

# Astoria First United Methodist Church

*21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*October 25, 2020*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Frances

### CENTERING MUSIC

Kristin Hammond

### WELCOME

Pastor Michael

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Lorel Bresko

We are called to love God with our hearts. We will do so when we welcome those tossed aside by the world. We are called to love God with our souls. We will do so when the brokenness around us transforms us into more compassionate people. We are called to love God with our minds. We will do so, when we think less of our needs, and see each person as our neighbor, our sister, or our brother.

### OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Michael

### SCRIPTURE READING

*1 Thessalonians 2:1-8*

Lorel Bresko

For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*“Ballade”* by F. Burgmueller

Kristin Hammond

### UNISON PRAYER FOR CONFESSSION

Lorel Bresko

Everlasting God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Since the creation of the world, you have nurtured us with your love. And yet we shamefully acknowledge that we do not always share your love with others. We are selective about who we choose as neighbors. . . only those who are clean, who look like us, who talk right, who seem safe. Lord Jesus, teach us to love you more fully. For in loving you, our lives will show love to all others, even as your love encompasses all your creation, in all generations. We pray in the name of your greatest gift of love, Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

## **MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**Lorel Bresko**

Thanks be to our God, who offers justice not judgment, who shares grace and not grudges. Do not worry; the Lord is near. God hears our prayers with compassion and abundant, enduring love. Let us rejoice and give thanks, for in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

### **GOSPEL LESSON**

*Matthew 22:34-46*

**Pastor Michael**

### **SERMON**

*“A Love That Is Never Satisfied”*

**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.**

**REMINDER: NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> – We FALL BACK an hour!**

**NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> at 2 p.m. – CHARGE CONFERENCE with Seaside**

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

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