

Astoria First United Methodist Church
November 7, 2021

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

GATHERING MUSIC **Linda Laine**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SAFE SANCTUARY MOMENT **Mary Frances Gunn and
Jane Hill, D.M. Retired**

CENTERING MUSIC *“Where He Leads Me”* **Linda Laine**

WORDS OF WELCOME **Jane Hill, D.M. Retired**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(If you are able, please stand) (Read responsively)* **Pam Johnson**

L: Come and worship the one who wants your all.

P: We come to worship the one who offers all.

L: Come and worship with all your heart and soul and mind and strength.

P: We come and offer all that we have and all that we are in worship and in service.

L: Come and be blessed and you pour yourself out in worship.

P: We will worship wholeheartedly and with joy.

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER** **Pam Johnson**

Universal One, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today and every day. Amen.

OT SCRIPTURE READING *“Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17”* **Pam Johnson**

Then Na’omi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, should I not seek a home for you, that it may be well with you? Now is not Bo’az our kinsman, with whose maidens you were? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Wash therefore and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.” And she replied, “All that you say I will do.”

So Bo'az took Ruth and she became his wife; and he went in to her, and the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Na'omi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next of kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Na'omi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Na'omi." They named him Obed; he was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Set of 8 Waltzes, No. 8"

Linda Laine

by Franz Schubert

PSALM 127

(Read responsively)

Pam Johnson

L: Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

P: Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

L: It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.

P: Lo, sons are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.

L: Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth.

P: Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them!

L: He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Jane Hill, D.M. Retired

Listen, open your hearts. Our Lord invites you to draw close, lean into life and trust. We are one in the Love of the Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (congregation)

Pam Johnson

Divine Provider, we confess that we sometimes doubt your provision for us. When we start scraping the bottom of the barrel, we cut back our sharing with others who have already run out and are hungry or in need. Forgive selfishness and independence that prevents interdependence and working together to solve distribution problems in the use of the resources of your good earth, through your compassionate Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Read responsively)

Jane Hill, D.M. Retired

Pastor: Friends, hear the good news! Christ has entered into heaven.

People: Christ now appears in the presence of God on our behalf.

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

(all verses)

“The Gift of Love”

**Congregation
UMH#408**

(We ask the congregation to please read (or hum) along as the piano plays)

GOSPEL LESSON

“Mark 12:38-44”

Jane Hill, D.M. Retired

SERMON

“Little Things Mean A Lot”

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

COMMUNION

Jane Hill, D.M. Retired

HYMN

(all verses)

“Take My Life”

**Congregation
UMH#399**

(We ask the congregation to please read (or hum) along as the piano plays)

***BENEDICTION**

Jane Hill, D.M. Retired

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.**