

PIONEER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024 – 9:00 A.M.

GUEST MINISTER: REV. CRAIG MANSUR

MUSICIAN: JOHN WILLS - LITURGIST: WALLY HITT

(* Indicates to please stand if you are able)

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, send your Spirit among us now. Bind us to you in love this day, that we may worship in unity and friendship. Bind us to you in love this hour, that we may be strengthened to bring abundant love to your world. In love and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

As members of Christ’s tree of life,
we are connected, in love, to God.
As members of Christ’s tree of life,
we are connected, in love, to one another.
As members of Christ’s tree of life,
we strengthen our connection through worship.

*OPENING HYMN “God Of Grace and God of Glory” #420

RENEWING GOD’S COVENANT

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God is a God of justice, waiting to be gracious to you, yearning to have compassion on you. Blessed are all who wait for the Lord. In faith, let us make our confession to God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Speak truth to our hearts, O God. Speak love to our lives, that we may remain in your love and share your love joyously with others. Speak grace to our souls, that we may rest in your grace and forgive others as we have been forgiven. Speak mercy to our world, that all the world may know your love and find redemption in your grace. In hope and trust, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God’s promises are sure. The promises of forgiveness, grace, and love are true. In Christ’s love and grace, we are forgiven and made new.

*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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (by remaining in place and waiving to one another) Stand if you are able.
The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

HYMN “A New Hallelujah” (Projected Hymn)

ENGAGING WITH GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING I John 4:17-21

This is how love has been perfected in us, so that we can have confidence on the Judgment Day, because we are exactly the same as God is in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear expects punishment. The person who is afraid has not been made perfect in love. We love because God first loved us. Those who say, “I love God” and hate their brothers or sisters are liars. After all, those who don’t love their brothers or sisters whom they have seen can hardly love God whom they have not seen! ²¹ This commandment we have from him: Those who claim to love God ought to love their brother and sister also.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “The Strife Is O’er” No. 119

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 15:1-8

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vineyard keeper. He removes any of my branches that don’t produce fruit, and he trims any branch that produces fruit so that it will produce even more fruit. You are already trimmed because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. A branch can’t produce fruit by itself, but must remain in the vine. Likewise, you can’t produce fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, then you will produce much fruit. Without me, you can’t do anything. If you don’t remain in me, you will be like a branch that is thrown out and dries up. Those branches are gathered up, thrown into a fire, and burned.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified when you produce much fruit and in this way prove that you are my disciples.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed – Page 15

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

CALL FOR GOD’S TITHE AND OUR OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY (No. 591 in hymnal)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEING SENT TO LIVE IN GOD’S NAME

*SENDING HYMN

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

No. 144

BENEDICTION

As God’s children, go now to serve.

We go to serve in love.

Abiding in Christ, go with Christ to love.

We go with Christ’s love to love one another.

Go to serve in love and peace.

POSTLUDE

PIONEER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.

MINISTER: REV. CRAIG ALWIN

ORGANIST: [NAME HERE] - LITURGIST: [NAME HERE]

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, we yearn to draw near as we arrive in this place. We come to calm our hearts, soothe our fears, and deepen our faith. As the Samaritan woman before us, help us draw cool water from the well of your love, and help us leave with the living water of belief, through the power of your Holy Spirit.

** CALL TO WORSHIP*

Worship the Lord and sing God’s praises.

We come into the Lord’s presence with songs of thanksgiving.

Make a joyful noise for the rock of our salvation.

We rejoice in our time together.

Drink of Christ’s living water.

We thirst for God’s love!

** OPENING HYMN*

RENEWING GOD’S COVENANT

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Giver of Life, we know we have shortcomings. In the depth of our hearts, we struggle to leave our failures behind. Teach us that suffering brings endurance, that endurance produces character, and that character brings hope. With your grace undergirding our lives, grant us the patience and persistence to claim a place in your holy Kin-dom. May

we become your living water in the wilderness of this world, creating space for your hope and faith. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Like the Israelites in the wilderness, and the woman at the well, living water is within reach.

We need not thirst for eternal life ever again, for the well of God’s blessing is full and God’s love is poured out for all.

** IN MY LIFE LORD BE GLORIFIED*

** PASSING OF THE PEACE* (by remaining in place and waiving to one another) *Stand if you are able.*

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And also with you.

ENGAGING WITH GOD’S WORD

PSALM READING

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES’ CREED*

OFFERTORY

**DOXOLOGY*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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BEING SENT TO LIVE IN GOD’S NAME

** SENDING HYMN*

BENEDICTION

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you: wherever he may send you; may he guide you through the wilderness: protect you through the storm; may he bring you home rejoicing; at the wonders he has shown you; may he bring you home rejoicing: once again into our doors.

POSTLUDE

Changes for bulletins effective February 2023:

- Include headings for 5 sections of the service
- Use one constant cover – sketch of church building/gather by the river
- No Gloria Patri – use “In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified” instead
- Include an Affirmation of Faith
 - Non-Communion Sunday: Apostles’ Creed (or other?)
 - Communion Sunday: Nicene Creed
- Offering after the sermon
- Doxology after the offering
- Use an asterisk to indicate standing for:
 - Call to Worship
 - Opening Hymn
 - IN MY LIFE LORD BE GLORIFIED
 - Passing of the Peace
 - Affirmation of Faith
 - Doxology
 - Sending Hymn

Elder of the Month needs to find 3 **ushers** for collecting the offering:

- All three gather at rear of church and place all plates together
- One usher brings offering forward during the singing of Doxology
- Pastor offers a prayer of blessing
- Usher sets the plates down next to the pulpit

Liturgist needs to introduce hymns and give “invitation” to stand as able

Musicians need to be reminded of “In My Life...” being sung and Doxology

If the musician is not able to play (such as the Handbells), the **projector volunteer** needs to be reminded to insert an audio recording in the PowerPoint presentation.