

WELCOME TO THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF PORT HURON



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.
LAY PREACHER STEVE AHLQUIST

~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~

WORSHIP AND PICNIC SUNDAY

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lay Preacher Steve Ahlquist

We believe that God rejoices in Your taking time to worship. Please sign in on the sign up sheet.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist Dorinne Crowell

*OPENING WORDS: Psalm 46: 1-5 (Responsively)

Liturgist Dorinne

“God is our refuge and strength;

A very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear,

Though the earth should change,

Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

Though its waters roar and foam,

Though the mountains tremble with its tumult...

The Lord is with us; The God of the universe is our refuge.”

Let us worship the One who protects us and provides for us.

*OPENING SONG

“10,000 Reasons”

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Refrain

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Refrain

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Refrain

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
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Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist Dorinne

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Liturgist Dorinne

Lord God, You call us to put on Your armor on—truth, righteousness, peace, and faith. You promise that Your armor will protect us. We know this but we don't always believe it. Thus, we dress ourselves with self-reliance and pride. We think we can protect ourselves better than You can protect us. Forgive us for believing our ways are better than Your ways. Help us to dress ourselves in Your armor.

(A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Liturgist Dorinne

Christ does not judge us harshly.

Instead, no matter what we have done, God forgives us.

No matter how weak we are, Christ strengthens us,
and gives us new life.

God can transform our lives through His forgiveness and love.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Lay Preacher Steve

SCRIPTURES Ephesians 6: 10-20

Liturgist Dorinne & Lay Preacher Steve

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lay Preacher Steve

SERMON

The Armor of God

Lay Preacher Steve

SONG

“Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone”

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I’m found
Was blind, but now I see
’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone, I’ve been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace
The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Chorus

Chorus

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine
You are forever mine

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Liturgist Dorinne

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Liturgist Dorinne

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Lay Preacher Steve

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

***CLOSING SONG**

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

Have Thine own way Lord, have Thine own way
You are the Potter, I am the clay
Mold me and make me after Thy will
While I am waiting, yielded and still
Have Thine own way Lord, have Thine own way
Search me and try me Master today
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now
As in Thy presence humbly I bow, yeah

Have Thine own way Lord, have Thine own way
Wounded and weary, Lord help me, I pray
Power all power surely is Thine

Touch me and heal me Savior divine

Lord, touch me and heal me

Have Thine own way Lord, have Thine own way

Hold over my being absolute sway

Fill with Thy spirit till everyone sees

Christ only always living in me

Living in me

Living in me

Have Thine own way, Lord

Have Thine own way, Lord

Lord, have Thine own way

***BENEDICTION (Paraphrase Isaiah 41:10—In Unison)**

Lay Preacher Steve

Let us not be afraid, for God is with us. God will strengthen us. God will help us. God will uphold us with His victorious right hand.

CLOSING MUSIC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS: Please pick up a children's activity bag for learning during the service. The children can take the bulletins home each week.

JOB OPENINGS: We continue to have three open positions at the church, Media/Marketing Director, Christian Education Director and Music Director. If you know of anyone that might want to apply for these positions, please pick up a job description from the office counter.

STITCH AND CHAT: There is a group of women who meet each Wednesday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to Stitch and Chat. Are you a stitcher or a chatter? Whichever—come! Bring your latest project or just come and chat!

ADULT CLASS “THE CHOSEN”: Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. This coming Wednesday, we are on Season 3, Lesson 3. If you want the story of Jesus to come alive for you, mark your calendar and join us!

ADULT CLASS “THE BACKSTORY”: 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays; This class will give you the opportunity to see beyond the Scriptures to be preached on the following Sunday. No previous knowledge of the Scriptures is required. Questions are welcomed.

SARAH CIRCLE: This Bible study is on the second Wednesday of each month and will re-begin on September 13th at 1:00 p.m. If you are a woman who enjoys spirited discussions and lively conversations with friends, as well as some sweet treats, please join us in the church Parlor. This year we will be studying "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke and Acts." Cost of the study book is \$11.20. For more information talk to Judith McLean.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: G.I.F.T./Mountain Movers and the Nursery Attendant resumes on Sunday, September 17th!

SPECIAL MUSIC: Come glorify God during worship with a string trio on September 17th. The Muzzarelli's are local musicians with extensive experience.

ADULT CLASS “One Dunk”: On Sunday, September 17th, Pastor Roxie will do just one class on a book from the Bible, from 11:15-12:15 a.m., following worship. It will be a splash into an Old Testament Book that has a lot to say about Life, Death, and Purpose: The Book of Ecclesiastes (12 chapters long—you might want to read it before you come, but that is not a necessity). Mark your calendar for this dip into the waters of the Book of Ecclesiastes.

STEWARDSHIP: This year, the Stewardship Campaign will be earlier than usual. We will look at how we are doing with our personal and church-wide “Stewardship of time, talent, and treasure” on September 17th, 24th, and October 1st. There will be a Stewardship Dinner following worship on October 1st, and we will bring our pledge cards to dedicate on October 8th.

LADIES DAY TEA: Enjoy a good mystery? Or are you clueless when it comes to whodunnits? It really doesn't matter because all will be revealed at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, September 23rd when the *ladies* are invited to tea in the Fellowship Hall. Just leave your Jane Hancock on the sign-up sheet in the church office. Sorry guys, this is for women only!

PNC PRAYER TIME: Prayer is critical as Churches and Pastors discern what is in their future. Please pray each day for insight and energy for the PNC: Steve Ahlquist, Rick Cameron, Jennie Carolan, Jacquie Green, Linda Hall, Judith McLean.

PNC QUESTIONS/ANSWERS SESSION: Following worship on Sunday, September 24th, the PNC would like you to join them after the worship service for a brief progress report along with a questions and answer session on where we have been and where we are going.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Add to the MEDIA TEAM. We need 8 people to join the volunteer team to operate the sound/live streaming system on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, talk with Mark Schian, Laura Gaffney or Pastor Roxie. If we have 8 people, you will be at the sound and media board about every 2 months. We are also forming an ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE as a subcommittee to Christian Education Committee to think of creative ways and help to plan Adult Education Classes, which could be held during the week and/or after worship on Sunday.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./9-11:	Financial Counters	9:00 a.m.
	Session	7:00 p.m.
Wed./9-13:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 a.m.
	Sarah's Circle	1:00 p.m.
	Adult Class: "The Chosen"	7:00 p.m.
Thurs./9-14:	Adult Class: "The Back Story"	10:00 a.m.

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