

**First Presbyterian Church of Oregon &
Oakland Cambridge Presbyterian Church
November 8, 2020**

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Oregon and our virtual worship! Today we welcome the congregation of Oakland Cambridge Presbyterian Church as we join together in worship. The Order of Worship below is what we will be following on Sunday, November 8th. You are invited to use this document as you follow along at home. The service will be available to view from our [Facebook page](#) at 10am. The YouTube link will also be posted on the homepage of our website fpcoregonwi.org

Today we are offering a worship service based on the PCUSA Service for Healing and Wholeness. This service will not feature a sermon as we normally do, but instead offer space for reflection on God's Word to us this day, Jesus' instruction, and the Holy Spirit's presence among us. For this time of worship you will find it helpful to have a candle, a glass of water, and a rock from your yard or neighborhood. If you do not have access to any of these items that is fine, please continue in your worship with prayer when these items are mentioned.

Gathering Around the Word

PRELUDE

" My Lord, What a Morning! "
Traditional Spiritual, arr. By Berry

Nancy Cox

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler & Rev. Kathleen Owens

CALL TO WORSHIP

PCUSA Call to Worship

Mark McDermid

One: Heirs of the Covenant, come; let us present ourselves before the Lord.

All: We gather to worship the Holy One to incline our hearts to the one true God.

One: Family of faith, come; choose this day: Whom will you serve?

All: As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PCUSA Book of Common Worship

All: "Keep awake," you tell us, urging us to watch with expectant hope as we wait for you to reveal yourself in our midst. But, Lord, we grow tired of looking for signs of your presence among us. We grow weary from a steady diet of distressing news and convince ourselves that you are still far off. We are careless with the tasks you expect of us and, so, are not prepared to encounter you. Forgive us for losing heart and losing hope. Sustain us in faith, we pray, and keep us ever watchful so that we might be ready to greet you with joy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Jesus said: Blessed are the merciful for they will receive mercy.

All: "In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!"

REFLECTION ON WATER

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"As a Child Rests"
by Christopher Walker

Tom & Sue Mielke

Proclaiming the Word

FIRST READING

Psalm 78: 1-7

MOMENT OF SILENCE

SECOND READING

Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25

REFLECTION

ANTHEM

"River in Judea"
by Linda Marcus & Jack Feldman

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Matthew 22: 37-40 (Glory to God Hymnal)

Dana Ames

One: Our Lord Jesus said:

All: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

One: This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it:

All: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

One: On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Responding to the Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PERSONAL PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

MOMENT FOR MISSION: STEWARDSHIP QUESTION, "What are you thankful for this year?"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Micah 6:8

As we now prepare to go out from this time of worship, let us pause to reflect on what we have to offer in our world this week.

- *How can you work to bring healing to yourself this week?*
- *How will you work to bring healing to others this week?*

God has told us what is good; and what does the Lord require? To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. Out of our humility and for the love of our neighbors let us offer our gifts to God.

CENTERING SONG

" Wachet auf (Sleepers Wake a Voice Astounds Us) "
by Nicolai, harmony by Johann Sebastian Bach

CHARGE & BENEDICTION