

Astoria First United Methodist Church
June 27, 2021

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC **Kristin Hammond**

ANNOUNCEMENTS **Mary Frances Gunn**

CENTERING MUSIC *“Air in C”* **Kristin Hammond**

WORDS OF WELCOME **Pastor Michael**

CALL TO WORSHIP **Mary Francis Gunn**

With friends and strangers, with family and neighbors, we gather: Come among us, Healing God, with that love which never ends. With faith reaching out to touch, with hearts straining to trust, we hope: Come among us, Friend of the broken, with your compassion which makes us whole. With word and wonder, with silence and song, we wait: Come among us, Dryer of our tears, to lift us to our feet to follow you. **AMEN**

OPENING PRAYER **Pastor Michael**

OT SCRIPTURE READING *“II Samuel 1:1, 17-27”* **Mary Frances Gunn**

And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and Jonathan his son, and he said it should be taught to the people of Judah; behold, it is written in the Book of Jashar. He said:

“Your glory, O Israel, is slain on your high places! How the mighty have fallen! Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon, lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised exult. “You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor fields of offerings! For there, the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, not anointed with oil. “From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan turned not back, and the sword of Saul returned not empty. “Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions. “You daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you luxuriously in scarlet, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel. “How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! “Jonathan lies slain on your high places. I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; very pleasant have you been to me; your love to me was extraordinary, surpassing the love of women. “How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!”

SPECIAL MUSIC*“O Worship the King”***Kristin Hammond****PSALTER READING***“Psalm 130”***Mary Frances Gunn**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**Pastor Michael****PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(read by the liturgist)***Mary Frances Gunn**

We want to touch the hem of your garment, O God. Forgive us for being afraid to touch those who come to us for hope; we want to love the whole world: forgive us for ignoring our neighbor; we long for peace: forgive us for the pain we inflict on our families and friends; we want to share with those we love and like; forgive us for walking past those who need you most. Forgive us, Loving God, for we do not excel in everything you call us to do. Give us grace: to touch those who frighten us; to carry the Bread of Life to the hungry; to offer the blessings of the kingdom to everyone we meet, even as you have graced us in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**WORDS OF ASSURANCE****Mary Francis Gunn**

Listen to the Good News! Hope in God, for God's love has no ending; God fills us with grace and hope, this day, and forever. God hears our voice, and listens to our prayers, redeeming us from all our sins. There is forgiveness and healing with God. God's steadfast love has the power to redeem our brokenness and make us whole. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. **AMEN**

NT EPISTLE READING*“II Corinthians 8:7-15”***Mary Frances Gunn**

But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. For I do not mean that others should be eased, and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.”

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR BEST GIFTS TO GOD

Pastor Michael

Love is a powerful force in the world, stronger than hatred or fear or greed. The love of Jesus inspires us and makes us able to share generously the gifts we have received from God. Our gifts are one way that we love one another and the world around us, the world God loves. Let us be as generous with our giving as our God has been with love, with mercy, and with gifts poured into our lives.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Michael

HYMN OF PREPARATION

(1,2,3,4,5,6)

Congregation

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

UMH#57

(Projected on Screen by Power Point)

We ask the congregation to please read (or hum) along as the piano plays

GOSPEL LESSON

“Mark 5:21-43”

Pastor Michael

SERMON

“Gotta Tell Somebody”

Pastor Michael

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mary Frances Gunn

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Michael

LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor Michael

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN

BENEDICTION

Pastor Michael

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome to our friends from the Warrenton UMC
as they join us for worship.**

**We still need volunteers for liturgist each week.
Please call Sue Hicks or Mary Frances Gunn if you wish to help.
If you want to provide special music – let Mary Frances know.
We now have recordings of the worship services available as a link.**