

First Presbyterian Church of North Bend

Order of Worship

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026

Gathering the Community

Welcome/Announcements

- Welcome to both our in-person and online folks...
- Check out the Community Calendar in the Parlor...
- Food cupboard donation item of the month: Peanut Butter & Ramen Noodles...
- Today is Father's Day...
- Puzzle Exchange in the Parlor... Library Exchange...
- Also, we are always looking for volunteers Food cupboard, Snack Bags, Saturday Meals, Hearts with a Mission...
- Birthdays: Susan Coons (6/21), Maribel Perez-Smith (6/22), and George Tinker (6/22) ... Miss anyone? – *Praise be to you O God for your generous gift of life!!*

Now, let us allow the sounds of our prelude to prepare our hearts and minds for worship together this morning...

Prelude

Tom

Call to Worship

Mark/Roberta

One: Let us come together for the Call to Worship...

Listen, O Shepherd of Israel, listen to your flock!

Many: Stir up your might, O God, and come to save us!

One: You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

Many: You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

One: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see our suffering.

Many: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved. Amen.

Passing the Peace

Mark/Roberta

One: As we celebrate this season of Pentecost, we welcome the presence of the Spirit of God that brings us together; the Advocate who will continually show us the way to Jesus and reveal to us the will of God. With that great gift, let us stand together and share with one another the peace of Christ that binds us together in love. Let us pass the peace...

(Congregation will pass the peace...)

Eric: As you find your seats we invite you to join as one voice as we sing our opening hymn *O Worship the King...*

Opening Hymn

Tom

O Worship the King

476, vs. 1/2/3/4 only

Sharing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Mark/Roberta

(Psalm 86:1-10 & Hebrews 12:1-2, NRSV)

Hear the Word of the Lord from the *Psalms...*

¹ Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. ² Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God; ³ be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long. ⁴ Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. ⁵ For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. ⁶ Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. ⁷ In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me. ⁸ There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. ⁹ All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. ¹⁰ For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Our second reading comes from *Hebrews 12...*

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

This is the Word of the Lord... **(Thanks be to God)**

Confession & Assurance of Pardon:

Mark/Roberta

One: Try as we might to follow Jesus, at some point we always fail. But our failure does not have the power to separate us from God. Trusting Christ's grace, let us confess our sin together...

Many: Ever-loving God, we confess that we are not always ready to trust your love. You call us to step forward in radical faith, but we cling to what is familiar, comfortable and non-controversial. You are eternally at work in the world, but we struggle to discern your presence in the signs of the times. Forgive us, O God. By your grace, give us courage to stand for what is right and good and to risk love and justice even when it is unpopular. Teach us faithfulness and perseverance for the journey ahead. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

One: Friends, we are indeed surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. We are the body of Christ, the family of faith, all of us both saints and sinners. And in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Let us stand together as we sing the Hymn of Confession...

Confessional Hymn

Tom

Spirit of the Living God

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Youth Minute

Ken

Special Music Offering

Allan/Eric

Sermon Text

Eric

Matthew 10:34-42

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶ and one’s enemies will be members of one’s own household. ³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰ Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Sermon

Eric

Responding to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

Eric/**Everyone**

Speaking the truth in love, we are now called to grow up in every way into Christ, from whom the whole body is joined and knit together... To help us do just that, let us use the first question/answer found in the Heidelberg Confession from 1563 to affirm our faith together...

Our only comfort in life and death is that we are not our own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death, to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus has fully paid for all our sins with his precious blood, and has set us free from the tyranny of the devil. Jesus also watches over us in such a way that not a hair can fall from our heads without the will of our Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for our salvation. Because we belong to him, Christ by his Holy Spirit assures us of eternal life and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Amen.

(Heidelberg Catechism, 1563)

Sermon Hymn

Eric/Tom/Trevor

Good Good Father

Offering Invitation

Eric

God is the giver of every good gift. Let us return our thanks to God as we receive the morning offering.

(Pass the plates...)

Offering Music

Tom

Offering Hymn

Tom

Give Thanks

2036

Offering Prayer

Eric

Generous God, receive these gifts as investments in your kingdom of love, justice and peace. Use this money and use our lives to bring about the world as you intend it. With gratitude we pray, Amen.

Prayers of the People

Eric

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. This body calls out to you today. For the prayers and joys spoken this morning, hear us and heal us. Join us with those who in all times and places, with many languages have praised your name, so that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, bringing honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. ***O Lord, hear our prayers...***

God of all ages, we pray for your world and its people. Guide the leaders of the nations - that they may govern with wisdom, compassion and peace. Be present with people suffering under unjust regimes, racism, war, famine, poverty, and all other forms of systemic evil. Bend the arc of history toward your justice and righteousness. ***O Lord, hear our prayer...***

God of our life, through all the circling years we trust in your love. We pray today for all people struggling to believe in your goodness: for those who are hungry or homeless, sick or in prison. We pray for people who are lonely, injured, grieving or living in fear. Heal your people in body, mind and spirit. ***O Lord, hear our prayer...***

God of grace and God of glory, pour your power over us, your people. Nurture and uphold your church, that we may be worthy of being called the Body of Christ. Grant us wisdom, courage, and faithfulness as we seek to do right in a world that gladly condones wrong. May we preach the gospel by loving you and loving our neighbors. ***O Lord, hear our prayer...***

God of compassion, hear all our prayers, as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us, saying...

Lord's Prayer

Everyone

Our Father 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours are the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Leaving to Serve

Sending Hymn

Eric/Tom/Trevor

Forever

Charge and Benediction

Eric

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord's face be lifted upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Postlude

Tom