

**Astoria First United Methodist Church**  
*19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
*October 11, 2020*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mary Frances**

**CENTERING MUSIC**

**Kristin Hammond**

**WELCOME**

**Pastor Michael**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Mary Frances**

Praise the Lord. Give thanks for God's goodness. God's steadfast love endures forever. Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times. Save us, O Lord, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise. Come and worship God!

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Pastor Michael**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Philippians 4:1-9*

**Mary Frances**

Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. I entreat Euodia (U-o-Dea) I entreat Syntyche (Sintichee) to agree in the Lord. Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*“Second Movement of Sonatina in C” by Fritz Spindler*

**Kristin Hammond**

**UNISON PRAYER FOR CONFESSSION**

**Mary Frances**

God of mercy, in our impatience for answers, we sometimes turn to idols of our own making and forget our covenant with you. Passionate for what is right, we wrong those with whom we differ. Pleased at the invitation to your banquet, we fail to arrive with humility and thanksgiving. Forgive us when our faith is weak and our zeal too strong. In Jesus' name we pray. **AMEN**

## **MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**Mary Frances**

Take heart; have faith. The goal is in sight. Press on to take hold of it, as Christ has taken hold of us. Have no fear; leave the past behind. Reach out for what lies ahead, for the prize, for the life to be found in Christ Jesus. Do not worry; the Lord is near. God hears our prayers with compassion and with abundant, steadfast love. Rejoice, for in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

### **GOSPEL LESSON**

*Matthew 22:1-14*

**Pastor Michael**

### **SERMON**

*“Giving and Receiving”*

**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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