

Astoria First United Methodist Church
November 21, 2021

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Kristin Hammond

ANNOUNCEMENTS & STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

**Mary Frances Gunn and
Sue Hicks**

CENTERING MUSIC

“Mary Had a Little Lamb”

**Kristin Hammond
and Mary Frances Gunn**

WORDS OF WELCOME

Mary Frances Gunn

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

Sue Hicks

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Holiness is the beauty of God’s temple while time shall last.

People: **We worship God in the sanctity and freedom from our sins, which Christ gives us through his life’s blood.**

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Sue Hicks

With thankful hearts we pause this day to be reminded of our grandest hope: that the calamities, the demands, even the blessings of this world do not have the last word. You are the one who was and is, and who is yet to come— a ruler of a different kind. Open our hearts to the comfort, the challenge and the mystery of this good news. In the name of Jesus Christ, your faithful witness, we pray. Amen.

OT SCRIPTURE READING

“Daniel 7:9-14”

Sue Hicks

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death, and its body

destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Prelude on Beach Spring”

Kristin Hammond

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Rev. Ron Crandall, Retired

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (congregation)

Sue Hicks

ALL: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!

One: Why is this king riding a donkey?

All: Hosanna! Blessed is he who strong and mighty, even the king of Israel!

One: Why is this king being beaten?

All: Hosanna! Blessed is he who conquers in battle, even the king of Israel!

One: Where is his army? Why is this king alone?

All: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!

One: Why is this king hanging on a cross?

ALL: O God, forgive us when we get so caught up in our own expectations of who we want your Son to be that we miss the truth of who you are.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Ron Crandall, Retired

Jesus said, take up your cross and follow me. I will forgive your sins and give you rest. In the name of God the Almighty, we are forgiven.

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR BEST GIFTS TO GOD

Rev. Ron Crandall, Retired

***DOXOLOGY**

**Congregation
UMH #95**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Rev. Ron Crandall, Retired

HYMN OF PREPARATION

(all verses)

Congregation

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

UMH #577

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

GOSPEL LESSON

“John 18:33-37”

Rev. Ron Crandall, Retired

SERMON

“Who is the King”

Rev. Ron Crandall, Retired

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mary Frances Gunn

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Ron Crandall, 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*

HYMN

(all verses)

Congregation

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

UMH #580

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

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Ron Crandall, Retired

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome to our friends from the Warrenton UMC
as they join us for worship.**

We have been blessed to have Rev. Ron Crandall bring our pastoral message today and in the coming weeks we have wonderful worship leadership planned.

November 28 - we will be lay led and begin Advent with a video *All the Good A Wesleyan Way of Christmas*.

December 5 - retired elder **Dave Kinman** who was once our pastor will bless us with his message.

December 12 - **Ron Crandall** will be with us again.

December 19 - the last Sunday of Advent we will again be lay led and finish the Advent Video *All the Good*.

One of the best ways we can continue to uphold Pastor Michael is to attend worship in his absence.

**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.**