

Astoria First United Methodist Church
August 29, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

GATHERING MUSIC Kristin Hammond

ANNOUNCEMENTS Mary Frances Gunn

CENTERING MUSIC “*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*” Kristin Hammond
FWS#2171

WORDS OF WELCOME Jane Hill, *D.M. Retired*

CALL TO WORSHIP *(If you are able, please stand)* Mary Frances Gunn

L: Come! Live in the Light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

P: We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

U: We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!

OPENING PRAYER Jane Hill, *D.M. Retired*

SCRIPTURE READING “*James 1:17-27*” Mary Frances Gunn

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

OPENING HYMN

“Within the Day-to-Day”

Congregation

A Hymn for Deacons

FWS#2245

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

PSALTER READING

“Psalm 15”

Mary Frances Gunn

R: Justice alone is the way of the Lord; be just and worship God.

L: O Lord, who shall abide in your tent? Who shall dwell in your holy hill?

**P: The one who walks blamelessly, and does what is right,
and speaks truth from the heart;**

L: who does not slander with the tongue, and does no evil to a friend,
nor takes up a reproach against a neighbor;

P: in whose eyes a reproach is despised, but who honors those who fear the Lord;

L: who does not put out money at interest, and does not take a bribe against the innocent.

P: The one who does these things shall never be moved. R

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Jane Hill, D.M. Retired

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(read in unison)*

Holy God, before you our hearts are open, and from you no secrets are hidden. We bring to you now our shame and sorrow for our sins. We have forgotten that our life is from you and unto you. We have neither sought nor done your will. We have not been truthful in our hearts, in our speech, in our lives. We have not loved as we ought to love. Help us and heal us, raising us from our sins into a better life, that we may end our days in peace, trusting in your kindness unto the end; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jane Hill, D.M. Retired

Fear not! Be still, and know that I am God. You are not alone.

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR BEST GIFTS TO GOD

Jane Hill, D.M. Retired

***DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Congregation

UMH#95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jane Hill, D.M. Retired

HYMN OF PREPARATION

**Congregation
FWS#2175**

“Together We Serve”

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

***GOSPEL LESSON**

“Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23”

Jane Hill, D.M. Retired

MESSAGE

“How is it with your Soul?”

Jane Hill, D.M. Retired

WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER (read in unison)

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mary Frances Gunn

PASTORAL PRAYER

Jane Hill, D.M. Retired

LORD’S PRAYER

Jane Hill, D.M. Retired

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

Jane Hill, D.M. Retired

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.