

Astoria First United Methodist Church  
August 15, 2021

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*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
*(\*please stand if you are able)*

<b>GATHERING MUSIC</b>	<b>Kristin Hammond</b>
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	<b>Mary Frances Gunn</b>
<b>CENTERING MUSIC</b>	<b>Kristin Hammond</b>
	<i>“Carillons”</i>
<b>WORDS OF WELCOME</b>	<b>Pastor Michael</b>

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(If you are able, please stand)* **Chuck Albright**

As we gather in this sacred moment for a sacred purpose, let us make the most of our time together. We have come to worship the Lord our God. As we sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, let us make the most of our time together. We have come to worship the Lord our God. As we respond to the melody in our hearts, let us make the most of our time together. We have come to worship the Lord our God.

**OPENING PRAYER** **Pastor Michael**

**OT SCRIPTURE READING** *“1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14”* **Chuck Albright**

Then David slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David. And the time that David reigned over Israel was forty years. He reigned seven years in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of David his father, and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of David his father, only he sacrificed and made offerings at the high places. And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ***At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.”***

*And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. **Give your servant therefore an understanding***

*mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"*

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, *"Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.* I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

**Kristin Hammond**

**PSALTER READING**

*"Psalm 111"*

**Chuck Albright**

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever holy and awesome is his name! The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

**Pastor Michael**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(read by the liturgist)*

**Chuck Albright**

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**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** *(read by the Pastor)*

**Pastor Michael**

The Lord is gracious to us and gentle. The Lord heals our souls with love. The Lord is merciful, providing spiritual food for the hungry. Be healed in your hearts and be fed in your souls by the forgiveness found in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**NT EPISTLE READING**                      *“Ephesians 5:5-20”*                      **Chuck Albright**  
Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**INVITATION TO OFFER OUR BEST GIFTS TO GOD**                      **Pastor Michael**  
When the Spirit flows through us, we are people of honesty and justice. When Christ works within us, we are disciples of mercy and compassion. Let us be agents of God’s overflowing grace as we collect today’s offering.

**\*DOXOLOGY**                      *“Old Hundredth”*                      **Congregation  
UMH#95**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**                      **Pastor Michael**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION**                      **Congregation  
UMH#420**  
*“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”*  
*We ask the congregation to please read (or hum) along as the piano plays*

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**                      *“John 6:51-58”*                      **Pastor Michael**

**SERMON**                      *“Offended by Love”*                      **Pastor Michael**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**                      **Mary Frances**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**                      **Pastor Michael**

**LORD’S PRAYER**                      **Pastor Michael**  
*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom (kin-dom) 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, (kin-dom), the power, and the glory, forever.*  
**AMEN**

**BENEDICTION**                      **Pastor Michael**

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



**September 12, 2021 WORSHIP IN THE PARK:**

**Place – Cullaby Lake south pavilion**

**Time – 11:30 am**

**This will be a time of worship only because of COVID-19 restrictions.**

**- Masks and social distancing will be required -**

**We can start gathering at 10:00 for setup, etc.**

**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.**