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Courage Facing the Unknown

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“DISCIPLESHIP AT HOME AND IN COMMUNITY”

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Welcome to Worship! In life's journey, we encounter many curves and forks in the road. Sometimes the way forward seems dark and forbidding. Sometimes we would rather stay where we are, even in the shadows, rather than go around the corner to something unknown. Without God, we would be stumbling along life's path with no direction. But 'Your Word is a lamp to my feet and light to my path.' Psalm 119:105 Today we witness the courage of a young woman named Ruth who trusted the Lord as she traveled to an unknown land. God poured out His gifts of redemption and grace and made Ruth an ancestor of the Redeemer – Jesus. In the same way, God brings us into His family through the Redeemer – and pours out His gifts for us today!

THE PRELUDE

THE WELCOME AND PRAYER

THE OPENING HYMN

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My ways”

Burgundy Hymnal #707

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways

To keep His statutes still!

Oh, that my God would grant me grace

To know and do His will!

Order my footsteps by Thy Word

And make my heart sincere;

Let sin have no dominion, Lord,

But keep my conscience clear.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray,

A stricter watch to keep;

And should I e'er forget Thy way,

Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

Make me to walk in Thy commands –

'Tis a delightful road –

Nor let my head or heart or hands

Offend against my God.

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

THE INVOCATION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: We are gathered in the Name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: AMEN!

Pastor: We come together as followers of Jesus. But we also come as sinners in need of forgiveness. Come, let us turn to our Savior and seek His mercy and grace.

**ALL: LORD, WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO YOU.
YOU TELL US TO SEEK YOU FIRST,
BUT WE HAVE CHASED AFTER OUR OWN DESIRES
YOU GIVE US ALL GOOD THINGS
BUT WE IGNORE YOUR GIFTS
YOU OFFER THE RICHES OF YOUR LOVE AND GRACE
BUT WE SEEK TREASURES OF OUR OWN WORKS
FORGIVE US, HEAVENLY FATHER,
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST
WHO PAID THE PRICE FOR OUR SIN
NOT WITH GOLD OR SILVER,
BUT WITH HIS PRECIOUS BLOOD
GUIDE US, HOLY SPIRIT
TO SEEK THE RICHES OF GOD**

Pastor: Jesus said that he "came to seek and save the lost" (Luke 19:10). By His work and Word he says to you today, "I forgive you". He richly pours out His grace and mercy in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: AMEN!

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" (Projected)

Green Hymnal #688, vs. 1, 4

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.



Early let us seek Thy favor;
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our beings fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

OUR FAITH GROWS AS WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

THE BIBLE READINGS

The Old Testament Reading: video - Ruth

CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
The Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And of all things visible and invisible
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
The only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of His Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God,
Begotten, not made,
Being of one substance with the Father,
By Whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary;

and was made man;
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again
 according to the Scriptures,
And ascended into heaven,
And sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory
 to judge both the living and the dead,
Whose Kingdom will have no end.



And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together
 Is worshiped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
And I look for the resurrection of the dead

And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SONG

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

Burgundy Hymnal #722

(1) Lord, take my hand and lead me upon
life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me from day to
day.
Without Your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, and lead the
way.

(2) Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not
fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages, are always near.
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding, in peace I go.

(3) Lord, when the shadows lengthen and
night has come,
I know that You will strengthen my steps
toward home.
Then nothing can impede me, O blessed
Friend;
So take my hand and lead me unto the end.

THE MESSAGE

THE PRAYERS

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP THE RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD **FOR GUESTS: WELCOME AND INVITATION**

Welcome to our guests whom the Lord has gathered with us today!

Please sign the Rite of Fellowship (red tablet) located on the usher's desk. Please include an email address if you would like to receive weekly email announcements.

At this time, we are not passing offering plates in the pews. Members, recognizing all we have as a gift of the Lord, return the first portion in love and trust by bringing tithes and offerings with them as we come to the Lord's Table for communion. There is no expectation for guests to contribute -- Please give to the Lord through your home congregation. Should the Lord lead you to give a special offering today, we thank you!

WE CELEBRATE THE PRESENCE OF JESUS IN THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We believe that the Lord's Supper is a sacred action of God, instituted by Christ Himself, based on His Promise conveying, offering, giving and sealing the gift of forgiveness of sins to those who have received Jesus as Savior and Lord. We believe that we receive not only the bread and wine, but also the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus, as He announced, "This is My Body... This is My Blood." We share this Sacrament today, knowing it is for Christians who share like faith and understanding in Jesus Christ and in this Holy meal. If you are a guest and share in the same faith as described, you are welcome to commune with us.

White grape juice is available at the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot consume the wine.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE GREETING OF PEACE Out of love for one another, please consider a non-physical sign (wave, etc.)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you!

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU!

THE COMMUNION SONGS

Lamb of God, You take our sin
Lamb of God, You take our sin
Lamb of God, have mercy on us
Grant us peace, O Lamb of God

Green Hymnal #684

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

(1) Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on,
help me stand.

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Thro' the storm, thro' the night, lead me on
to the light.

Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me
home.

(2) When my way grows drear, precious Lord,
linger near -

When my life is almost gone.

Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest
I fall.

Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me
home.

Green Hymnal #690

"He Leadeth Me"

(1) He leadeth me! O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

(2) Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine,
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

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He leadeth me, He leadeth me;
By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

(3) And when my task on earth is done,
When, by Thy grace, the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God thro' Jordan leadeth me.

Refrain

THE FINAL COMMUNION HYMN

"Keep Your Eyes on the Cross"

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, has come near to us this day,
He's giv-en His Body and Blood,

To save us from sin, and redeemed now we say:

"Jesus Christ is my Savior and Lord!"

Refrain

Keep your eyes on the cross!

Keep your eyes, keep your eyes on the cross!

Forgiv'n of our sin, Jesus leads us now to live,
To give Him all glory and praise.

To love and to tell that He died for all sin,
Jesus Christ is the Savior of all! (Refrain)

With Jesus within us, we go now from this place



As people united in Christ,
Our lives de-di-ca-ted to love, praise and pray
To our Savior, the Lord, Jesus Christ! (Refrain)

THE PRAYER OF THANKS

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG

Burgundy Hymnal #918

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”
(1) Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me 'til I want no more;
Feed me 'til I want no more.

(3) When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, Songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

(2) Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliv'rer, Strong Deliv'rer
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

Adult Bible Studies:

- ✝ **SUNDAY** Adult Bible Study – Sundays, 9:20 a.m. – Trials of Jesus
- ✝ **ZOE BIBLE STUDY** – 7:00 p.m., the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. Join us in person or on Facebook Live starting around 7:20 p.m. Romans II
- ✝ **TUESDAY WEEKLY READINGS STUDY** – 9:00 a.m. at Pop – and on Facebook Live
- ✝ **THURSDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** at 7:00 p.m., the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month – 10 Imperfect Men
- ✝ **THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** at 7:00 p.m., the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month – Love Rules (a study of the Ten Commandments)

Last week's attendance: 87 Last week's offerings into the general fund: \$3811.50

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Hope Even as we remember the challenges of the past year, we thank the Lord for His faithfulness and blessings. We look forward in the sure hope of God's promises. If you are experiencing hardship due to the pandemic, contact the church office - there is help! If you have not experienced hardship over this past year, **consider giving a special Thank Offering to the Lord!** We will

gather (at PoP and on facebook live) for a special time of prayer **Tuesday, March 16th, at 7:00 p.m.** in prayers of thanksgiving and hope!

If you would like offering envelopes sent to you, please let Julie know. Conversely, if you no longer need or want them sent to you, please also let Julie know. Thanks!!

We are doing a DIRECTORY!!!! We will be having sign-ups for pictures (no high-pressure sales at all) on April 15, 16 and 17th, so watch for more information and get signed up! Universal Church Directories will have photographers here and will be following all guidelines with regard to Covid-19. Please feel free to ask any questions you may have. We will also be able to take submitted photos for a fee. Join us and be part of our directory. You will be contacted (recorded call by Pastor John) and then follow up by UCD. This also means... I will need your updated information! Contact Julie for forms.

We are having a baby shower!!!! See the lists in the narthex to help support The Pregnancy Center. Bring your items in any time. Thank you!!!

As we gather indoors for worship again, **if you are willing to serve** within services, please contact Julie or Pastor John.

God at Work: How has God been at work in your life? God is at work in your life in big ways and small ways, through everyday occurrences and miracles. Let's encourage one another in God's work. Share a story of God's work in your life – maybe it's how God brought you to faith, maybe it's a "small" event recently or years past. Write a note or email. Put the story in Pastor John's mailbox or email him pastorjohn@princeofpeaceoregon.com. (Your story will not be shared without your permission.)

MITE BOXES – DON'T FORGET TO BRING IN YOUR MITE BOXES TO SUPPORT THE MISSION PROJECTS OF THE LUTHERAN WOMENS' MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Scripture is the rule of our faith by which all else is measured. Every person should have their own appropriate Bible – from a "Beginner's Bible" with colorful pictures to "Easy to Read" with large print. Let us know if you need a resource!

Good News Class: Are you interested in learning more about what it means to be a Christian, Lutheran, and member of Prince of Peace? Are you a member looking to "refresh the basics"? Do you want to become a member of Prince of Peace? **New class is starting soon.** Talk with Pastor John! (the schedule is flexible depending on those who are interested.).

Weekly Readings Study – dig into the next week's readings – Every Tuesday and on Facebook Live at 9:00 a.m.! Next week's readings: Matthew 1

Keep in touch with your PoP family: Website: princeofpeaceoregon.com; Facebook: Prince of Peace Luth Church; PoPBlast: email princeofpeaceblast@gmail.com to get on the list!

Would you like to walk where Jesus walked? Would you like to study the land of Israel – by taste, smell, and feel? Mark Renner, one of our "adopted" seminary students is helping to lead a trip to Israel in 2022. Now is a great time to begin planning! For more information, talk with Pastor John.

FOOD PANTRY update: The mini food pantry has been heavily used since the beginning of the year. Our supplies are low and we are in need of almost everything. Some of the most used items are cereal, crackers, boxed potatoes, noodle sides, pancake mix and syrup, fruit, veggies, baked beans, kidney beans, spaghettios, laundry soap, dish soap, toothpaste, shampoo and deodorant. Thank you!

Here are some resources for anyone who is experiencing food insufficiency, or needs help finding utility, rent, or any other type of financial assistance.

*United Way: Call 211 or go to <https://www.unitedwaytoledo.org/get-help/united-way-2-1-1-support/>.

*Lutheran Social Services: Call 419-243-9178 or go to <https://www.lssnwo.org/>

"**The Word of the Lord endures forever...**" Bible Study night - Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

This month, we celebrate with those who have **birthdays** and *anniversaries*: **Wade Bell, Lilith Cornell, Melissa Foley, Ty Garbers, Glenn Geldien, Amy Genszler, Pastor John, Aiden Hartke, Noah Hartke, Sue Jones, Connie Kuch, Sulli Lants, Jada Lewandowski, Vicki Melms, Pat Miller, Gene Rigg, David Robinson, Sami Roe, Isabella Shafer, Ed VanCamp, Pastor Don, Tom Wells, Emily Young, Tad Young, Lucas Zeh, Ron and Stephanie Blausey, Brian and Rebecca Cornell, Howard and Mary McCallum**

Remember in Your Prayers:

+for healing – Russ Bell, Marilyn Brown, Delia Mestousis, Kate Mayer, Deb Hartke, Bob Roe, Mike Thanasiu, Rocco Donofrio, Sue Jones, Glendora Boway, Dwight Griffin, Kym Snyder, Carol Cicak, Tom Bragg, Jason Rhuland, Chris Peters, Sue Pfefferle, Bill Kelly, Carol Rigg, Paige Ozanski, Chuck Brinkman, Michael Wells, Becky Kuelker, Fred Bordner, Jean Newman, Vicki Melms, Steve Jones, Pat Miller, Pam Downour, John Danford, Joyce Smith, Barbara Camp, Deanna Snyder, Don Williams, Lyle Brinkman, Richard Stanley, Matthew Mosier, Bob Young, Andrea Martin, Jim Fennewald, Tony Williams
(Please contact the office if you would like someone added to the prayer list, or no longer would like your name on the list.)

+ for those dealing with the reality of the pandemic for friends and family

+for your church – our vision and leaders and the commitment to follow God's will

+for those serving in the armed forces – Ty Garbers, Ricky Pratt, Cole Pollex, Andrew Genszler, Stacy Galla, Nate Millard

+for our missionaries –

- Pastor Tim Heiney, Global Lutheran Outreach in Guinea, West Africa
- Pastor Dave Erber, LCMS missionary in Nigeria, West Africa
- Mike and Becky Kuelker, IAM missionaries in Mexico
- Joe Boway, New Life Lutheran Church missionary to the children in Liberia
- POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach), a mission to Muslims
- Cherry Street Ministries, Toledo
- The Pregnancy Center, Toledo
- Rachel Meyer, LCMS missionary in Uganda, East Africa

+our 'adopted' seminary students –

- Miguel and Rachel Gonzalez
- Mark and Dana Renner



**Discipleship at
Home and in
Community**

Our Ministries at Prince of Peace

Missionaries	<i>All members of Prince of Peace</i>
President of the Congregation	<i>Jim Bragg</i>
Vice President	<i>Gary Garbers</i>
Board of Elders	<i>Phil Miller, Gary Garbers, Bob Roe, Jim Bragg, Don Halka, Mark Sattler, Tom Smith, Lyle Stine</i>
Discipleship Team Leader	<i>Leader Needed</i>
Outreach Team Leader	<i>Jordan Jones</i>
Youth Ministry Team Leader	<i>Kyle Barry</i>
Family Life Team Leader	<i>Corrine Sattler</i>
Stewardship Team Leader	<i>Cathy Reichow</i>
Preschool Team Leader	<i>Laura Roe</i>
Properties Team Leader	<i>Dan Reichow</i>
Prayer Team Leader	<i>Gary Garbers</i>
Technology Team Leader	<i>Leader Needed</i>
Preschool Director	<i>Wendy Kelly</i>
Treasurer	<i>Jackie Reynolds</i>
Financial Secretary	<i>Vicki Melms</i>
Pastor	<i>John Genszler</i>
Secretary	<i>Julie Cox</i>
Pianist	<i>Pam Downour</i>
Organist	<i>Cindy Fennewald</i>
Praise and Worship Leader	<i>Jon Hartke</i>
Choir Director	<i>Pastor Gerald Hartke</i>
Prayer Chain	<i>Judy Young</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Jodi Halka</i>
Men's Cherry Street Team	<i>Jim Bragg</i>