



*Sunday Worship*  
*October 13, 2024*  
*“For God all things are possible”*

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

**PRELUDE** I Need Thee Every Hour

Bingham

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*O God, you summon the day to dawn,*  
**you teach the morning to waken the earth.**  
*For you the valleys shall sing for joy,*  
**the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**  
*For you the kings of the earth shall bow,*  
**the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.**  
*Your love and mercy shall last forever,*  
**fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.**  
*Great is your name.*  
**Great is your love. Amen.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN #394** Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious,  
binding all the church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever,  
and our confidence alone.

2. To this temple, where we call you,  
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
come, with all your loving-kindness;  
hear your people as we pray,  
and your fullest benediction  
shed within these walls today.

3. Here bestow on all your servants  
what they seek from you to gain;  
what they gain from you, forever  
with the blessed to retain;  
and hereafter in your glory  
evermore with you to reign.

4. Laud and honor to the Father,  
laud and honor to the Son,  
laud and honor to the Spirit,  
ever three and ever one:  
one in might and one in glory  
while unending ages run!

***CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION***

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS*** (inspired by Mark 10:17-31)

**Almighty and Holy One, we cannot begin to count all our possessions. We have things in our closets, our attics, and our basements. We have things tucked away in boxes we haven't opened in years, and still we acquire more. We have so much stuff and yet, there are those in our communities who can fit all their worldly possessions in a shopping cart. We know that you, O God, will defend the poor and come to them in their need. But we, O God, need your forgiveness for we are more attached to our things than we willingly acknowledge. Help us confront our attachment to possessions and things more honestly so we can share our own abundance more equitably. Amen.**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING***

***\*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.**

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION***

***FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON*** Amos 5:6-7; 10-15

***MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES***

***\*HYMN #722*** Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1. Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.  
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.
2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.  
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.
3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart.  
And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.
4. O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'er-flow  
in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
5. O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where  
until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

***SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON*** Mark 10:17-31

***SERMON*** Cluttered Hearts

Rev. Diane Jamison Fitch

***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***

***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 #772 Live into Hope***

1. Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!

2. Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity,  
removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.

3. Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be,  
the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.

4. Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

***\*BENEDICTION***

***POSTLUDE***

Psalm of Glory

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS, October 13, 2024**

**This week's carillon is in memory of Thomas J. Frederick. Thomas lived in Forest Grove and is the father of Thomas D. Frederick.**

**WELCOME REV. DIANE JAMISON FITCH TO THE PULPIT:** Diane recently retired after 30 years in ministry. Most recently, Rev. Fitch served as the pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Flourtown. She continues to volunteer with the Presbytery, serving on Commission on Ministry. Rev. Fitch looks forward to spending more time traveling with her husband, enjoying nature, reading, photography, and visiting family and friends. She and her husband are parents to two adult children, and share their home with a dog and two cats.

**WELCOME SUSAN LEWIS:** Susan is filling in for Leanne on our organ. Welcome Susan and Thank you.

**TODAY WE WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL OFFERING:** Hurricane Helene has left many areas of our country completely devastated. Organizations have been at work helping those who have been affected. Although we are far from the destruction, Jesus calls us to help those in need. A special offering will be received both today and next Sunday that will then be given to the Red Cross to provide the much needed goods and services. If you would like to contribute to this offering, please use the special envelopes in the pews that are marked "Hurricane Helene." Checks can be made out to the church and marked "Hurricane Helene." Donations can also be made through the mail.

**Mission Sunday: November 10, 2024** we will once again join together to help feed the hungry through the very special program, “Rise Against Hunger.” We will begin with our 10am worship followed by packaging life-changing meals in Fellowship Hall. There are jobs for every age and ability. Since we will be packaging 12,000 meals, we need lots of help! Bring your friends. Don’t miss what will be an energizing, Spirit-filled experience to “be the church.” As there is a cost of the materials needed for this effort, we are asking for donations if you are able. Please sign up to participate at <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/ForestGrove2024> or call the church office and Susan will be happy to register you. Rise Against Hunger meals, are designed to provide a comprehensive array of micronutrients including enriched rice, soy protein, dried vegetables and 23 essential.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** This week we are asking for the following items: Canned/Boxed Soups and Crackers. Donations are to be placed in the wagon found in the vestibule.

**This week’s calendar of events:**

<b>October 13</b>	10:00 am	Worship followed by Fellowship.
	4:00 pm	Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service
<b>October 14</b>	9:30 am	Bible Study rescheduled – will resume October 28
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting
<b>October 15</b>	9:00 am	Worship and Music
	7:00 pm	Property meeting
<b>October 16</b>	12:00 pm	Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship

**Elder of the month:** Courtney Woolslayer    **Deacon of the month:** Louise Stemplewicz  
**Ushers:** Doug and Vini Christie    **Fellowship hour:** Martha Greenwood  
**Sunday School Teacher:** Karen Myers

*In our thoughts and prayers:*

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Marge and Jim Turner, Violet Sanders, Mary Lou Humlhanz, Pat Pizza, Gail Shaffer, Shannon Foster, Doris Daniels



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**Susan Fall, Pastor**  
**Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator**  
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