

First Presbyterian Church of North Bend
Order of Worship
Fifth Sunday in Lent & Ole-Time Gospel Sunday
March 22, 2026

Gathering the Community

Welcome/Announcements

Eric

- Welcome to both our in-person and online folks...
- Check out the Community Calendar in the Parlor...
- Food cupboard donation item of the month: Spaghetti, the uncooked pasta, not the canned, pre-cooked stuff.
- Maundy Thursday April 2 at 5:30, Good Friday April 3 @ Emmanuel 12, Easter Sunrise at CB Boardwalk 6:30am...
- Choir Rehearsal this Wed 3/25 at 5pm...
- Also, we are always looking for volunteers Food cupboard, Snack Bags, Saturday Meals, Hearts with a Mission...
- Birthdays: Cynthia Baley (3/23)... Miss anyone? – *Praise be to you O God for your generous gift of life!!*

Now, let us allow the sounds of our prelude to quiet our minds and still our hearts as we enter into worship together this morning...

Prelude

OTGS Band

(During prelude, Candles of Lent are lit...)

Call to Worship

OTGS Band

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

Out of the depths we call to you, O Lord.

Many: Let your ears hear our voices.

One: We wait for you, O God. In your word is our hope.

Many: We wait for you, O Lord, for with you there is mercy.

One: We wait, for with you there is steadfast love.

Many: With you O Lord is great power to redeem. Amen.

(1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Candles of Lent are extinguished...)

Passing the Peace

Eric

One: During this Lenten season, the whole world longs for peace. As we begin worship this morning, let us stand together, greet one another, and share the peace of God 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 *Old Rugged Cross*...

Opening Hymn

OTGS Band

Old Rugged Cross

Sharing God's Word

Scripture Reading

OTGS Band

(Psalm 130:1-8 & Romans 8:6-11, NRSV)

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

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. ² Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! ³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? ⁴ But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. ⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; ⁶ my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. ⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. ⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Our second reading comes from Paul's letter to the *Romans*...

⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised

Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

Confession & Assurance of Pardon:

OTGS Band

One: Our God is loving and merciful. So when we confess our sins, we can be assured that our God will listen and forgive. Let us do that together...

Many: God, we are a busy people. We become preoccupied with the demands of work, our relationships, and our communities. We tend to focus on our own needs and fail to see the needs of those around us. Therefore, we ask for your forgiveness and for your guidance in following the path you have set before us. Hear us now as we humbly come before you to confess our sin. Amen.

One: Friends, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

If you are able, let us stand together and sing our hymn of confession...

Confessional Hymn

OTGS Band

At the Cross

Youth Minute

Sally

Special Music

Donna

Sermon Text

Eric

Luke 7:11-17 (NRSV)

¹¹ Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. ¹² As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴ Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" ¹⁵ The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶ Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" ¹⁷ This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

Sermon

Eric

Responding to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

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 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

OTGS Band

Just As I Am

Offering Invitation

Eric

Everything we have, we owe to the grace of God. Therefore, we return a portion of those gifts to God, whether it be financial, or skills and talents, or our relationships. Let us take this moment to give these gifts back to God.

(Pass the plates...)

Offering Music

OTGS Band

Offering Hymn

OTGS Band

We Give Thee but Thine Own

Offering Prayer

Eric

Holy God, we offer these gifts to you, fruits of our labors and a token of our appreciation for everything that you have done for us and given to us. We pray that you guide their use for the welfare of your people. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Eric

Almighty God, we live in troubled times. There is conflict near us and far from us. Amongst people within the borders of our country, within other nations and between nations. As opinions differ, the way forward seems blurred. Many fear for their safety and even for their survival of body, mind and spirit. Peace for many appears distant and unattainable. We need your healing and direction. **O Lord, hear our prayers...**

Merciful God, we pray that you be with those who are hurting — from wars, from natural disasters, from economic unpredictably. Be with all those who aren't sure what happens next, not sure where help will come from. May they find comfort, strength and guidance in your presence. **O Lord, hear our prayers...**

God of healing, be with those who experience pain from physical and mental illness, from emotional distress and despair. Be with those facing diagnoses, those undergoing surgeries, those recovering and facing new chapters. May they find mercy and understanding in your

presence. **O Lord, hear our prayers...**

God of sovereignty and grace, be with the leaders of our cities, our states, our country, and the nations of this world. Guide their thoughts and actions towards peaceful solutions to the problems that are tearing us apart. May they find peace and courage in your presence. **O Lord, hear our prayers...**

Open our eyes to be faithful stewards of your creation. May we see the needs of those around us and the ways in which we can work towards peace and justice. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, with whom we entrust all our prayers and who taught us to pray by saying,

The 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

OTGS Band

When the Saints

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

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