

First Presbyterian Church of North Bend

Order of Worship

Season of Creation: Living Water

September 6, 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: Pasta...
- Redfish Music Festival September 18 Friday at 7pm...
- Also, we are always looking for volunteers Food cupboard, Snack Bags, Saturday Meals, Hearts with a Mission...
- Birthdays: Julie Graber (9/11) and Susanna Nordhoff (9/12)...
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

Thanksgiving for the Waters

Eric/Judy

One: Almighty and ever living God, as we continue this Season of Creation in Christ, we thank you for your love expressed in all creation, and especially for your gift of water to sustain and cleanse all life. Christ is the living water, cleansing, refreshing, and making all things new. So now we offer our thanks for the waters that bring beauty to all that we enjoy, the wild places, the urban spaces, the mountains, coast and sea.

Many: We give thanks and praise for all good lands, for wilderness, for farms that yield plentiful crops, for the built environment – spaces where we can gather and thrive, and for the living water that makes all life possible. Amen.

(Adapted from Anglican Aotearoa NZ Prayer Book)

One: As we light these candles and add our gift of water to the baptismal font this morning, we praise God for giving us life through water, and especially for the waters that sustain us in this part of our common home.

Call to Worship

Eric/Judy

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

Teach us, O Lord, your way,

Many: And we will follow you forever.

One: Give us understanding, that we may keep your law

Many: And observe it with all our hearts.

One: Lead us in the path of your commandments,

Many: For we take joy in obeying you.

One: Turn our hearts to your will;

Many: In your righteousness be gracious to us. Amen.

Passing the Peace

Eric/Judy

One: As we celebrate this Season of Creation, we welcome the presence of God that brings us life through this creation that surrounds us. As we acknowledge receipt of this 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 *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation...*

Opening Hymn

Tom

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

417-PH, v.1/2/3

Sharing God's Word

(Exodus 20:1-21 & Micah 6:6-8, NRSVue)

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

¹ Then God spoke all these words, ² “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ “You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷ “You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it. ¹² “Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³ “You shall not murder. ¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ “You shall not steal. ¹⁶ “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.” ¹⁸ When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance ¹⁹ and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” ²⁰ Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, for God has

come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.”²¹ Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

Our second reading comes from the prophet *Micah*...

⁶ “With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

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

Confession & Assurance of Pardon:

Eric/Judy

One: As we worship God, let us take time to honestly name the ways that we have fallen short, collectively and individually. Trusting in the gracious mercy of our Lord, let us confess, together.

Many: **Lord God, we have judged others harshly, unfairly and casually. We tend to focus on the sin, brokenness and foibles of others, rather than on the growth and work we are called to. We’ve made assumptions about what others want and need, robbing them of the freedom to speak for themselves. We’ve tuned out the voices bold enough to express views that are different from ours. We’ve relied upon your grace, time and time again, while hastily denying that you are eager to give it not only to**

us, but to our enemies, also. Help us to see others as you see them; help us to see you with faith and trust.

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, calling all to turn from sin, and live. By the grace of God, our sins are forgiven. Amen.

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

Confessional Hymn

Tom

Spirit of the Living God

322-PH, v.1

Youth Minute

Eric

Special Music Offering

TBA

Sermon Text

Eric

Romans 13:8-14 (NRSVue)

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from

sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Sermon

Eric

Responding to God's Word

Communion Invitation

Eric

In the Lord's Supper, Christ is present by the power of the Holy Spirit, and offers us his body, broken for our sake, and his blood, shed for the forgiveness of sins. As we prepare to receive this great gift, let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostle's Creed...

Affirmation of Faith

Everyone

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the

dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church*, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Let us come forward to receive this great gift of grace, the gift of the Lord's Supper...

Communion Music

Tom

The Lord's Supper

Eric

On the night of his arrest, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks to God...

(Ha-motzi Blessing, Messianic) - Baruch atah Adonai elohaynu, melech-ha-olam, ha-motzi le-chem min ha-aretz... Blessed are you O Lord our God, King of everything, Who brings bread from the earth. Amen.

Then Jesus broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ...

The body of Christ...

In the same way he blessed the cup...

(Ha-gafen Blessing) - Baruch atah Adonai elohaynu, melech-ha-olam, bo-rei p'ri ha-gafen... Blessed are you O Lord our God, King of everything, Creator of the fruit of the vine. Amen.

Then Jesus said, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink of it, do this in remembrance of me."

The cup of Christ...

Every time we eat of this bread and drink of this cup we proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes again... Let us pray...

Communion Prayer

Everyone

Holy God, we praise you, Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. With Thanksgiving, we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord. Receive our sacrifice of praise. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory. We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Let us stand together for the Communion Hymn: *Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts...*

Communion Hymn:

Tom/Eric

Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

510-PH v. 1/3/5

Offering Invitation

Eric

The Christian life – a life of following Jesus – is a life of response. We respond freely to what God who reconciles all things has already done and given to us, in Jesus Christ. All that we have belongs to God.

Let us give of God's own, with thanksgiving and joy.

(Pass the plates...)

Offering Music

Tom

Offering Hymn

Tom

Give Thanks

2036-FWS (no repeats)

Offering Prayer

Eric

God, these offerings seem insignificant in light of all that you have offered us. We give because you gave. We love because you first loved us. Receive our gifts and our lives, and use them, we pray, for your reconciling work in the world you love. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Eric

Eternal God, your people call out to you today. For the prayers and joys spoken this morning, hear us and heal us. For your mission here, for our mission partners and community partners, locally and internationally – work through us. May we know and show the unity of your church, bringing honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **O Lord, hear our prayers...**

Great God your forgiveness cannot be exhausted, whose grace cannot be foiled, whose love cannot be thwarted: You made us to bear your image, to create and seek the good and to live in relationship; You

called us bless others; You entered our pain and smallness, revealing the vastness of what we can do and be ... We give you thanks for all the gifts that you give, each day. ***O Lord, hear our prayers...***

We pray for the human family with whom we share this world — those closest to us and those whose names we will never know. We give you thanks and ask your help in living into our identity as your children. Sow peace where there is conflict. As the world groans under the pressure we've put on it, sow seed of creativity and selflessness and hopeful imagination. We pray especially for those with too little food, too little shelter, too little community. Draw near to those who feel desperate to see you, to feel you, to know you, O God. ***O Lord, hear our prayers...***

We pray for our country and all those who call it home, especially those who have been forced to come here through violence, strife, economic hardship, or against their will. Help us, God of abundant, unimaginable love, to be a neighbor to all, to see the humanity of our siblings before we see labels or cling to stories that insist on separating and dividing us from one another. ***O Lord, hear our prayers...***

We pray for your church all over the world and here, at home, as we continue to seek to do your will. Guide us in the path toward the good of all people and the furthering of your mission: reconciliation, restoration and wholeness. We pray for ourselves, all those gathered here and those we carry close, that we may have our hearts and minds turned ever toward your coming reign and rule, towards our neighbor and towards you, abundant God, our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sustainer. Help us to practice forgiveness in small things, so that we can live more deeply into your huge gift of forgiveness. ***O Lord, hear our prayers...***

God of grace, we offer our prayers for the needs of others and commit ourselves to serving them, even as we have been served by others and by you. We pray for all those in our community receiving

treatment, recovering, awaiting news, moving forward one day at a time. In this moment of prayer, we pause to remember: those who are overwhelmed and those for whom life is so different than what they'd imagined and hoped; those who are exhausted from navigating uncertainty and change, chronic pain, or trauma; those who grieve the loss of dreams, of seasons, of loved ones; all who feel the burden of living in a world in desperate need of restoration, too often and easily seen as broken beyond repair. In the midst of all we quietly face, open to us the joy of small, faithful living. ***O Lord, hear our prayers...***

We pray all these things in the name of Messiah Jesus, who lived for us, died for us, and rose to the new life promised to us, and who taught us to pray the prayer we offer now:

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

This is Amazing Grace

PS

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

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*Presbyterian Hymnal – **PH**, The Faith We Sing – **FWS**,
Family of God – **FOG**, Glory to God – **GTG**, Praise Song – **PS***