

Astoria First United Methodist Church
July 3, 2022

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Janet Todd
Linda Laine

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pam Johnson

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Michael

(WORDS OF WELCOME FOR EVERYONE IN PERSON & ON ZOOM)

CENTERING MUSIC

Linda Laine

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

Pam Johnson

L: Sing praises to God, O faithful ones.

P: Give thanks and proclaim God's holy name.

L: Weeping or joyful, mourning or dancing,

P: come as you are, for all are welcome here.

L: Open your hearts to healing, to life restored.

P: Let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN**

(verses 1-4)
"Gather Us In"

Congregation
FWS #2236

***OPENING PRAYER**

Pastor Michael

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Excerpts from 2 Kings 5:1-14

Pam Johnson

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel."

So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So, he turned and went away in a rage. But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So, he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Scottish Airs"

Janet Todd

PSALTER

(Read & Sing Responsively)

"Psalm 30"

UMH#762

Pam Johnson

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Pastor Michael

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Led by our Liturgist, Pam Johnson

O God of people and nations, we are ignorant and arrogant about our own prosperity and might. When we forget how much we have, remind us of our abundance. When we take pride in our status and think ourselves better than others, grant us humility. When we use wealth and power to get our own way at the expense of others, correct us. Heal us, we pray, that we may be a force for wholeness. Given us understanding so that in our confession there is a path to restoring all that is broken in us, and in all of our relationships with others. **AMEN**

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor Michael

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** (verses 1-3)

Congregation

“Amazing Grace / My Chains are Gone”

W&S # 3104

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Excerpts from Galatians 6

Pam Johnson

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches.

And let us not grow weary of doing good.

As the Apostle Paul describes, far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR BEST GIFTS TO GOD

Pastor Michael

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

(Please Remain Standing for the Offertory Prayer)

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)**

Congregation

We are called to be gentle of heart and generous of spirit. God has given generously to each of us. It begins with our first breath and extends to the air we breathe. In this moment we are invited, as we are able, to offer up to God our gifts, tithes, and offerings so that they will directly and practically improve the lives of others. We are a generous people and tireless in our love. With the leading of God's Spirit, may we never grow weary of doing good. May it be our obsession and our reason for being.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Pastor Michael

SERMON

"Drinking the Cup Together"

Pastor Michael

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mary Frances Gunn

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Michael

Celebrating Holy Communion

***CLOSING HYMN**

(verses 1-3)

"Here I am Lord"

Congregation

UMH # 593

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Michael

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We now have recordings of the worship services available.
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.
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