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~ Welcome Visitors! ~

**Guide to the bulletin:** An asterisk (\*) indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit. Text printed in **BOLD** indicates everyone says them together. **NCH** is the New Century Hymnal next to your pew chair.

**Children:** Children are always welcome here. We know youth grow – in the love of God and the love of others – when they have opportunities to worship in community. After the Message for All, children are invited to sit by their family in the sanctuary or at the Prayer Ground. There are a variety of quiet activities and fidgets the youth (and adults!) can do available by the sanctuary doors. There is also a Prayer Ground set up at the front of the sanctuary. There are several quiet activities prepared for children. We know many of us need to wiggle a bit to be comfortable. Kids do too!!! Adults are welcome to sit in this area as well! #ChildofGod. You and/or your children are welcome to get up during the service to select something to do.

## GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude

*St. Anthony Chorale*

Haydn/arr. W. Barnes

### Welcome & Announcements

\* Opening Song

**In This Time of Great Reflection<sup>1</sup>**

vss 1-3

*A hymn for the 250th anniversary of the United States of America  
(sung to RESTORATION 8.7.8.7 with Refrain ("Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and  
Needy"))*

**In this time of great reflection on two hundred fifty years,  
We remember, as a nation, times we've prospered, times of tears.  
"We shall be," a preacher told us, "as a city on a hill" —  
not to praise us but to warn us: We've a duty to fulfill.**

**Here is what holds us together: Mercy, love, community.  
We're to seek to care for neighbors in a just society.  
If we fail to help the needy and to build a land that's just,  
we will simply be a by-word as the world looks on at us.**

**We recall our nation's story. Keep us honest, God above!  
In our quest for wealth and glory, we have injured ones you love.  
Through enslavement, through displacement,  
We have chosen ways of sin.  
We've been violent. We've stayed silent.  
So our light of love stays dim.**

\*Call to Worship<sup>2</sup>

**One:** Calling all citizens of heaven: exiled dreamers and disciples of love,

**All: God is close to the outcast and faithful to all.**

**One:** Calling all pilgrims of the Spirit, carried by the winds of hope,

**All: God is everywhere at all times, compassionate to all.**

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<sup>2</sup> Worship Liturgy by REV. ERIKA MARKSBURY | Pastor | First Baptist Church of  
McMinnville, Oregon & REV. AMANDA MEISENHEIMER | Pastor | Church on the  
Hill in Flushing, New York City; Illustrated Ministry 2026

**One:** Calling all travelers between worlds, who translate compassion into peace,

**All: God makes neighbors of strangers and kin of the forgotten.**

**One:** Come to worship and be renewed for this long journey.

**All: Strangers in a strange land, we have come to worship the creator of all.**

**\* Prayer of Confession**

**One:** Gracious One, where do we begin? You call us to do justice,

**All: and we explain that justice is complicated.**

**One:** You ask us to love mercy,

**All: and we counter that a show of strength is necessary.**

**One:** You invite us to walk humbly with you,

**All: and we struggle to recognize you in our neighbors, in the dispossessed, in the poor and hungry places of our own hearts.**

**One:** We confess we have failed to summon the courage and compassion required by your call.

**All: We have treated hospitality as an option, kinship as a choice, instead of as the center of our life together.**

**One:** We have claimed your name, yet rejected your way.

**All: Forgive us, we pray.**

**\* Assurance of Pardon**

**Pastor Kris:** Friends, hear this good news: God's gift is love that liberates, hope that inspires, grace that transforms. Each of us alone and all of us together are forgiven and set free.

**All: Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*Hymn**                      **In This Time of Great Reflection<sup>3</sup>**                      verses 4 & 5  
*(sung to RESTORATION 8.7.8.7 with Refrain ("Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"))*

**Will we work for racial justice? Will we turn from fear and hate?**

**What is now the public witness that you call us to create?**

**As we celebrate our country, help us, Lord, to understand:**

**All of us must share the bounty and the goodness of the land.**

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**In this time, O God, restore us to the land we're called to be — where all people here among us know your blest community. May we seek to be that city, not with pride but as a prayer. May we love and serve you humbly, in our land and everywhere.**

### **HEARING THE WORD**

**Hebrew Scripture**

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49

**Special Music**

***Chorale: Werde Munter, Mein Gemute  
"Become Cheerful, My Mind"***

J.S Bach/arr. W. Barnes

**The Story Continues**

Genesis 24:58-67

**Message for All**

Cindy Rosch

**Prayer of Jesus**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy 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 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

*After the Message for All, children are invited to sit by their family in the sanctuary or at the Prayer Ground.*

**Reflection**

### **SHARING OUR LIVES**

**Call to Prayer**

***Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior***

NCH 551, vss 1 & 2

**Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;  
While on others you are calling, do not pass me by.  
Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;  
While on others you are calling, do not pass me by.**

**Let me at your throne of mercy find a sweet relief;  
Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief.**

**Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;  
While on others you are calling, do not pass me by.**

### **Prayers of the People**

*During our online worship service, we invite you to type your prayers in the comments section on your screen. Or you can text prayers to Pastor Kris at 608-438-6307. We will collect the petitions and read them during the service. Know that prayers shared this day are public. If you have prayer request you would like to remain private, you may email them to: [pastorkris@memorialucc.org](mailto:pastorkris@memorialucc.org)*

### **AT THIS TABLE: A SERVICE of COMMUNION<sup>4</sup>**

*Come to God's Extravagant Table—wherever you are. Those who are blessing and receiving the sacrament at home, please prepare a slice or small loaf of bread, corn tortilla, or rice cake to share and a cup or small cups of juice — perhaps grape or cranberry — or wine, with or without alcohol.*

### **Invitation to the Table & Words of Remembering**

Pastor Kris: Let us pray...

**All: God of the open hand and the gentle yoke, we await your gift and your service. Send your Spirit of life and love, of power and blessing upon your children in every “house of worship,” so that this Bread may be broken and gathered in love and this Cup poured out to give hope to all. Risen Christ, live in us, that we may live in you. Breathe in us, that we may breathe in you. Amen.**

### **\*Sharing the Bread and Cup**

*Please come forward and take a piece of bread, which you may dip into one of the cups. All the bread is gluten free. The brown cup has wine; the blue cup has white grape juice. All are welcome at this meal. If you are worshipping at home, you may serve yourself. Or, if you are with others consider serving each other.*

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<sup>4</sup> Adapted from Maren Taribassi, “Holy Communion Liturgy for July 5, 2020 | Gifts in Open Hands,” Gifts in Open Hands, accessed June 29, 2026, <https://giftsinopenhands.wordpress.com/2020/06/26/holy-communion-liturgy-for-july-5-2020/>.

**All are welcome at this meal.**

**Communion Meditation**

***Impromptu***

Johnathan Kana

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Pastor Kris:** In thanksgiving for this meal of grace and in the holy dispersion of virtual worship, and the holy re-gathering in familiar pews we claim the risen Christ's love and gentle yoke are found in all houses of worship. Let us pray ...

**All: O Holy One, we have come unto you with our weariness and we have let go of all in our lives that is heavy. We thank you for the rest and strength of this communion so now we can lift up all that is light and gentle, humble and easy, and learn from you how to change the world. Amen**

**GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD**

**\*Song for Going Out**

***For This Land in All Its Wonder***

*(sung to the tune of NCH 436, God of Grace and God of Glory)*

**For this land in all its wonder, for each city, farm and town,  
For each mountain filled with splendor,  
for each place where love is found,  
For the freedoms we enjoy here,  
God, may thanks to you abound!  
God, may thanks to you abound!**

**For your peace and love unending,  
breaking barriers that divide;  
For the joy of cultures blending as we live here side by side;  
God, we thank you and we pray now:  
May we all be unified! May we all be unified!**

**For your hand to lead and guide us, for your work in history,  
For your vision born inside us of a just society,  
God, we thank you and we pray now:  
May this vision come to be! May this vision come to be!**

**May we be a nation seeking ways that are both wise and fair,**

**May our living and our speaking serve your purpose everywhere.**

**May we follow where you lead us;**

**God, this is our hope and prayer!**

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**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**      *Music for the Royal Fireworks*      Handel/arr. W. Barnes

**Worship Leaders:** Jeff Darwin (Dir. of Music), Cindy Rosch (Message for All), and Pastor Kris Gorton

**Special Music:** Mark Sieger, Mark Hanson, Jen Williams, John Koepp & Mary Koepp

**Readers:** Jan Klawitter and Terry Hoffman

**Usher:** Roger Elver

**Communion Preparation:** Barb Gallogly-Turner and Susan Webb

**Media Room:** Jordan Baumgart

**Fellowship:** Cindy and John Rosch

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**Bathrooms:** There are two bathrooms near the main entrance of the church. A third Gender Neutral and Accessible bathroom is in the hallway by the nursery. If you need assistance finding the restrooms, an usher will gladly help you.



**Giving Options—Ever-Widening Opportunities:** Checks can be mailed directly to the church or dropped off during office hours. Please indicate any special designation in the memo line. You can give securely via PayPal with your credit card, debit card, or direct withdrawals. Visit and click the "giving" link in the upper right-hand corner or scan the

QR code here. If you are interested in monthly automatic withdrawals, please email Ulrika Swanson at [ulrikaswanson@gmail.com](mailto:ulrikaswanson@gmail.com), and she will get you signed up.

**Want to Know More About Us?** Co-pastors Kris and Peter would be happy to set up a time to chat further. Feel free to contact either of them at [pastorkris@memorialucc.org](mailto:pastorkris@memorialucc.org) or [pastorpeter@memorialucc.org](mailto:pastorpeter@memorialucc.org). You don't need to be a formal member to get involved here. There is a lot of information on our website at [www.memorialucc.org](http://www.memorialucc.org).

### **Mark Your Calendars for Our Summer Fundraiser!**

Planning is officially underway for our exciting, combined **Garage Sale and Pie-a-Palooza!**

- When: Friday, August 21 and Saturday, August 22

This is a fantastic, fun event with a role for everyone. You can donate items, bake a delicious pie, volunteer to help with setup, or assist during the sale itself. And of course, everyone is welcome to come out and shop!

- Donation Drop-off Window: July 26 through August 16
- Donated items can be brought to the music room during church office hours

Want to donate items? Please check the donation guidelines located in the narthex for [a complete list of what we can and cannot accept](#).

### **ENGAGING WISDOM**

**Wednesday, July 8, we invite** anyone who considers themselves a senior... or nearing "that age"... or is supporting a loved one... and is interested in connecting with others around the spiritual, serious—and sometimes humorous—realities of getting older is welcome to participate.

**There are 2 cohorts. One meets in the morning from 9:30 am-11 am. The other group gets together in the afternoon, 4-5:30 pm.** We gather in the Youth Room (forever young at heart!). You DO NOT need to come to every session. You CAN come to which ever meeting fits your schedule during the month. Anyone from the community is welcome to attend.