



**Forest Grove Presbyterian Church**  
*Scout Sunday Worship*  
*February 5, 2023*  
*Draw near to God*  
*for God is waiting for you.*

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

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lukas Lotito

*Come and worship. Trust in God's mercy and love. Know and to learn more about God's ways.*

**We come, to be guided in the ways of God's truth—to experience the joy of God's salvation.**

*Come and worship. Be aware of God's steadfast love helping us to overcome the trials and temptations which can descend on us at any time.*

**We come to praise God for his steadfast love, to learn what is right in God's eyes and to follow the humble way of Christ, our crucified and risen Lord.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**As in days of old, Creator God, we come to look for your signs of covenant promises. Like the rainbow days of Noah, we would see and know your signs and hear your voice again directing us to the places of preparation and transformation in our lives and in our world. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress; praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

3. Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

4. Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

**CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION**

Nicholas Skjeveland

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS**

**God of the rainbow, you made a covenant with all creatures, promising life and hope. God of pathways, you show us how we should walk. Yet we forget our connection with one another and think that we are the center of the universe. We wander from your paths of truth into paths of deceit and pride. Forgive us and lead us back into the arms of your love. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING**

**...Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**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** Matthew 22:34-40

David Yoder

**\*HYMN #22** God of the Sparrow

1. God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe? How does the creature say Praise?

2. God the earthquake God of the storm God of the trumpet blast  
How does the creature cry Woe? How does the creature cry Save?

3. God the rainbow God of the cross God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace? How does the creature say Thanks?

4. God of the hungry God of the sick God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care? How does the creature say Life?

5. God of the neighbor God of the foe God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love? How does the creature say Peace?

6. God of the ages God near at hand God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy? How do your children say Home?

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** Genesis 6:5-8 *from the Message*

Mitav Mehta

**CHANCEL DRAMA** What To Do On a Rainy Day by Paul Burbridge and Murray Watts

(In order of appearance) Erik Moorehouse: Narrator One, Nicholas Skjeveland: Narrator Two,  
Nate Dempsey: Narrator Three, David Yoder: Noah's Older Brother/Party Goer, Aidan Branchide: Signs,  
Mitav Mehta: Noah, Jude Wetherbee: Party Goer, Marshall Kimmel: Party Goer, Lukas Lotito: Ham,  
Spencer Degan: Shem, Andrew Sueta: Japeth, Sam Holton: Baxter

**SERMON** You Want Me to Do What?

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP  
OFFERTORY**

Lukas Lotito

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Covenant-keeping God, whose promise is rock solid; we offer our lives and these signs of our daily living not simply that bread might fill empty stomachs, but that, through the working of your Holy Spirit, empty lives may be filled, friendless, lonely lives find intimacy, depressed lives given hope. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**BLESSING THE SCOUTS**

**SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Nate Dempsey

**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.**

**\*HYMN #835** Just a Closer Walk with Thee

*Refrain:* Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
daily walking closer to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

1. I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Refrain*

2. Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Refrain*

3. When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;  
guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. *Refrain*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS February 5, 2023.**

**This week's carillon is In Honor of Scouting.**

**YOUTH GROUP Tonight.** The group will be challenged by testing their problem solving skills in an escape room. Meet at the church at 5:30 PM and will return by 8:00 PM. The cost is \$25.

**THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** Join us Thursday evenings to explore scripture on Zoom from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. You don't have to be a biblical scholar to participate, just a heart that longs for a closer walk with the Lord.

**PANCAKE SUPPER:** February 26, 6:00 PM. Sign up in Fellowship Hall. Cost: \$7 per person.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** This week we are asking for items: **Peanut Butter and Jelly.** Bring your item(s) to the church during the week or next Sunday morning. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

<b><u>Calendar:</u></b>	<b>February 5</b>	10:00am	Worship Service - Scout Sunday followed by Coffee Hour
		5:30pm	Youth Group
	<b>February 6</b>	5:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
		7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop Meeting
	<b>February 8</b>	12:00pm	Bring you brown bag lunch and join us for fellowship
		6:00pm	Beekeepers
	<b>February 9</b>	7:00pm	Bible Study on Zoom

Ushers: Marshall Kimmel and Jude Wetherbee  
Elder of the Month: Pat Gessner      Deacon of the Month: Rachel Dell'Orefice  
Coffee Fellowship: Marilyn Cook

*In our thoughts and prayers:*

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari,  
Jim Turner, Violet Sanders, Steve Rash, Bill Yerkes, David Posnett, Mary Lou Humlhanz

**Church Staff**

**Susan Fall, Pastor**

**Leanne Yerkes, Director of Music      Sue Lewis, Handbell Director**

**Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator**

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