WELCOME TO
PORTLAND MENNONITE CHURCH

At Portland Mennonite Church we are striving to take seriously the challenge of the prophet Jeremiah to “seek the peace of the city” (Jeremiah 29:7)

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Sign up today for our craft exchange!
WELCOME!

We are glad you have joined us for worship today. The season in the church year after Pentecost is sometimes called 'ordinary time.' This hasn't been an ordinary year, though, has it? This morning as we sing our gratitude, listen to the scriptures, and lift up our prayers, I hope that we will all find the grace and faith to imbue these hours and days with the extraordinary lovingkindness of God.

Peace to you, Rod Stafford

On Sunday please join us via Facebook Live www.facebook.com/portlandmennonite/ and follow along with scriptures and songs in the following pages. We are on our summer schedule, beginning worship at 9:30 am in July and August.

THE LORD’S DAY

FACILITATORS

Prelude/Postlude:
Crystal Miller

Worship Leader:
Gloria Nussbaum

Music:
Bruce Kuhns,
Crystal Miller,
Gail Manickam,
Christina Moss,
Gerry Leatherman
Congregational singing

Children’s Time:
Curt Weaver

Sermon:
Britt Carlson

Prayers:
Curt Weaver

Technical Support:
Curt Weaver
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Prelude

Greetings

Psalm 85:1-2, 10-13

‘Come, let us all unite to sing’—Hymnal, A Worship Book, 12

Children’s Time

Genesis 31:33-50

Sermon: ‘Agreeing on Justice’

Prayers

Offering

Sending Words

‘Bless’d be the tie that binds’—Hymnal, A Worship Book, 421

Benediction

Postlude
Psalm 85:1-2, 10-13

Lord, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sin.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.

♫ — Come, let us all unite to sing — WB 12

1. Come, let us all unite to sing, God is love.
Let heav’n and earth their praises ring, God is love.
Let ev’ry soul from sin awake,
let ev’ry heart sweet music make,
and sing with us for Jesus’ sake,
for God is love.

God is love! (God is love!)
God is love! (God is love)!
Come let us all unite to sing that God is love.

2. O tell to earth’s remotest bound, God is love.
In Christ we have redemption found, God is love.
His blood has washed our sins away,
his Spirit turned out night to day,
and now we can rejoice to say that God is love.

God is love! (God is love!)
God is love! (God is love)!
Come let us all unite to sing that God is love.

*Lyrics continue on next page*
Children’s Time

Genesis 31:33-50

So Laban went into Jacob’s tent, and into Leah’s tent, and into the tent of the two maids, but he did not find them. And he went out of Leah’s tent, and entered Rachel’s. Now Rachel had taken the household gods and put them in the camel’s saddle, and sat on them. Laban felt all about in the tent, but did not find them. And she said to her father, “Let not my lord be angry that I cannot rise before you, for the way of women is upon me.” So he searched, but did not find the household gods.

Then Jacob became angry, and upbraided Laban. Jacob said to Laban, “What is my offense? What is my sin, that you have hotly pursued me? Although you have felt about through all my goods, what have you found of all your household goods? Set it here before my kinsfolk and your kinsfolk, so that they may decide between us two. These twenty years I have been with you; your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried, and I have not eaten the rams of your flocks. That which was torn by wild beasts I did not bring to you; I bore the loss of it myself; of my hand you required it, whether stolen by day or stolen by night. It was like this with me: by day the heat consumed me, and the cold by night, and my sleep fled from my eyes. These twenty years I have been in your house; I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you have changed my wages ten times. If the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had not been on my side, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. God saw my affliction and the labor of my hands, and rebuked you last night.”

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Genesis 31:33-50, continued

Then Laban answered and said to Jacob, “The daughters are my daughters, the children are my children, the flocks are my flocks, and all that you see is mine. But what can I do today about these daughters of mine, or about their children whom they have borne? Come now, let us make a covenant, you and I; and let it be a witness between you and me.” So Jacob took a stone, and set it up as a pillar. And Jacob said to his kinsfolk, “Gather stones,” and they took stones, and made a heap; and they ate there by the heap. Laban called it Jegar-sahadutha: but Jacob called it Galeed. Laban said, “This heap is a witness between you and me today.” Therefore he called it Galeed, and the pillar Mizpah, for he said, “The Lord watch between you and me, when we are absent one from the other. If you ill-treat my daughters, or if you take wives in addition to my daughters, though no one else is with us, remember that God is witness between you and me.”

Sermon

Prayer (ending with the Lord’s Prayer)

Please Pray For...

Have a prayer request? Let us know: prayer@portlandmennonite.org

- Healing and comfort for Rebecca Peterson’s mom, as her cancer has spread to her lungs;
- Comfort and peace for Dick Noordijk, as his health declines;
- Rod Stafford, who is on a seven week sabbatical through July and August; that this time may be restful and rejuvenating for him;
- All those who have lost friends and family due to coronavirus.

Offering

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1. Bless’d be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

2. Before our Father’s throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

3. We share each other’s woes,
each other’s burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathetic tear.
4. When we asunder part,
it gives us inward pain,
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

5. This glorious hope revives
our courage by the way,
while each in expectation lives
and longs to see the day.

6. From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free,
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

Text: John Fawcett, 1782
Music: arr from Johann G. Nageli by Lowell Mason, 1845
Announcements

PMC Crafts Exchange  Sign Up Today! July 19
PMC Crafts is a church activity designed to foster creativity and connection. By signing up, you commit to making a craft for another PMCer, and you will receive one in turn from someone else. Crafts can be any creative gift that comes to mind, maybe a piece of knitting, embroidery, woodworking, baking, canning, writing, or something else entirely. It should be a manageable craft—you will have two weeks to complete it. To sign up, fill out the form on the church website [www.portlandmennonite.org/crafts](http://www.portlandmennonite.org/crafts) with your name, contact information, and a few sentences about yourself and your likes and interests to give your assigned crafter some ideas as they decide what to make for you. You will have until the end of the day today, July 19, to sign up. After which we will email you the information of the PMCer for whom you will be making a craft. After completing your craft August 2, you can mail it to them or contact them to arrange a safe pickup or drop-off. We hope you enjoy this chance to create, give, and receive!

Transitions  Tuesday, July 21 / 10 am
Retired? Join us this Tuesday at 10:00 am for a time of virtual fellowship via Zoom. Pastor Britt will be hosting. Transitions is a group of older adults that usually meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join. The Zoom link for this month is: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87666740974](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87666740974)

Mennonite Disaster Service Newsletter
The July edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue, you can read how MDS volunteers helped Minneapolis residents clean up following the protests in the wake of the death of George Floyd. You can learn how MDS volunteers are racing the clock to restore homes in Alaska and bring wildfire survivors home. Click on this link to read more: [https://conta.cc/2ChyxXQ](https://conta.cc/2ChyxXQ)

Summertime Worship at PMC  July-Aug / 9:30 am
In the midst of this COVID-19 pandemic, the Table has decided that we will not meet for in-person worship during the summer months. In July and August, the services will start at 9:30 am. We will continue to stream our services and recordings of the services will continue to be posted on our website and to our Facebook page. A decision about the Fall will be made in mid-August.

THE FACE YOU MAKE WHEN YOU FIND OUT THE MYF AUCTION BROUGHT IN OVER $5,000! THANK YOU.
Where do I send my offering?

Portland Mennonite Church
1312 SE 35th Ave
Portland OR 97214

Or use the online method: CLICK HERE

PMC and COVID-19

Join us on FB Live Sunday Morning at 9:30 am (through July and August), or check our page for updates throughout the week www.facebook.com/portlandmennonite

Check out our website www.portlandmennonite.org for news, sermons, event information, and ways to stay connected with each other including sharing prayer requests and video greetings.

PMC Staff are minimizing time in the office. Please email us for fastest response. We also check voicemail remotely.

Electronic Giving
We have a variety of options for financial contributions, including by credit card, or direct debit from your bank account. Checks may be mailed to the church office at 1312 SE 35th Ave, Portland OR 97214. Rachel opens the mail once a week. For details and forms, go to www.portlandmennonite.org/give. You can also check with your bank about sending electronic payments. Contact Rachel Joy (office@portlandmennonite.org) if you have any questions.

Adult Ed Class — Racism: Making a Difference  Sundays / 10:45 am
Due to current events, the Adult Education class is shifting its focus to Racism: Making a Difference. We will explore ways we can make a difference in the injustice our brothers and sisters of color have had to endure. This will be a class of learning about the history, listening to peoples’ experiences, and discussing steps we can take to help. As a church seeking the peace of the city, we need to step out and help bring peace to potentially volatile situations. Jane Bateman will be leading the discussion, but she is open to help from anyone who has direct experience in anti-racism, peacemaking, etc. This will be a time to connect with others and find hope in this unprecedented time.
To join: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81308189218?pwd=L2I0YWM2djAxaEp4Z3VSWERWdS9uQT09

Monday Mornings Pastor “Coffee Time”  Mondays / 9:00 am
This Monday, 9:00-9:30 am, Curt will host a “coffee time” via Zoom for anyone who would like to check in together as the week begins. Look for the link in the weekly update, and on our website.
To join: zoom.us/j/368828512

Monthly Transitions Gathering  Tuesday, July 21 / 10:00 am
Transitions, a group of older adults, usually meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am. Our July meeting will be hosted by Britt on July 21. A zoom link will be posted next week. Everyone is welcome.
To join: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87666740974

Friday Morning Coffee Group  Fridays / 10:00 am
A group of PMCers continues to meet, now via Zoom, every Friday morning for an informal social time. If you’d like to join, contact Linda Rush or the church office for more information.

You can also find most of these links on our website at: www.portlandmennonite.org/online-church