

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 12, 2026 at 10 am

"So the Son of Man is Lord, even over the Sabbath!" (Mark 2:28)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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HYMN #464: *JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE*

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

O Lord my God, how great you are!
You are robed with honor and majesty.
You are dressed in a robe of light.

You stretch out the starry curtain of the heavens;
you lay out the rafters of your home in the rain clouds.
You make the clouds your chariot;
you ride upon the wings of the wind.

Mountains rose and valleys sank
to the levels you decreed.
You make springs pour water into the ravines,
so streams gush down from the mountains.

They provide water for all the animals,
and the wild donkeys quench their thirst.
The birds nest beside the streams
and sing among the branches of the trees.

You send rain on the mountains from your heavenly home,
and you fill the earth with the fruit of your labor.
You cause grass to grow for the livestock
and plants for people to use.

You allow them to produce food from the earth—
wine to make them glad,
olive oil to soothe their skin,
and bread to give them strength.

O Lord, what a variety of things you have made!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your creatures.

May the glory of the Lord continue forever!
The Lord takes pleasure in all he has made!

Let all that we are praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord!

Psalm 104:1-3, 8, 10-15, 24, 31, 35.

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HYMN #267: *ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL* (verses 1–2, 4)

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings:
God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings. *[Refrain]*

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning
That brightens up the sky. *[Refrain]*

God gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well. *[Refrain]*

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HYMN #306: *FAIREST LORD JESUS*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
 O Thou of God to earth come down,
 Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
 Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands,
 Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
 Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
 Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight,
 And all the twinkling starry host;
 Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
 Than all the angels heaven can boast.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *and* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

After corporate prayer we will have a few moments of silence for personal confession.

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HYMN #293: *THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD*

This is my Father's world,
 And to my listening ears
 All nature sings, and round me rings
 The music of the spheres.
 This is my Father's world:
 I rest me in the thought
 Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
 His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world.
 Oh, let me ne'er forget
 That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
 God is the ruler yet.
 This is my Father's world:
 The battle is not done:
 Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
 And earth and heaven be one.

READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: *"The First Day of the New Creation"*

Genesis 2:2–3

By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.³ Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Exodus 20:8–11

"Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.⁹ You have six days each week for your ordinary work,¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath day of rest

dedicated to the LORD your God. On that day no one in your household may do any work. This includes you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, your livestock, and any foreigners living among you. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and everything in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart as holy.”

Mark 2:23–28

One Sabbath day as Jesus was walking through some grainfields, his disciples began breaking off heads of grain to eat. ²⁴ But the Pharisees said to Jesus, “Look, why are they breaking the law by harvesting grain on the Sabbath?”

²⁵ Jesus said to them, “Haven’t you ever read in the Scriptures what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ²⁶ He went into the house of God (during the days when Abiathar was high priest) and broke the law by eating the sacred loaves of bread that only the priests are allowed to eat. He also gave some to his companions.”

²⁷ Then Jesus said to them, “The Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people, and not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is Lord, even over the Sabbath!”

John 20:1

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. . . .

RESPONDING TO GOD’S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

*The metal basket in the offering plate is for gifts to support
our deacons’ provision of care, support, and financial assistance to those in need.*

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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HYMN #473: FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH (verses 1–2, 4–5)

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.

*Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light. *[Refrain]*

For the joy of human love,
 Brother, sister, parent, child,
 Friends on earth and friends above,
 For all gentle thoughts and mild. *[Refrain]*

For Thy Church, that evermore
 Lifteth holy hands above,
 Offering up on every shore
 Her pure sacrifice of love. *[Refrain]*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY	Sunday Worship (10:00; <i>outside on the front lawn</i>) Potluck (after the service)
Tuesday, July 14	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
Wednesday, July 15	Quilting Group (10:30–2:30)
Sunday, July 19	Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
LOOKING AHEAD	July 22: Summer Lawn Concert: <i>Salmonberry Band</i> (6:30–8:00)
	August 4: National Night Out BBQ (6:00–7:30)
	August 12 and 26: Wednesday night Summer Lawn Concerts (6:30–8:00)

We have hearing assistance device/headphones for those who could use a bit of a “volume boost” during the services. You will find them in a drawer, in the table where you pick up your bulletin. If you need help finding them, ask!

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