

**Courage to Stand and Forgive** 

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Welcome to Worship! By the cross of Christ, we are given the Great News of Salvation – Jesus died and rose again to take the punishment for your sin! Therefore, we live in the joy of God's mercy and promises. However, the world in which we live rejects the love of Christ. "For to those who are perishing, the preaching of the cross is foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" *I Corinthians 1:18* In the world, we often face times of decision – to go with the world or stand up for God's truth. As we proclaim His truth in love, we follow in Christ's way. God gathers us today and we receive His gifts to strengthen our faith to proclaim God's love to the world!

#### THE PRELUDE

#### THE WELCOME AND PRAYER

# THE OPENING HYMN

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" Burgundy Hymnal #660

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross. Lift high His royal banner; it must not suffer loss. From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead Till ev'ry foe is vanguished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the trumpet call obey; Stand forth in mighty conflict in this His glorious day. Let all His faithful serve Him against unnumbered foes; Let courage rise with danger and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; stand in His strength alone. The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own. Put on the Gospel armor; each piece put on with prayer. Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the strife will not be long; This day the din of battle, the next the victor's song. The soldiers, overcoming, their crown of life shall see And with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.

# 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: Heavenly Father, we know you love us. You provide for us every day.

ALL: BUT SO MANY DAYS WE FORGET AND TRY TO LIVE LIFE OUR OWN WAY.

Pastor: Jesus, you call ordinary people to follow you.

ALL: FORGIVE US WHEN WE THINK ONLY PERFECT PEOPLE CAN FOLLOWYOU.

FORGIVE US WHEN WE ARE AFRAID.

FORGIVE US WHEN WE LOOK DOWN ON OTHERS FOR THEIR SIN.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

ALL: BUT WITHYOU THERE IS FORGIVENESS;

Pastor: Our Lord, Jesus Christ does not call perfect people, but comes to ordinary sinners.

In His Love, He forgives you all your sin. You are forgiven in the name of the

Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit and every day He calls you to follow Him.

ALL: LOVE US AND LEAD US EVERY DAY IN YOUR MERCY,

O GOD – FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT. 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 Reading: video – Stephen (Acts 6,7)

#### **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.

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

"The Son of God Goes Forth to War" Burgundy Hymnal #661

(1)The Son of God goes forth to war A kingly crown to gain.
His blood-red banner streams afar;
Who follows in His train?
Who best can drink His cup of woe,
Triumphant over pain,
Who patient bears his cross below-He follows in His train.

(2)The martyr first, whose eagle eye
Could pierce beyond the grave,
Who saw his Master in the sky
And called on Him to save.
Like Him, with pardon on His tongue
In midst of mortal pain,
He prayed for them that did the wrong-Who follows in his train?

THE MESSAGE

THE PRAYERS

(3)A glorious band, the chosen few,
On whom the Spirit came,
Twelve valiant saints--their hope they knew
And mocked the cross and flame.
They met the tyrant's brandished steel,
The lion's gory mane;
They bowed their necks their death to feel-Who follows in their train?

(4)A noble army, men and boys,
The matron and the maid,
Around the Savior's throne rejoice,
In robes of light arrayed.
They climbed the steep ascent of heav'n
Through peril, toil, and pain.
O God, to us may grace be giv'n
To follow in their train!

# 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 (all sing)

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 #147

"How Great Thou Art"

(1)O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

# Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

(2)When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,

And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; Refrain

(3)And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,

Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. Refrain

(4)When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation

Refrain

And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration And there proclaim: my God, how great Thou art!

#### 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 #837
"Lift High the Cross"
Refrain
Lift high the cross,
The love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore
His sacred name.

(1)Come, Christians follow Where our Captain trod, Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain

(2)Led on their way by
This triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in
Conqu'ring ranks combine.
Refrain

(3)All newborn soldiers Of the Crucified Bear on their brows the Seal of Him who died. Refrain (4)O Lord, once lifted On the glorious tree, As Thou hast promised, Draw us all to Thee. Refrain

(5)Let ev'ry race and Ev'ry language tell Of Him who saves our Lives from death and hell. Refrain

(6)So shall our song of Triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified For victory! Refrain

# Adult Bible Studies:

- Trials of Jesus 9:20 a.m. Trials of Jesus
- **ZOE BIBLE STUDY** 7:00 p.m., the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month 10 Imperfect Men
- THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY at 7:00 p.m., the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month Love Rules (a study of the Ten Commandments)

Last week's attendance: 93 Last week's offerings into the general fund: \$2814.00

**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: Mark 11, 14, 15

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