam Holton. Orders must be placed by November 7, 2021. Please help support our wonderful Scouts!

Liturgists wanted for Sunday Worship: Pastor Su is inviting members of the congregation to take advantage of this by volunteering to read scripture during the Sunday service A chart is being generated that will hang on the kitchen door. Participants can also contact Pastor Su and ask to be put on the list for a specific Sunday. Each week's readings are determined by Wednesday and will be given to the liturgist ahead of time for practice.

Calendar:

October 26 – 7pm - Session.

October 27 - 10:30am Deacons mtg.

October 28 - 7pm Bible Study Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/127591875>

October 31 – 10AM- Sunday services in church and on Zoom.

Sunday School today.

3:00PM TRUNK-OR-TREAT – CHURCH PARKING LOT. IN ADDITION TO TREATS, THERE WILL ALSO BE ACTIVITIES AND TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF ~~HAPPY HALLOWEEN~~

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The Church has Left the building **NOVEMBER 7:** We begin with a brief worship service at 9:30 and then leave to engage in various mission projects. These include making soup for Aid for Friends, making blankets for Synergy Project, making Sandwiches and packing lunches for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, and yard work for seniors.

Today's Greeter: Terry Holton

Today's Sunday School Teacher: Karen Myers

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Natalie Pizza, Bill Wark, Raymond Tinari, Dick Wright, John Thiessen, Rebecca Stemplewicz, Rick Wiggins, Becky Schroeder, Linda Bowers