



## *Sunday Worship*

*April 28, 2024*

*Draw near*

*to our Risen Lord*

\* 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**

*We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.*

**We come because we seek to abide in Christ.**

*The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.*

**We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.**

*If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.*

**We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.**

*We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.*

**May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.**

#### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

**God of Love, we gather together in your name to spend time in your presence. May we abide with you in your love, that we may share and live your love with one another. The road we have travelled to get here today is different for each one of us, but we meet together in this place to praise you. Let us be open to your transforming love, that we may become your disciples and follow you on your way. Amen.**

#### **\*HYMN #703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me**

1. Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare; O knit my thankful heart to thee, and reign without a rival there! Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live; myself to thee entirely give.
2. O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone; O may thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown! All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word, thought be love.
3. O Love, how gracious is thy way! All fear before thy presence flies; care, anguish, sorrow melt away where-e'er thy healing beams arise. O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire, nor seek, but thee.

### **CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS**

**Look upon us, loving Savior, sift our thoughts and assess our feelings. Deal firmly with those things that have inhibited our love and diverted our energies. Loving God, whatever you see**

**as self-righteous, censure,**

**as twisted, straighten,**

**as heartless, soften,**

**as fruitless, prune,**

**as infected, cleanse.**

**Flood your relentless Spirit through our whole being, sweeping away guilt and its lethargy, and by the saving grace of Christ Jesus, heal the hidden springs of our personality. 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*** 1 John 4:7-21

***TIME WITH THE CHILDREN***

***\*HYMN #450*** Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***GOSPEL LESSON*** John 15:1-8

***SERMON*** As I Abide in You

***\*STATEMENT OF FAITH*** The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

***OFFERTORY***

***\*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***

From you comes every gift we need, every blessing we have. May we not hoard them for ourselves, but offer them back to you, that the poor might be fed, the lonely befriended, and the despairing be filled with hope. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

***SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS***

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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.

*\*HYMN #836 Abide With Me*

1. Abide with me: fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see. O thou who changest not, abide with me.

3. I need thy presence every passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

*\*BENEDICTION*

*POSTLUDE*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, APRIL 28, 2024**

**This week's carillon is in memory Ted R. Rockafellow. Ted was the brother of Earl Rockafellow and faithful member of the church.**

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING:** Our next gathering will be held on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm.

**BECOME PART OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** Following worship today and on May 5 a new member class will be held in the sanctuary for all those who are interested in joining Forest Grove Presbyterian Church congregation. This will be a time to explore what it means to be a part of the Presbyterian Church USA and more specifically, this congregation. Get some refreshments and let's get to know each other as we share our faith together!

**NEW EVENT:** A Church wide cleanup day on **Saturday May 11** beginning at 9am. More information can be found on our Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars, we have jobs for everyone. Sign up sheet can be found in Fellowship Hall.

**MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON – ALL ARE INVITED INCLUDING GUESTS AND MEN:** Join us Wednesday, May 8 at 12noon. In honor of mothers everywhere we are once again holding a special lunch in her honor. Sandwiches and dessert will be provided by the Parish Life and Mission Committee. Participants are invited to bring a side dish. In honor of "Moms," all are asked to wear or bring something that is a reminder of that special person who was "Mom" or like a Mom. Be prepared to share a story about the item or "style" you bring with you.

**FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP:** It is **Pet night**. We will gather Friday May 3, 5:30pm at Forest Grove Presbyterian Church. Our mission for the evening will be making toys and homemade treats for both Dogs and Cats for our Local Animal Shelter. Hot Dogs and Beverages will be served. We ask when you sign up to let us know what side dish or dessert you are able to bring. Anchor Presbyterian will be joining us for the evening. Sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS APPORTIONMENT SUNDAY:** Forest Grove Church is a congregation within the Presbyterian Church USA denomination. We are a connectional church which means that we are one body—not because we find one another agreeable or each other's views congenial, but because God in grace and mercy has called us together. Our unity does not lie in us. Our unity is Jesus Christ. Together, we are stronger and more able than we are individually. To that end, we support the work of the whole denomination through our

apportionment giving. Each active member of the congregation is assessed a dollar amount that is then given to the higher governing bodies – Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly to fund their ongoing work. This assessment is \$32/per member. We ask each member to give their fair share, if able. This is over and above pledges. Whatever amount we do not receive from individuals is then taken out of our operating budget. If you are able, please give in next Sunday’s offering or through the church website or by check in the mail.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** This week we are asking for the following items: Canned chicken, Tuna, or salmon in water. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

**This week’s calendar of events:**

<b>April 28</b>	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday School followed by Fellowship
	11:00 am	New member class
	4:00 pm	Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service
<b>April 29</b>	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting
<b>April 30</b>	12:00 pm	Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship
<b>May 3</b>	5:30 pm	Friday Night Fellowship

**Elder of the month:** Terry Holton      **Deacon of the month:** Maggie Realley  
**Ushers:** Jim and Sue Hampton      **Fellowship:** Martha Greenwood      **Sunday school:** Kim King

***In our thoughts and prayers:***

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Jim Turner, Violet Sanders,  
Mary Lou Humlhanz, Pat Pizza, Kara Holton, Becky Schroeder,  
Wes Schroeder, Eloise Hyndman, Don Huber, David Posnett, Dick Wright, Bill Yerkes, Shannon Foster



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