



One: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

**All: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.**

Hymn

*O God of Earth and Space*

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1 O God of earth and space  
Of sea and fire and air  
Your providence surrounds us here  
And everywhere  
In fruit and grain and tree  
In shelter from the cold  
In cooling breezes flowing wells  
Now as of old

3 Wherever freedom reigns  
Where sin is overthrown  
Where justice fused with mercy rules  
There You are known  
Give us the courage clear  
To make the earth a home  
For all to live in harmony  
In Christ's shalom

2 Where faithfulness is shown  
Where love and truth abound  
Where beauty graces human life  
There You are found  
Inspirer of all thought  
Creative force of art  
The melody on every tongue  
In every heart

4 Your word commands response  
And summons us to life  
We follow strengthened by Your grace  
In calm or strife  
Our ever present help  
Our challenge and our prod  
We praise You now and to life's end  
Eternal God

### Prayers of Confession and the Lord's Prayer

Lord, we try to be so careful, yet we make so many mistakes. We think we are so wise, yet do not understand the simple wonder of a child. We spend so little time in your presence, and ask why we do not know your dreams for us. We long to be good, upright people, but find our hearts tripping over the temptations of the world. We are conflicted with information and every moment asks something different from us.

Have mercy, Lord, and be gracious to us. Give us your peace and set us on solid ground. Help us to hear your voice loud and clear in the cacophony of noise surrounding us. Remove those barriers of fear and apprehension as we draw close to you because your love is faithful. We come before you desiring to be free of the burden of sin we needlessly carry. We hold ourselves to standards that are unattainable and let others define us inaccurately. We are precious in your sight. We are your children. We are forgiven and loveable. Teach us as we pray and confess of your hopes, your dreams, your love for us, and may we practice what we learn, as we follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

*Moment of silence for personal prayers*

Out of our lives laced with foolish mistakes and unwise choices, God weaves a tapestry of grace, forgiveness, and healing. God has sent redemption for all through Christ. God has fed us with the healing bread of life. At all times, and for every grace, we give thanks to God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Summer Choir

*Agnus Dei*

Anna Prewitt on clarinet

Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture

2 Corinthians 5:16-19; Matthew 9:9-17

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

*End of the Individual*

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Hymn

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

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1 Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.

3 We share our mutual woes,  
our mutual burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.

2 Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.

4 From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
and sin, we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.

Benediction

Postlude

*Toccata in D – DuBois*

Gary Norris, Organist

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Our prayer of confession was adapted from Thom M. Shuman.

## Announcements

On Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, we donated 453 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank! Great and awesome job as we care for those in our community!

### **All Church Picnic Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup> at Legion Park Picnic Shelter**

Join us after worship at 11:30am with food beginning closer to 12pm

There will be hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, beverages, and ice cream sandwiches provided by the Christian Formation and Discipleship Committee. All you need to do is bring any extra fixings for your burger or hot dog (we will have the basic condiments). To help us order the right amount of food, we are asking everyone to RSVP using the link found on our Facebook page and in the email with this bulletin. Precautions are being made for those cooking and serving to wear gloves and masks and there will be games for all ages.

Hope you can join us on the 29<sup>th</sup> and all are welcome!

- Join Pastor Alan today for Coffee Time (11:30am) and Bible Study (12pm). We will be wrestling with the theme: What does this matter? This is our last Sunday Bible Study until September 12<sup>th</sup>. The Christian Formation and Discipleship Committee appreciates our dedication to growing in our faith and is excited about our upcoming programs.

Our link will be open at 11:30am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=aWVCbHM1bCs5dTE3Y1I2ZkpLUEZTd09>

Meeting ID: 431 912 4902

Passcode: FPCE21!

- Next Sunday we will be having hybrid worship at 10am.
- All videos are linked to our web page, app, and YouTube channel.
- Lunch with Pastor Alan takes place on our Zoom platform this Tuesday August 17<sup>th</sup> at noon. Lunch with Pastor Alan will be on break after August 17<sup>th</sup> until September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Thursday Bible Study on Zoom will be on Thursday August 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. We will be looking at John 15:1-17. Thursday Bible Study will take a break after August 19<sup>th</sup> to resume on Thursday September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Priscilla Circle begins Monday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am**

Priscilla Circle will begin meeting again on Monday, September 13, at 11:30 AM in Calvin Lounge. Since it has been so long that we have been together, this will be a social meeting in which we will discuss our plans for the year and what our study lesson will be. We welcome all women who wish to attend. Those who desire may bring a sack lunch. Dessert and drinks will be provided. Masks are required as well as Covid-19 protocols.

### Upcoming Memorials

We will honor Don Lyderson's life on Thursday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

Dick Weakley's Celebration of Life is on Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

### Prayer Updates August 15, 2021

- We pray for Snohomish County. The COVID case rate in Snohomish County has increased for the fifth week in a row. The rate is now up to 198 per 100,000 population for the most recent rolling two-week period. This is nearly triple the rate we were at five weeks ago.
- We pray for our county and city leaders as they navigate this COVID surge in our community.
- Please pray for Bruce Russell, who is fighting a serious infection. From Lisa Comstock.
- Let us lift up mighty prayers for Cindy Sterba, friend of Sonya Beardsley. Cindy is a volunteer for New and Again Thrift Store (benefitting Domestic Violence). She has bladder cancer and spots on her lungs and colon.
- We pray for Marilee Richards who has been diagnosed with COVID.
- Update from Marsha Lueth: My great nephew, who was born 8 weeks early, at 3 pounds, is now home after 10 weeks in the NICU. Thank you for your prayers for Jasper and his family.
- We pray for Pat Erickson as she seeks a solution to a physical problem that limits her mobility.
- We pray for Scott Morrow who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. We pray for his doctors, his strength, God's comfort, and for Shirley, Todd, and Peggy.
- We pray for Mike Goza after spinal surgery. He is home, but is in need of extensive rehab and recovery. We pray for Carolyn during this time and that God's peace, healing, and patience be with them.
- Jodi Doney asks for prayers for her relationship with Bill W.
- Jodi Doney asks for prayers for her sister Jill and for her niece Kaitlyn to reconnect with people who love her.
- Update: We pray for Robin Kohler's stepmom, Mary Lee Harris. Mary Lee needed another surgery and needs prayer as she heals.
- Sondra Santos asks for prayers for her uncle, Jimmy Sico, who was recently diagnosed with Glioblastoma. He has begun radiation treatment.

- Update: Sondra also asks for prayers for her brother-in-law, John Hightower, who was diagnosed with colon cancer. John had surgery to remove a mass and the good news is the mass is not cancerous.
- Update: We continue to pray for Linda Case, Lois Tysseling's sister. Linda had surgery and is recovering.
- We pray for Gary Norris. We pray for his recovery and continued health.
- We pray for Lucille Hofer as her daughter, Shirley Klien, died unexpectedly.
- Update: John Ortmeyer, Samaritan Counseling Director Emeritus, is recovering well after an embolic stroke (clot). He is receiving physical therapy and words were coming easier to him and forming complete sentences.
- We pray for Marilee Richard's grandson Cody who is struggling with personal issues. We continue to pray for her daughter Karen who has several health issues.
- Prayers for Juliana Pelhs, daughter of Rosemary Cassady, who works and sees patients in Brazil. COVID is rampant in Brazil and the health care system is strained.
- Steve Ellis, friend of Steve Torrence, who has been diagnosed with stage 2 prostate cancer.
- Prayers for Judy Campbell's son, Robert Henry, has a brain tumor. He was being treated for Meniere's Syndrome and surgery was pending when an MRI revealed the brain tumor. Surgery has been put off while another treatment is being administered.
- Update: Tricia (Meier) Countryman – concerning pulmonary embolism. Multiple tests have not discovered why she is ill. She is transferring her care and tests to Virginia Mason for continued diagnosis. Friend of Annette King

#### Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for members and families who have lost loved ones during our time apart:
  - Rev. Ed Coon
  - Merle Kirkley
  - Dorothy Nerison
  - Family of Letty Ownings
  - Family of Prince Schaefer
  - Family of Dr. George Youngstrom
  - Jay Kuhnhenh
  - Peggy Ulvestad
  - Judy Oberg
  - Judy Campbell
  - Jan Weakley
  - Family of Maurine Murray
  - Family of Bonnie Brown
  - Family of Celia Gordon
  - Sam and Rose Capetillo
  - Marcia Ricks and family
  - Joan Lyderson and family
  - Bea Swafford's family
  - Lucille Hofer

- Bev Fox's family
- Larry O'Donnell
- Matt McCoy, Grandson of Annette King
- Clyde and Judy Pitcher
- Hugh Minor
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans
- Cindy Rowlands
- Prayers for Hannah – Carol and Roy Gresham
- Prayers for Jan Geibel – Clyde and Judy Pitcher's daughter
- Prayers for friend and neighbor, Doug, as he battles lung cancer – Tony and Lois Tysseling
- Pray for Terrie and Gregg, friends of the Tysselings
- Bob Salinas, brother of Rose and Sam Capetillo
- Cy Paydar – nephew of Steve and Nancy Torrence

We pray for families affected by dementia and/or Alzheimer's. As with other individuals and families, we pray for successful research, perseverance, a sense of humor, and the Spirit's peace.

- Suzan, Judy Kutz's sister
- Dale and Janet Good