

ORDER OF WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

Proper 18A – 14TH Sunday in Pentecost

Astoria United Methodist Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Frances

CENTERING MUSIC

WELCOME

Pastor Michael

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and let us live in the love of God, by treating one another with fairness and dignity. In each moment grant that we would continue to witness God's forgiving love, by reaching out to others with compassion and understanding. Precious Lord, you have always loved us. You take pleasure in our lives even as we keep finding new ways to love one another.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Michael

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 13:8-14

Stephen Morden

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, and put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Stephen Morden

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Stephen Morden

Merciful Lord, we like to think that we do everything well. We pat ourselves on the back when we act with love and mercy toward others, complimenting ourselves in self-righteousness. But you know us better. You know our faults and our failings. You know when we falsely proclaim that we are truly living as you would have us live. Teach us again about your forgiving and healing love. Show us ways of merciful living that we may extend the love and mercy you have given us to others. Forgive us, we pray. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. **AMEN.**

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Stephen Morden

Rejoice! You are loved by God who judges your failures and heals your hearts and spirits. In the Name of Jesus our Lord, we all are forgiven and healed. **AMEN.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:15-20

Pastor Michael

SERMON

“It Comes from the Heart”

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 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.*

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Michael

Please remember to bring the communion elements of the bread and juice with you today.

BENEDICTION:

Pastor Michael

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

We need volunteers to be liturgist for our services. Please call Sue Hicks or Mary Frances Gunn if you would be willing to help with this. We are also looking for people to offer special music to enhance our worship experience.

[We now have recordings of the worship services available as a link.](#)
