

# PIONEER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024 – 9:00 A.M.

GUEST MINISTER: REV. CRAIG MANSUR

MUSICIAN: JOHN WILLS - LITURGIST: KAREN BICKEL

(\* Indicates to please stand if you are able)

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

*PRELUDE*

*WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS*

*MOMENT FOR MISSION*

*OPENING PRAYER*

Our souls are troubled, Holy One, until they find their rest in you. When we live in fear of our mortality, help us face the future unafraid. Write the truth of Christ’s words on our hearts: “Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.” In our living and in our dying, draw us together with all your people. Amen.

*\*CALL TO WORSHIP*

Are you feeling tired and worn out?

**Call on the name of the Lord.**

Are mistakes from the past weighing you down?

**Come to the fount of living water.**

Are you the person you wish to be?

**Seek God’s help and it shall be granted.**

Are you looking for a better path?

**Ask Christ to show you the way.**

Come! Let us worship.

*OPENING HYMN*

“Lift High the Cross” (Vs. 1, 2 & 3)

## RENEWING GOD’S COVENANT

*CALL TO CONFESSION*

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in Christ, we dare to approach God with confidence. Let us admit our sins before God.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

Engraver of the human heart, we long for your law of love to burst forth with every beat of our hearts. Work within us this day, that the majesty of your love may shine through us in everything we say and do. Put a new and right spirit within us, O Lord, that we may leave our failings behind and embrace the glory of our salvation, through Christ, our Lord. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS*

The One who engraves our hearts is faithful, remembering our sins no more. You are loved and accepted, for it is written within by our gracious God.

*\*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*

“He Never Failed Me Yet”

(Projected hymn)

## ENGAGING WITH GOD’S WORD

*FIRST READING*

Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, days are coming—oracle of the LORD—when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors the day I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke my covenant, though I was their master—oracle of the LORD. But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days—oracle of the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. They will no longer teach their friends and relatives, “Know the LORD!” Everyone, from least to greatest, shall know me—oracle of the LORD—for I will forgive their iniquity and no longer remember their sin.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN*

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

No. 101

GOSPEL READING

John 12:20-33

Some Greeks were among those who had come up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and made a request: “Sir, we want to see Jesus.” Philip told Andrew, and Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

Jesus replied, “The time has come for the Human One<sup>[a]</sup> to be glorified. I assure you that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their lives will lose them, and those who hate their lives in this world will keep them forever. Whoever serves me must follow me. Wherever I am, there my servant will also be. My Father will honor whoever serves me.

“Now I am deeply troubled. What should I say? ‘Father, save me from this time’? No, for this is the reason I have come to this time. Father, glorify your name!” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard and said, “It’s thunder.” Others said, “An angel spoke to him.”

Jesus replied, “This voice wasn’t for my benefit but for yours. Now is the time for judgment of this world. Now this world’s ruler will be thrown out. When I am lifted up<sup>[a]</sup> from the earth, I will draw everyone to me.” (He said this to show how he was going to die.)

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 Apostle’s Creed - Traditional, page 14  
*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*                      “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”                      No. 80

*BENEDICTION*

God’s law of love is engraved on our hearts. Trust God’s internal compass to guide you. Discern the still small voice that whispers with every heartbeat. Going forth, heed the promise of the heart— the warm beat of the living law of love.

*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.*

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

**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*

*THE LORD’S PRAYER*

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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.