



Sunday Worship

October 20, 2024

*Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.*

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
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PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Power and might and majesty belong to God who created and is creating.

Thanks be to God for God's mighty wonders.

Like the image of the powerful wind, and heavens as a garment, God's majesty is revealed in all creation.

We look around us at the wonders and marvel and the infinite variety and beauty which God has created.

Who are we, that God should pay attention to us?

We are God's beloved children.

Let us worship the God who is the Creator of all that is, even you and me.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order. Prepare us to work for you in ministries of peace and justice. Amen.

***HYMN #370 This is My Father's World**

1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas.
his hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world. The battle is not done: Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
and earth and heaven be one.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

Almighty and most merciful God, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Mark 10:35-45

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

****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 of 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 of 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 fore, 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 Job 38:1-7, 34-41

SERMON Why, God?

STATEMENT OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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***

God of glory, we thank you for this season of abundance. We praise you for the gifts of this earth and of our lives. As we return a portion of these gifts, we also dedicate our lives to your service. Bless our gifts and our service, that we may glorify you and reflect your love in all that we say and in all that we do. 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 #625 How Great Thou Art***

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed:

REFRAIN: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!
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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: *REFRAIN*

3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin: *REFRAIN*

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, wheat joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *REFRAIN*

****BENEDICTION***

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, October 20, 2024

This week's carillon is in memory of Emily F. Morris. Emily is the mother of Carol Eckmeder.

MEMORIAL GARDEN DEDICATION FOLLOWING WORSHIP: Thanks to the beautiful garden design by Landscape designer Scott Christie, the managerial work of Terry Holton who was able to have Gustavo Orellana assigned to head up the actual construction work, we have now completed the vision of the replacement of the church manse with a Memorial Garden. We will dedicate this space immediately following our worship at the garden. Please plan to attend this brief ceremony.

WELCOME DENNIS WILLIAMS who is our guest musician this week.

SPECIAL OFFERING RESULTS: Thank you to all who contributed to the special offering taken on October 6 and 13. We received \$976. These funds have been sent to the Red Cross and no doubt are already being used to help the victims of Hurricane Helene and Milton.

YOUTH GROUP: Our first meeting will be on **October 27, 6:00 – 7:30** and will include *TACOS!* for dinner (so don't eat ahead of time). The night will include some Halloween fun and planning for upcoming events. The Youth should bring their school and family calendars as we will be trying to plan at least one event during a holiday. All 7th – 12th graders along with their friends are welcome. It is going to look a little different this year with monthly meetings that will include fellowship and mission opportunities. Contact Pastor Su with any questions.

OUR NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP WILL BE HELD HERE AT FOREST GROVE ON NOVEMBER 1, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM - Wear a "Halloween" costume – get creative. We will be putting together

care packages for those currently serving in the Navy. Amy Ruhf-Brien will see to it that these will be distributed to those serving with her who don't normally receive greetings and gifts from family and/or friends. Included in the package will be Halloween candy. Bring your leftovers to add in. A list of additional items you can donate for the packages will be posted. All friends and family are welcome. It's a potluck but we will be providing the main dish – sloppy joes! Please bring a side or dessert.

MISSION SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 10: 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. As there is a cost of the materials needed for this effort, we are asking for donations if you are able. Please sign 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: Shelf sustainable, Taco shells, Taco sauce, Cheez wiz, can of Black beans and jalapenos. Donations are to be placed in the wagon found in the vestibule.

This week's calendar of events:

October 20	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday School followed by Fellowship.
	4:00 pm	Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service
October 21	9:30 am	Bible Study rescheduled – will resume October 28
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting
October 22	10:00 am	Stewardship meeting
	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
October 16	12:30 pm	Wednesday lunch group at Iron Hill restaurant in Newtown

Elder of the month: Courtney Woolslayer **Deacon of the month:** Louise Stemplewicz
Ushers: Kevin and Maggie Realley **Fellowship hour:** Emilie Cullerton
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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