

Astoria First United Methodist Church
October 17, 2021

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

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

GATHERING MUSIC Kristin Hammond

ANNOUNCEMENTS Mary Frances Gunn

CENTERING MUSIC *“Andante”* Kristin Hammond
by J. Carvalho

WORDS OF WELCOME Jane Hill, D.M. Retired

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(If you are able, please stand)* Chuck Albright
Servants of God, lift up your heads—That the Lord of life may behold our eyes! Servants of God, lift up your hands— That the Lord of life may bless our works! Servants of God, lift up your hearts— That the Lord of life may abide within! The Lord of life will abide within!

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

OT SCRIPTURE READING *“Job 38:1-7, 34-41”* Chuck Albright

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings^[a] shouted for joy? “Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, ‘Here we are’? Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together? “Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Variations on El Shaddai”* Kristin Hammond

PSALTER READING*“Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c”***Chuck Albright**

Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your^[a] chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your^[b] chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your^[c] messengers, fire and flame your^[d] ministers. You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight. They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them. You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. People go out to their work and to their labor until the evening. O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Praise the LORD!

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**Jane Hill, D.M. Retired****PRAYER OF CONFESSION****(congregation)****Chuck Albright**

Wind-riding God, the blue skies, the sunshine, the cool breezes cradling falling leaves: all creation reminds us of the delicate Artist who has shaped us and all that is around us. We lift our songs of gratitude and awe to you.

Servant-calling Jesus: you humble our arrogance with your acts of mercy; you tip over our pretensions with your modest nature; you laugh at our hunger for power with your words of grace.

Heart-keeping Spirit: you bear our prayers to the throne of grace when they are only whispers in our souls; you unfold the road map to show us the way to the Kingdom; you transform our stuttering words into praise and wonder to our God.

God in Community, Holy in One, be with us in this and every moment

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**WORDS OF ASSURANCE****(read by the Pastor)****Jane Hill, D.M. Retired****NT EPISTLE READING***“Hebrews 5:1-10”***Chuck Albright**

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son,

today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR BEST GIFTS TO GOD **Jane Hill, D.M. Retired**

***DOXOLOGY** **Congregation
UMH#95**

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION *(verses 1 & 4)* **Congregation**
“Ye Servants of God” **UMH#181**
(We ask the congregation to please read (or hum) along as the piano plays)

GOSPEL LESSON **“Mark 10:35-45”** **Jane Hill, D.M. Retired**

SERMON ***“Wait, who’s in charge here?”*** **Jane Hill, D.M. Retired**

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

**Charge Conference with Our District Superintendent will be
Tuesday, October 26th at 6:30 pm at the church.**



**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.**