

PRINCE OF PEACE
Spokane, Washington
Nineth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2026
(9:30am)



*denotes to stand if you are able

Welcome in the name of Jesus. If you are exploring faith in God for the first time, or if you are seeking a new church home, or if you've been coming here for years, we welcome you. *We welcome children in worship and we recognize their wiggles and giggles as a sign of the joy of the Lord within them.* We warmly invite you to take part and see the difference God can make.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome

***Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

P: Recognizing our need for God's mercy, let us confess our sin, and seek reconciliation with God and each other.

Silence for reflection.

P: God of justice and compassion . . .

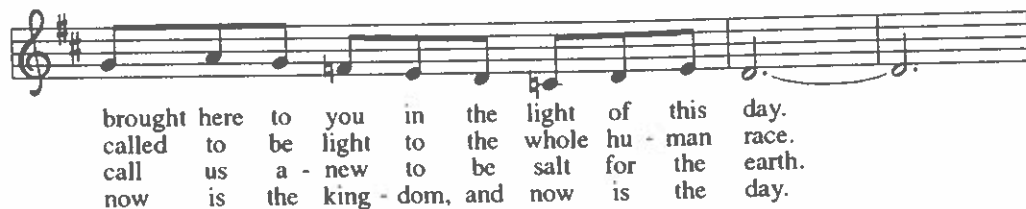
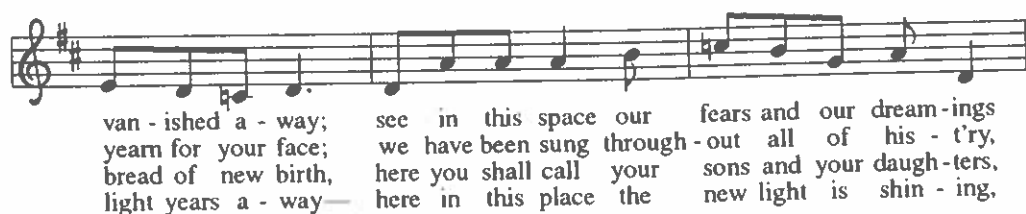
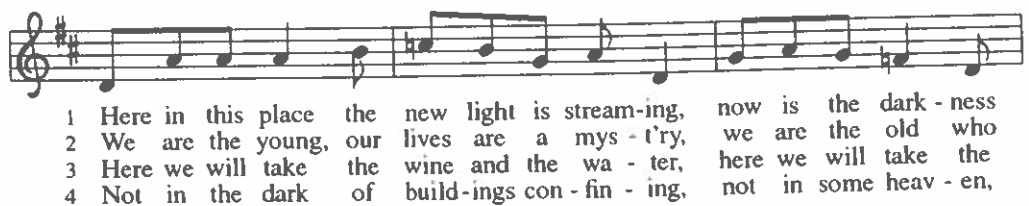
All: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, we have not been faithful stewards of your creation. We have failed to share the bounty of your harvest with the poor and needy. Forgive our sin, increase our faith, strengthen us in service, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen

P: Heaven rejoices when a sinner repents and a lost sheep is found. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Opening Hymn

Gather Us In





Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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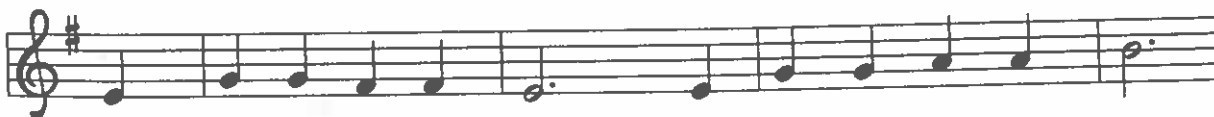
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*Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

*Kyrie



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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*Hymn of Praise



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

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***Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us all pray together:

All: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

Readings

1 Kings 3:5-12

Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?" ¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

L: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:129-136

¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
¹³⁰ **When your word is opened it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.**
¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant
because I long for your commandments.
¹³² **Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as you always do to those who love your name.**
¹³³ Order my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
¹³⁴ **Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.**
¹³⁵ Let your face shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.
¹³⁶ **My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your teaching.**

Romans 8:26-39

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these

things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



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*Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 13th chapter.
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;

⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and

throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

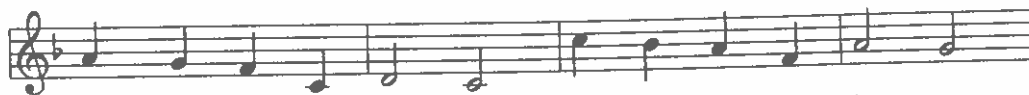
Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Joel Skindlov

*Hymn

Jesus, Priceless Treasure



1 Je - sus, price - less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,
 2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me
 3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed,
 can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,
 Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther,

and my heart has faint - ed, thirst - ing, Lord, for thee!
 ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.
 though the storms may gath - er, still have peace with - in.

Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb; I will suf - fer
 Sin and hell in con - flict fell with their bit - ter
 Yea, what - e'er I here must bear, still in thee lies

nought to hide thee, nought I ask be - side thee.
 storms as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 pur - est plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878; alt.
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*The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

*The Prayers

Response: L: Lord, in your mercy.
All: hear our prayer.

*Passing of the Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.
All: And also with you.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Offertory

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

Verses 1 & 3



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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*Offering Prayer

L: God of all creation,

All: all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

*The Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen**

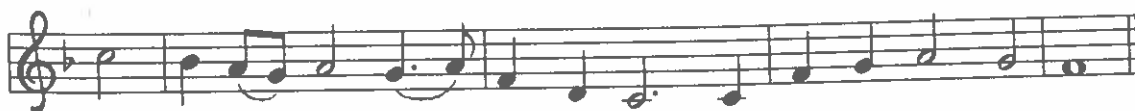


"All who believe that Jesus Christ is present in this bread and wine as He has promised are welcome to join in the Lord's Supper."

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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Communion Hymns

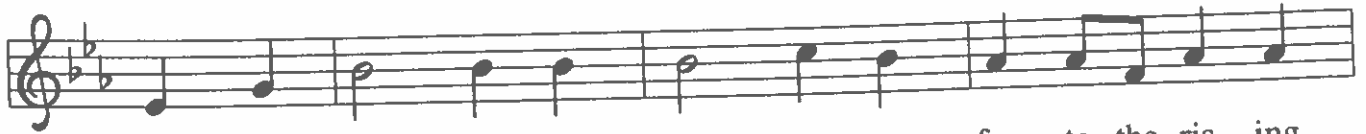
Let Us Break Bread Together



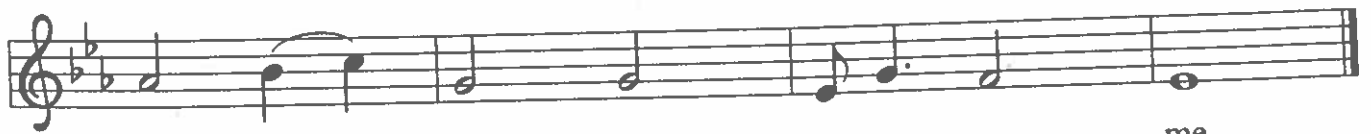
1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

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Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

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I Received the Living God



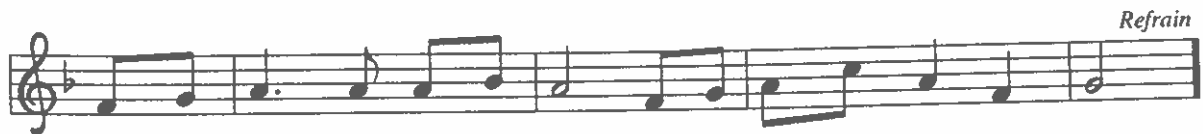
I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



you who will par-take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
 so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
 You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
 but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

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Text: Anonymous
 Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

We Come to the Hungry Feast



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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*Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Live in peace, your sins are forgiven.

All: Amen

*Post Communion Cantic

Go ye there - fore and make dis - ci - ples of

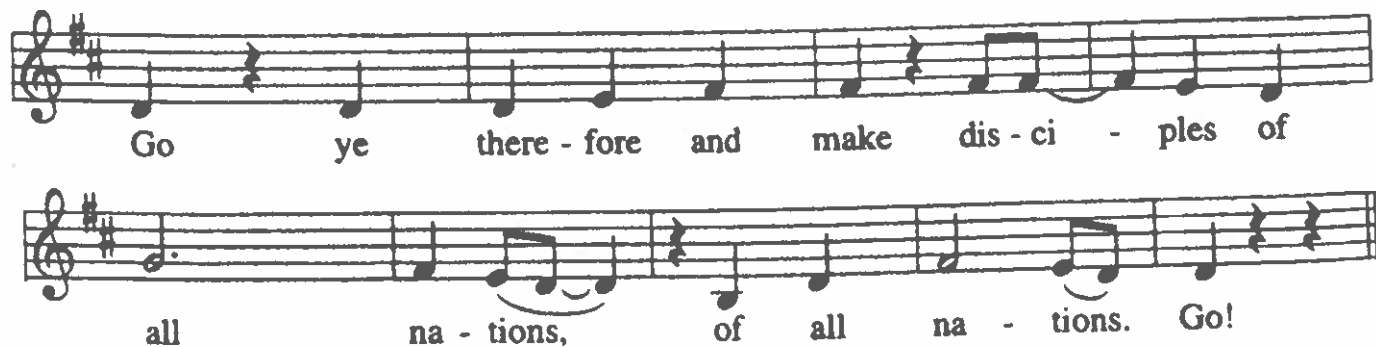
all na - tions, of all na - tions.

Go ye there - fore and make dis - ci - ples of

all na - tions, of all na - tions,

bap - tiz - ing them in the name of the Fa - ther and the

Son and the Ho - ly . Spir - it.



Text: Matthew 28:19
Music: Robin Caun, arr. Richard Webb
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***Prayer after Communion**

L: Let us pray . . . O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Announcements- Please use the microphone

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***Blessing**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

*Hymn

Be Thou My Vision



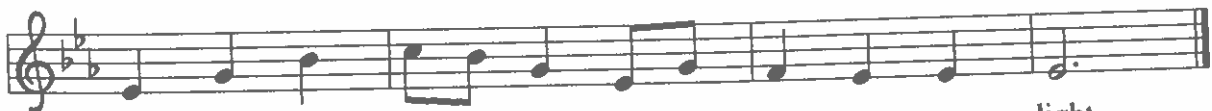
1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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Prince of Peace Purpose Statement

L: God's purpose for Prince of Peace

All: **is to share the story of God's love in, with, and for the community.**

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the Church

New requests of prayers for hope and healing for:

Cora (granddaughter of Janet Robel's friend), Sharon Ballou, Victoria Brown, Margaret Clark, Maureen Kaszycki (friend of the Elliotts), De Dupuis, Arlene Kirkevold, Dave Moeller, and Pam Nebelsieck.

Continued prayers for:

John Brown (friend of the Renfords), Maya Burnett (Shadle HS student), Pam Carlson, Joyce Cleveland (friend of the Renfords), Lewis Dennie (former member), Bill Dupuis, Laney Floyd (Kim & Diane Floyd's grand-daughter), Josh Hawley, for Mike Kaszycki (friend of the Elliotts), Doug Moeller (brother of Dave Moeller), Lindsay Steiner (friend of Skindlovs) and Hannah Stewart Longhurst (friend of Frank Christoff) and Linda Strom (sister of Sue Parrish).

Prayers of safety for:

Seth Hertel (grandson of Sanborns) and all Armed Forces serving around the world. We also pray for peace and comfort for their families during their time of separation.

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at: 509-465-0779 or popoffmgr@comcast.net. Requests will remain on the list for a month unless the office is contacted to extend the request. Thank you.

Announcements

Before you go on vacation this summer...

While you are gone we will keep the lights on and the doors open!

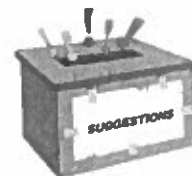
We will welcome all people to share God's Good News with us.

Your faithfulness in remembering your pledge will help us fulfill our ministry with in this community we serve.



Suggestion Box

We would love to hear from you! Our NEW Suggestion Box is a simple way to share your ideas, thoughts, and constructive feedback with the Pastor and Church Council. Whether it's a suggestion, a question, or a helpful comment, your voice matters. Feel free to leave your note anonymously – just keep it kind and helpful as we grow together as a church family.--- Prince of Peace Church Council



Mowing Schedule

Hurry and grab your favorite spot before it is gone!! The mowing schedule is on the bulletin board by the kitchen window. Contact Bernie Polikowsky, Joe Rock, or Mel Nebelsieck for questions.



Save the Date

POP Church Picnic

Sunday, August 9th Noon-3pm at Spokane Lake Park. We are looking for 6-8 volunteers to help with set up and clean up from approximately 11am to 4pm. There will be a sign up posted if you are able to help. There will also be a sign up for food posted later.

Helpful Reminder

If you're in the hospital or at home with an illness, the office will not know if we aren't informed. Please contact the office at 509-465-0779 or popoffmgr@comcast.net if you have a prayer request. If you're not able, please have a family member or friend contact the office on your behalf. If you would like communion brought to your house, please contact Pastor Skindlov -509-951-0223.

POP Summer Concert Lineup– 20th Annual Series

Come enjoy sunny concerts on Tuesdays in July!

The series is partially underwritten through a Community Engagement Grant secured by concert partners North Indian Trail Neighborhood Council, and an outreach grant from Advent Lutheran Church. Private Sponsorships have also been helpful in covering the costs of bands.

July 7---Dueling Cronkites, Classic Rock and Americana

July 14--Slapshot, Classic Rock, Blues and More

July 21--Big Phat Band, 80s Pop and Rock Hits

July 28--Sonic Groove, 90s to Current Rock/Alternative



POP Pantry – The Cupboard is bare!

Food:

Small peanut butter jars, jelly/jam, pancake mix, syrup, cereal, canned tuna/chicken, individual trail mix, meat sticks, granola bars, soup, & boxed meals.

Necessities:

Toothpaste, wrapped toothbrushes, deodorant, little lotions and dish soap.



Birthdays

July 6– Hannah Lee

July 16– Robert Brown

July 18– Karen Tuff

July 19– Arlene Kirkevold

July 20– Ashley Christoff

July 24– Kathy Rock

July 26– Bill Burgermyer

July 30– Bonita Roach



Serving You Today...

Pastor: Joel Skindlov

Worship Assistant: Marie Tamura

Keyboarding: Janet Robel

Altar Guild: Sue Parrish

Fellowship: Sue Parrish

Ushers: Peggy & John Renford

Media: Matt Christoff

Communion Server: Sue Parrish

This Week at Prince of Peace July 26– August 2, 2026

SUNDAY 9:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY

TUESDAY 9:00 am Charity Quilters
6:30 pm Summer Concerts-Sonic Groove

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY 1:00 pm Bible Study @ Riverview Retirement

FRIDAY Church Office Closed

SATURDAY

SUNDAY 9:30 am Worship Service

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