

# Astoria First United Methodist Church

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Frances

### CENTERING MUSIC

### WELCOME

Pastor Michael

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Janet Todd

Sing praise to God who rescues us when we fall! Sing praise to God who walks with us on all our journeys! Even though we fall, God lifts us and places us on paths of peace. Though we stray, God finds us and brings us back to lives of hope. Thanks be to God whose love is continually with us. Praise be to God, whose mercy is over us all. **AMEN**

### OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Michael

### SCRIPTURE READING

*Romans 14:1-12*

Janet Todd

*As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord, and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." So, then each of us will give an account of himself to God.*

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Grace Alone"*

Mary Frances Gunn

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Janet Todd

Lord, your grace and mercy are ever-present in our lives, your forgiveness is boundless in mercy when we fail to live in Christlike ways. And yet, we are quick to carry a grudge—quick to find fault, quick to assign blame, quick to harden our hearts toward others. Set us apart, loving God, to extend and model the grace you have shown us by offering grace to others. We pray in the Name of the One who died so that we might fully live. **AMEN**

## **MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION**

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**Janet Todd**

As Christ has forgiven us, we are to forgive others. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Praise to God who has triumphed gloriously. **AMEN**

### **GOSPEL LESSON**

*Matthew 18:21-35*

**Pastor Michael**

### **SERMON**

*“I’ll Forgive, but I’ll Never Forget.”*

**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.*

### **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.](#)**

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