

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin – 10am

July 31, 2022

*For our liturgy this morning, **BOLD** text invites all to join in the reading.

Prelude *The Church's One Foundation* – Arr Hobby Gary Norris, Organist

Ringling of the Bell Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome Susan Davis

Call to Worship (Adapted from James 1 and Psalm 33) Susan Davis

One: Consider it pure joy, my brothers, and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

All: Let perseverance (and grace) finish their work in us so that we may be mature and complete, not lacking anything!

One: If any of you lacks Wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

All: For the word of Wisdom is right, and all her works are sure. She loves righteousness and justice; the faithful love of the Mother of All fills the whole earth.

One: By the word of Wisdom were the heavens made, by the breath of her mouth all the heavenly hosts.

All: Let all the earth revere She Who Is Wisdom; let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of her.

Hymn *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* #363

Prayers of Confession (Adapted from Psalm 32) and the Lord's Prayer Susan Davis

One: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them.

All: God of all Wisdom, we often lack understanding and wisdom and give up when insight does not come in our desired timing. Our strength of body, character, and faith is sapped as in the heat of summer. Thanks to your Word Incarnate and Inspired we know of amazing grace, mercy, and love. But can be reluctant to share the redemption and healing with which you have blessed us in Christ and that is available to others who trust that the Gospel is true. In your mercy, hear our prayers! (time for silent prayer of personal confession)

One: When we confess where we fall short and turn toward God, forgiveness is abundant – in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and being made new! Knowing that in Christ we find a place of refuge and renewal, let's join our voices in the prayer Jesus taught the disciples:

All: 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.

Choir Anthem *Carry Me Home* Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture Mark 6:6b-13, 30-38 Jonna
This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Invited to Proclaim, Heal, Rest, and Serve* Jonna

Hymn *Near to the Heart of God* #527

Prayers of the People and Affirmation of Faith Jonna

All: The Sabbath expresses the heart of the Good News, that God in Christ reveals an infinite love for us that does not depend on our works. It depends simply on our willingness for it, on our desire to turn to that Great Love with our deepest love, through all our little loves....what better way to reveal God's love beyond our works than to stop our usual works and discover that Love is not withdrawn, but strongly visible for us? Not only is this a witness for ourselves, but also for others as they see us intentionally celebrating an identity and love that is not dependent on our worthy production. In our simple Sabbath rest, doing nothing but appreciating the giftedness of life in God, we can reveal the Gospel to our neighbors in a demonstrable, non-aggressive, yet very challenging way.

Hymn *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* #343

Benediction Jonna

Postlude *Fantasia on Old Hundredth* – Arr Young Gary Norris, Organist

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Credits: The wording for Psalm 33 in the Call to Worship comes from Wilda C. Gafney, a Hebrew Scripture Scholar, and Episcopal Priest. See *A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church: Year W*
The Affirmation of Faith is from Tilden Edwards *Sabbath Time*

Announcements

**Flowers today are from Steve & Nancy Torrence
In loving memory of our son, Christopher**

From our guest pastor, Jonna...

Invitations for Reflection

1. What combination of proclamation, healing, rest, and serving do you think Wisdom would advise in love, grace and “following Jesus” for you in the months ahead?
2. Where might you go “two by two” (with others) in discerning and then living out any of these four biblical invitations for showing your love for God and neighbor?
3. In this post-Pentecost season, how does the Spirit renew and power us to proclaim, heal, and serve locally (Jerusalem/Judea) and beyond (Samaria/ends of the earth)? See Acts 1:6-8.

Deacon on Duty

Pastor Alan is on sabbatical. He will be offline through September 6th when he returns to the office and will lead worship on September 11th. We will have great pastors filling the pulpit over the summer and our Deacons want to make sure member needs are being met. To assist, our Deacons are going ‘on-call’ over the summer. In August, feel free to contact our August Deacons on Duty, Bob & Barbara Barren (425-610-4906), Mike & Susan Davis (425-595-6894) for visitation needs or prayer updates. This is another way our Deacons care for our congregation.

VOA Food Drive next Sunday

Next Sunday, August 7, is our next non-perishable food donation collection for the Volunteers of America. All donations go to support those in need here in Everett. You can drop donations in the baskets outside of the sanctuary doors. After worship, Ken Newman will collect and deliver our donations to the VOA. Thank you for your donations.

Men’s Breakfast – August 13

The Men’s Breakfast is back on the second Saturday of each month from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. The next breakfast will be August 13. The Men’s Breakfast is a time of fellowship and Bible study, not to mention breaking of bread. We hope to see all FPCE men at the upcoming meetings.

Church Picnic – August 28

The Christian Formation and Discipleship Committee invites you to save the date for our All-Church Picnic on Sunday, August 28th at Hauge Homestead Park picnic shelter, 1819 – 121st St SE, Everett, just off 19th Avenue SE at Silver Lake, between Emory's restaurant on Silver Lake and The Everett Clinic at Silver Lake. More details to come!

- Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
- All videos are linked to our web page, app, and YouTube channel.
- Lunch with Pastor Alan is taking a sabbatical break. Look for us to resume lunch in September.
- **Sunday School** – Today, instead of the ongoing Dead Sea Scrolls study, we'll hear from an Afghan immigrant who came to our area many years ago but remains very much in touch with the current situation in Afghanistan and with needs among current Afghan refugees. Our guest, Jalaluddin, owns an Afghan restaurant (Afghan Choopan) in Bothell and will bring a little food for attendees to sample (warning – you'll probably end up wanting more and it can be readily had by a trip to Bothell).

Join us from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom. Join Zoom using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902?pwd=ck5NR2hwOUd3cXFRaVQ2ZUVyRXJoUT09>

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- Passcode: FPCE!22

We'll return to the Dead Sea Scrolls next Sunday, August 7.

- **Thursday Bible Study is August 5 at 4 pm.** Shirley Solberg will lead us in I Corinthians chapters 12-14 with key concepts of Spiritual Gifts. Join us every Thursday for scripture and discussion via Zoom:

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To all worshipping with us:

- Masks are optional in our facility
- The first six rows of the sanctuary are open seating
- The back rows are every other pew for more spacing

Even as we move into this new chapter, we affirm a cautious approach by:

- Having masks and hand sanitizer available for use
- Keeping socially distanced
- Using prefilled communion cups

If there is any confusion, concerns, or questions, please contact Pastor Alan or a Session member. Our goal is to worship together and love our neighbor. We value everyone being able to worship in safety, inclusion, and openness. All are welcome.

Prayer Updates July 31, 2022

- We pray for our county and city leaders as they navigate the COVID crisis in our community.
- We pray for the Uyghur people in China. They are facing tremendous religious persecution for following Christ. We pray for all persecuted Christians around the world and seek the Holy Spirit to bring hope and grace to all situations.
- We pray for the children, families, and teachers affected by the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas.
- We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- We celebrate the birth of William (Will) Edgar Kregel, born July 21 to Emily & Alex Kregel. Will weighed 9 lb 2 oz and he joins older brother, Logan. Will is the grandson of Doug and Amy Farnham. All are doing great. Congratulations!
- Update: Susan Lynn has finished all her breast cancer treatments. Other than some fatigue and a little residual pain, she is doing well and feeling great.
- Update from Marilyn Carter: I am back at Washington Oakes after hospital and rehab. I've slowed down a bit but am doing well. Thank you for your prayers.
- We pray for Jimmy Sharp who has an eye test soon and possible surgery.
- Rev. Karen Summers has been hospitalized with COVID and would appreciate prayer. From Shirley Solberg.
- We pray for Marilee Richards who is very sick with COVID. From Lisa Comstock.
- We pray for Willard who has stage 4 cancer. From Lisa Comstock.
- We pray for Lillian who has serious cardiac issues. From Lisa Comstock.
- We pray for Marshel Gleason who is in a coma from COVID. From Judy Hutchison.
- We pray for Jean Kanter who is home recovering from the hospital. She thanks everyone for their prayers.
- Update: We pray for Ida who has cancer and is on hospice. From Lisa Comstock.
- We pray for Jim Iles who has cancer. From Marilyn Minch.
- We pray for Janet Good who is in rehab.
- We pray for Genny Heuer who is recovering from COVID. Thank you for your prayers. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Update as we pray for Marilee Richard's friend, Doug Paine who is blind and he was hit by a car and is in critical condition in Harborview. He is home from the hospital and recovering. Continued prayers are welcome.
- Please pray for Joyce Richardson as she recovers from health problems. Please also pray for Paul Richardson's sister Becky. From Kory Kanter.
- Larry O'Donnell continues to amaze with his improved energy level. PTL! Please pray for his continued improvement. From Annette King.
- Update: Wes's recent doctor's appointment confirmed good recovery from most of his December complications. PTL! However, his shortness of breath is still a concern; please keep praying. Hoping this will be over in the next few months. From Annette King.

Continued Prayers for FPCE

- Prayers for members and friends during our time apart.
- Family of Scott Morrow
- Family of Roy Gresham
- Florence Day
- Family of John Moir
- Family of Lucille Hofer
- Robert Henry
- Genevieve Heuer – friend of Jimmy Sharp
- Carol Gresham
- Family of Liz Lombard
- Arlene Mawudeku
- LaMara Halstrom and Jane McMahon – Steve and Nancy Torrence
- Pat Weakley Hein – sister-in-law of Jan Weakley
- Matt McCoy, Grandson of Annette King
- Clyde and Judy Pitcher
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans
- Cindy Rowlands
- Prayers for Jan Geibel – Clyde and Judy Pitcher's daughter
- Prayers for friend and neighbor, Doug Dawson, as he goes through another round of chemotherapy– Tony and Lois Tysseling
- 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 for Suzan, Judy Kutz's sister and Dale and Janet Good.

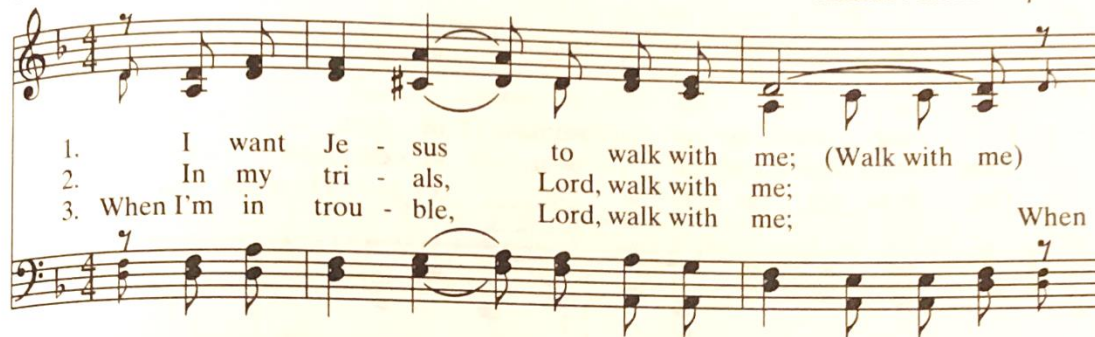
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

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African-American spiritual

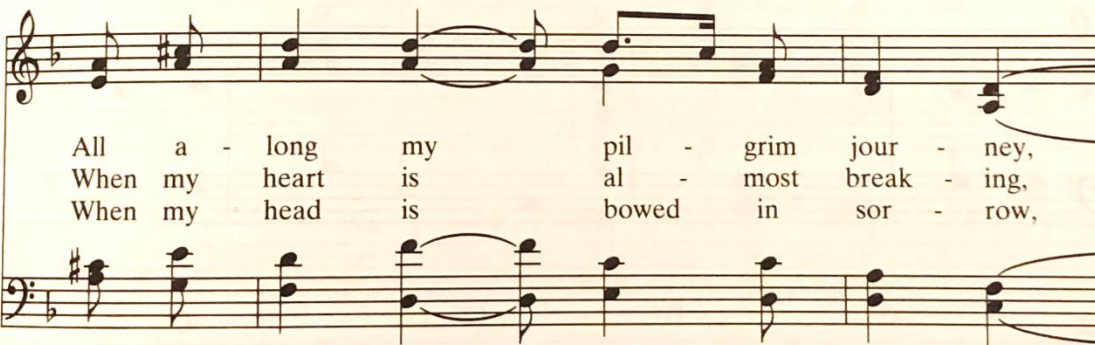
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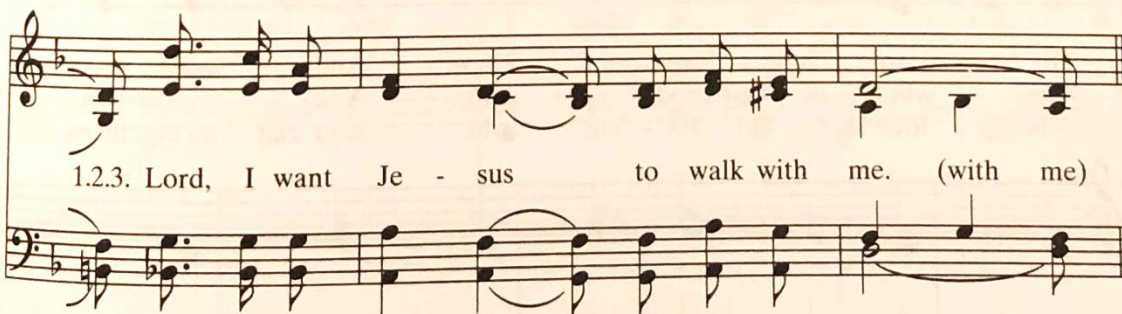
1. I want Je - sus to walk with me; (Walk with me)
 2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 3. When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me; When



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 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



All a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 When my heart is al - most break - ing,
 When my head is bowed in sor - row,



1.2.3. Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. (with me)

Near to the Heart of God

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Cleland Boyd McAfee, 1901

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1. There is a place of qui - et rest, Near to the heart of God,
2. There is a place of com - fort sweet, Near to the heart of God,
3. There is a place of full re - lease, Near to the heart of God,

A place where sin can - not mo - lest, Near to the heart of God.
A place where we our Sav - ior meet, Near to the heart of God.
A place where all is joy and peace, Near to the heart of God.

Refrain
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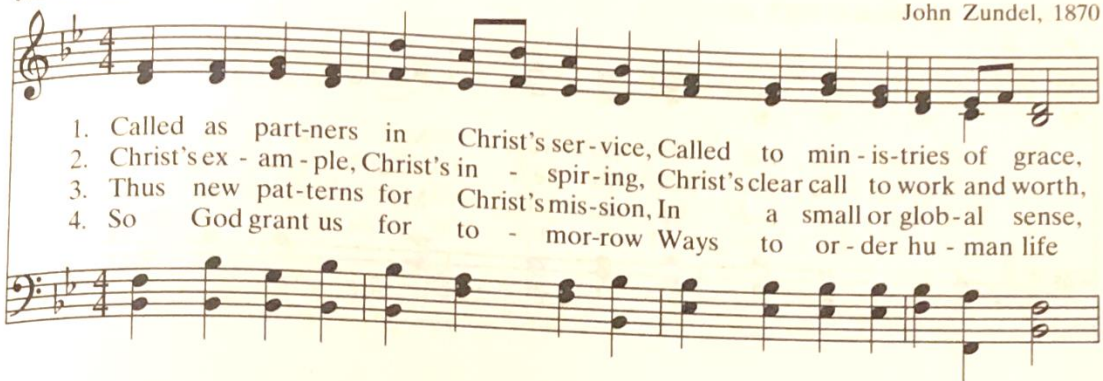
Hold us, who wait be - fore Thee, Near to the heart of God.

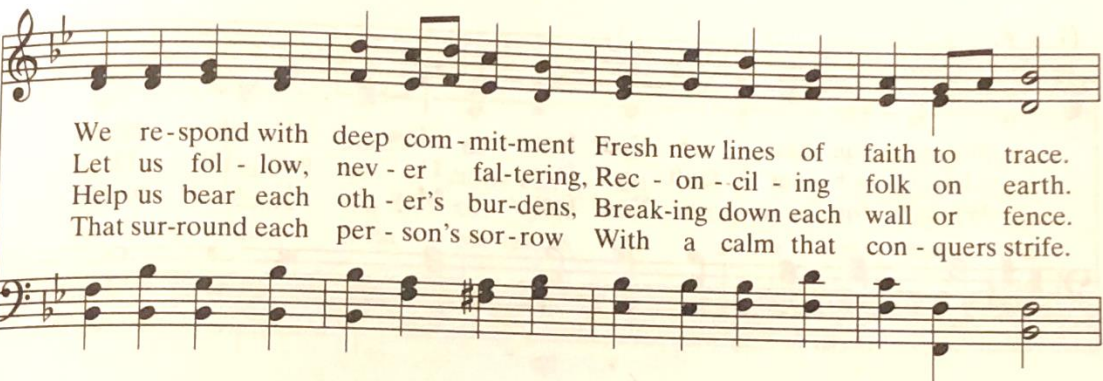
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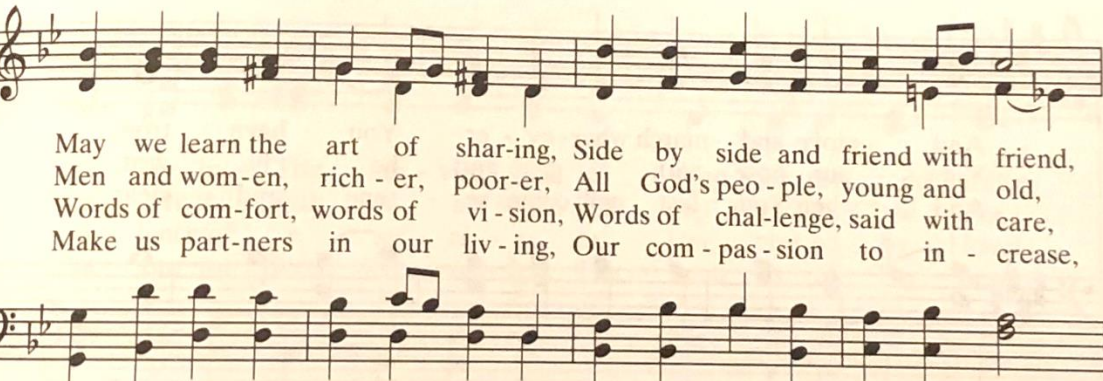
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John Zundel, 1870

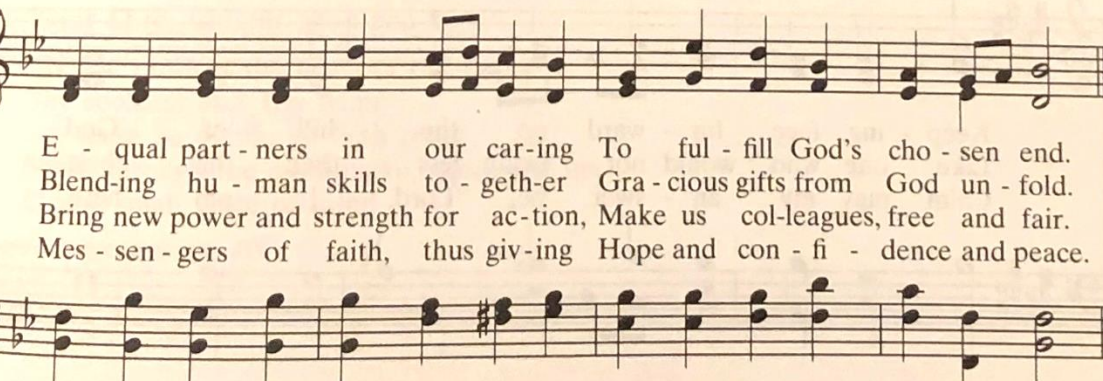
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1. Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, Called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2. Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3. Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, In a small or glob-al sense,
 4. So God grant us for to-mor-row Ways to or-der hu-man life



We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, Rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, Break-ing down each wall or fence.
 That sur-round each per-son's sor-row With a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, Side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, All God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, Words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, Our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E - qual part - ners in our car-ing To ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
 Blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth-er Gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
 Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, Make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 Mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv-ing Hope and con - fi - dence and peace.