ORDER OF WORSHIP AUGUST 2, 2020 Astoria First United Methodist Church

WELCOME & GREETING ANNOUNCMENTS

(Pastor Michael)

(Sue)

We ask that everyone remain muted, except where noted, unless given other instructions during the service

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Sue)

We come to this place with different needs: some of us wrestling with problems that threaten to overwhelm us; some of us crying out for healing, for relevance, for refuge; some of us hungering for what God alone can provide. In this time and in this place, God is here and meets us face to face.

OPENING PRAYER

(Pastor Michael)

SCRIPTURE READING excerpts from Isaiah 55:1-5

(Sue)

(Please read passage as written on this page.)

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy, and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Sue)

Gracious God, provider of all we need, we are often content to rely on our own devices, our creativity, our cleverness. We congratulate ourselves for our accomplishments, yet we find that these achievements and acquisitions do not fill the deep hunger inside of us. We long for the Spirit bread you alone can provide. Forgive us, merciful God. Help us receive the blessings you offer, that we may be your bread for the world blessed, broken for all.

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news. God's mercy is plentiful, and God's grace is abundant. Receive the bread of forgiveness and steadfast love.

SPECIAL MUSIC "My God is Real"

(David Bennett & Janet Todd)

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 14:13-21

(Pastor Michael)

MESSSAGE "A Little Bit Goes a Long Way"

(Pastor Michael)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

(Sue)

(Pastor Michael)

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LORD'S PRAYER (All are unmuted for the prayer)

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.

HOLY COMMUNION (Remember to have your elements ready) BENEDICTION

(Pastor Michael)

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Will you receive the benediction?

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look with favor upon you and give you peace, that you might be in peace, live in peace, and go in peace, to love and serve the Lord and one another. In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. AMEN

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will be offering services via ZOOM every Sunday @ 11:30 until we can meet in person again.