

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)



MYF getting ready for this week's auction

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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:

Harold Nussbaum

Worship Leader:

Sarah Holcomb

Song Leader:

Jim and Mary Wenger

Children's Time:

Curt Weaver

Sermon:

Diane Hooge

Prayers:

Curt Weaver

Technical Support:

Curt Weaver

Rachel Joy

Prelude

Greeting

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

♪ 'Lord Jesus Christ, be present now' — *Hymnal, A Worship Book*, 22

Children's Time

Ezekiel 3:12-15

♪ 'Spirit of the living God' — *Hymnal, A Worship Book*, 349

Sermon: 'Changing Neighborhoods'

♪ 'Holy Spirit, truth divine' — *Sing the Story*, 105 (verses 1-3)

Prayers

Offering

Sending Words

♪ 'When we walk with the Lord' — *Hymnal, A Worship Book*, 544 (v. 1-2)

Benediction

Postlude

Today's Worship

Prelude

Greeting

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

♪ — Lord Jesus Christ, be present now’ — WB 22

1. Lord Jesus Christ, be present now,
Our hearts in true devotion bow.
Thy Spirit send with grace divine,
And let thy truth within us shine.

2. Unseal our lips to sing thy praise,
Our souls to thee in worship raise.
Make strong our faith, increase our light
That we may know thy name aright,

3. Till we with saints in glad accord
sing, “Holy, holy is the Lord!”
and in the light of heav’n above
Shall see thy face and know thy love.

4. All glory to the Father, Son,
And Holy spirit, Three-in-One!
To thee, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise throughout eternity!

*Text: from Pensum Sacrum, 1648 and Cantionale Sacrum, 1651; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863.
Music: Cantionale Germanicum, 1628*

Children's Time

Ezekiel 3:12-15

Then the spirit lifted me up, and as the glory of the Lord rose from its place, I heard behind me the sound of loud rumbling; it was the sound of the wings of the living creatures brushing against one another, and the sound of the wheels beside them, that sounded like a loud rumbling. The spirit lifted me up and bore me away; I went in bitterness in the heat of my spirit, the hand of the Lord being strong upon me. I came to the exiles at Tel-abib, who lived by the river Chebar. And I sat there among them, stunned, for seven days.

♪ — 'Spirit of the living God' — WB 349

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me,
mold me,
fill me,
use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

*Text/Music: Daniel Iverson, 1926 (in Revival Songs, 1929)
© 1935, renewed 1963 Birdwing Music and BMG Songs, Inc. CCLI # 23488*

Sermon: 'Changing Neighborhoods'

♪ — 'Holy Spirit, truth divine' — Sing the Story 105 (verses 1-3)

1. Holy Spirit, truth divine,
dawn upon this soul of mine.
Voice of God and inward light,
wake my spirit, clear my sight.

2. Holy Spirit, love divine,
glow within this heart of mine.
Kindle every high desire,
purify me with your fire.

3. Holy Spirit, power divine,
reign within this soul of mine.
Boldly may I always live,
bravely serve, and gladly give.

Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1864. Music: Leighton George Hayne, 1863

Prayer (ending with the Lord's Prayer)

Please Pray For...

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

- **Burt Kolinsky**, who is recovering from heart valve surgery;
- **Rod Stafford**, who began a seven week sabbatical last Monday; that this time may be restful and meaningful;
- **Leaders in our country and around the world**, that they may work toward more just policies and practices.

Offering

[CLICK HERE TO GIVE](#)

Sending Words

♪ — 'When we walk with the Lord' — WB 544

1. When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

2. Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay;
not a grief or a loss,
not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey. (Refrain)

Text: John H. Sammis, Hymns Old and New, 1887

Music: Daniel B. Towner, Hymns Old and New, 1887

Benediction

Postlude

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Announcements

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.**

Rod Stafford on Sabbatical Leave

Last Monday, Rod began a seven week sabbatical. Before he left, he wrote: "I am deeply grateful to the congregation for this gift of time for rest and renewal. I will be focusing on developing a clearer understanding of the challenges and rewards of long-term pastoral ministry. I am also hoping to do significant reading this summer, as well as spending time with my family and getting out for hikes and bike rides. While I am away Curt Weaver and Britt Carlson will continue to give pastoral leadership to PMC, and along with Rachel Joy, our Congregational Administrator, will support the life and ministries of our congregation. Thanks so much!"

Britt on Vacation

Britt is on vacation this week (July 3-11), spending time with family. She will be back at work on Monday, July 13. Please contact Curt or Rachel if there is anything you need while she is away. Thank you!

MYF Auction

Our MYF teens invite you to help them raise money to go to convention in the summer of 2021 this year with an online auction! Look for an email or Facebook posting on Sunday afternoon for more information, and get ready to bid on cool items from MYFers. The online auction will run from this Sunday until next Sunday.

PMC Crafts Exchange

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, whether 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 (this will be up soon in the online church section!) 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 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 to create, give, and receive!

Collecting Stories of Living Through this Pandemic

With the help of Gloria Nussbaum, we are starting a podcast called *COVID Chronicles*. Our hope is that this will be a way to listen to and get to know each other during this time of being asked to stay apart. Gloria will be contacting individuals for interviews and we will be letting you know how to listen when they begin to be compiled.

Bearing One Another's Burdens

In the midst of this unsettling time we are committed to [caring for each other](#) and to 'seeking the peace of the city' (Jeremiah 29:7). If you or someone you know at PMC is facing financial need, please let us know. We can offer help through our Care Fund and through the Sharing Fund of Everence. Our Care Fund currently has plenty of funds, thanks to the generous support of many in the congregation; if you have extra resources at this time, please consider contributing to community partners. Thank you!

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Racial Justice

The biblical vision of the Beloved Community calls us to take up the work of doing justice and making peace.

- ◆ Resources on anti-racism, including books, blog posts, and a video of our PMC Conversation on Race and Faith from earlier this month, can be found [here](#). We'll discuss chapter one of Robin DiAngelo's book *White Fragility* on **Tuesday, July 7, from 7 to 8 pm**. The chapter and questions to consider are available on the [Racial Justice blog](#) on our website. To join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89206697257?pwd=S2szMm5WNXJCKzdmMWFyNUVGVWnJIQT09>.
- ◆ Our congregation is joining the Portland chapter of the NAACP (Sarah Holcomb and Karina Kreider will be our representatives). Thanks to your generosity, more than \$4,000 was raised to support the anti-racist work they are doing. We will post updates and reports of ways we can continue to support and partner with them.
- ◆ The Washington Office of Mennonite Central Committee is encouraging us to contact our US representatives and senators to support the demilitarization of police departments. More information and a sample email can be found [here](#).

Adult Ed Class — Racism: Making a Difference Sundays / 11:00 am

Due to current events, the Adult Education class has shifted 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. To join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81308189218?pwd=L2I0YWMydjAxaEp4Z3VSWERWds9uQT09>.

Protesting with PMC

Due to the fluid, grassroots nature of the protests, we have found that it is hard to organize a group to attend together so we are suspending our Friday night "official" PMC participation in the protests. We know that so many of you are out in your neighborhoods marching, protesting and working toward racial justice, and we are so grateful! Keep it up! We are not alone—we have one another. Also if anyone wants "Black Lives Matters: Portland Mennonite Church" stickers to wear while protesting contact Britt.

Advance Directives are Not Just for Old Folks

Advance Directives help us make crucial decisions now about end-of-life health care choices that our families and doctors may be required to face later on our behalf. When we are younger it is easy to imagine that we have plenty of time, but in the midst of this pandemic it is important that each of us fill out an Advance Directive. The Congregational Care Group of PMC have made available a planning guide with the advance directive form that can be sent to you. Three people have also volunteered to work through the form with you and/or to answer any questions you have (Alison Nelson, Leon Eshleman, Karin Weaver). Contact the PMC office if you would like to have the guide sent to you or if you would like to have one of these volunteers contact you.

Grad Student from VA Looking for Roommate (Tigard/Beaverton)

"My name is Emma Stutzman. I'll be moving to Portland from Virginia in 4 weeks for grad school (counseling) and am hoping to connect with your church once I arrive. Myself and another first year counseling student are looking for housing in the Tigard/Beaverton area and hoping to find a 3rd roommate to live with us" If you are or know of a young woman interested in talking with Emma further, contact the church office for Emma's contact information.

Next week's PMC activities (with links) on next page...

Staying Connected This Week

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

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To join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81308189218?pwd=L2I0YWVM2djAxaEp4Z3VSWERWdS9uQT09>

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

White Fragility Tuesday / 7:00 pm

We'll discuss chapter one of Robin DiAngelo's book White Fragility on Tuesday, July 7, from 7 to 8 pm. The chapter is available on the [Racial Justice blog](#) on our website. Questions to consider are also posted with the chapter. To join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89206697257?pwd=S2szMm5WNXJCKzdmMWFyNUVGWnJlQT09>

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.

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.