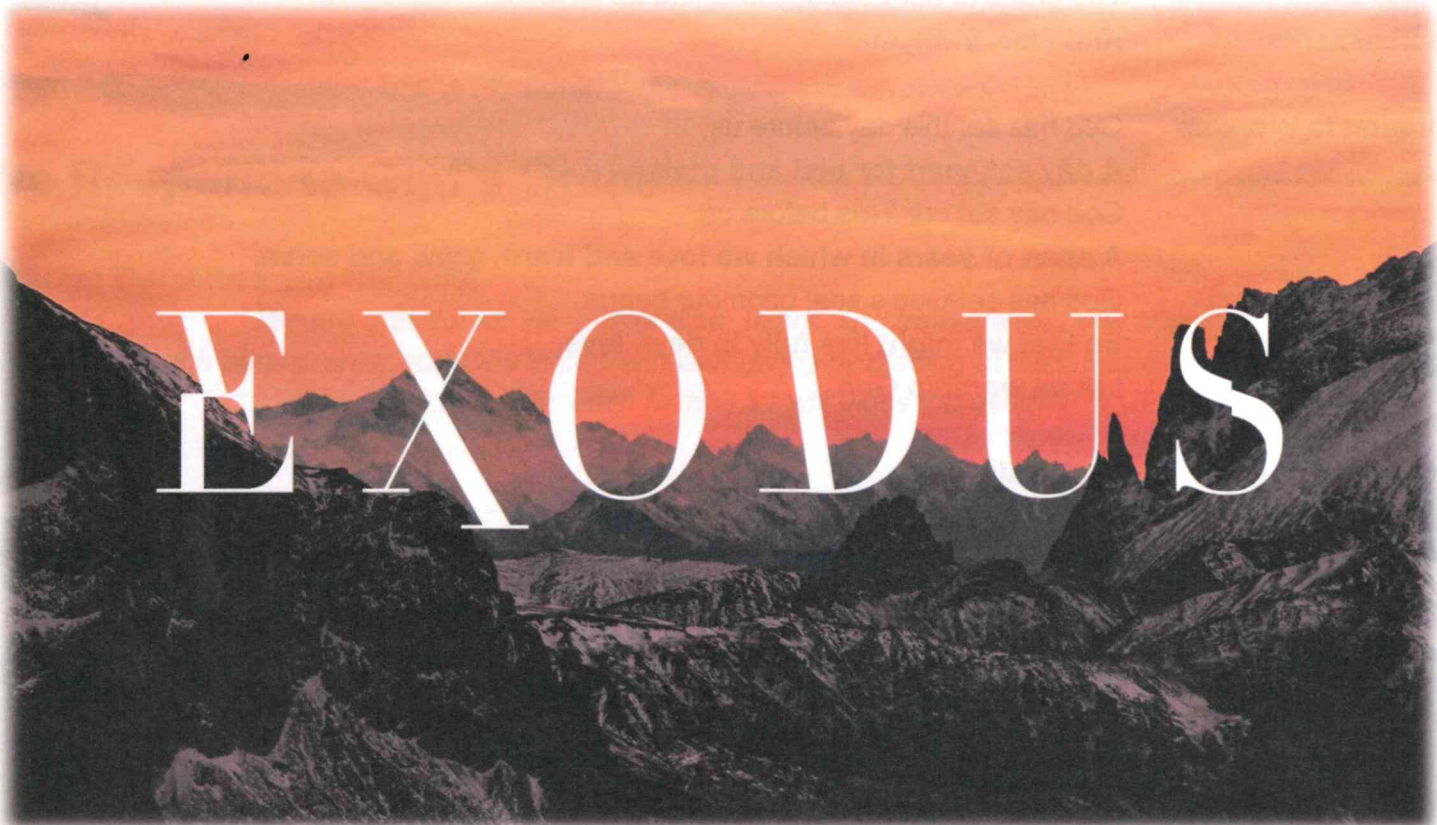


# UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**July 7, 2024**


**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**



# EXODUS


“It is not just that humans long for God. God also longs for humans.”

— Jürgen Moltmann



**Sunday Worship**  
**10:00 am**

Office Hours  
Tuesday – Friday  
8:30 am – 12 Noon, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
541-926-5551



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Albany, OR 97321

## We Gather in God's Name

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### Prelude

*You are invited to make the transition from getting here to being here. Be still and know that God is God.  
We are claimed by Christ in the waters of baptism; the light of Christ shines in our lives and in the world.*

### Welcome &

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

### Announcements

**And also with you.**

### + Invitation to Worship

God has set this day before us,

**A day set apart for rest and praise.**

God has set our lives before us,

**A span of years in which we love and learn, grow and serve.**

God has set God's seal upon our hearts,

**So that we might live fully in deep love.**

**Let us worship God.**

### + Gathering Song 741

"Guide My Feet"

## We Offer Our Gratitude

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### Community Prayer

Lord God of heaven and earth,

Mary Stevens

Creator of our world and everything in it,

yet as close to us as our own breath.

In you we live and move and have our being.

We are grateful that you have revealed yourself to us,

each of us loved by you as children,

each of us precious in your sight,

each of us a reflection of you,

each of us bound together by love.

Guide us to be content with what you have given us,

and to respond with lives of care and thanksgiving.

As we walk together through this life,

teach us to do justly,

love kindness,

and walk humbly with you, our gracious God.

**Amen.**

### + Sung Response 698

"Take, O Take Me as I Am"

### + Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*As you are willing and able, please greet one another with signs of peace.*

## We Listen & Receive

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**Scripture Reading**

Exodus 19:1—25

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God!****Sermon**

"Woeful Wonder"

Tami Van Ras

**Hymn 340**

"This Is My Song"

## We Respond to God's Grace

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**Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts***We are grateful for the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that you share.**We offer each person an opportunity to connect with giving by placing at least one \$1 in the offering plate.**As we give faithfully, each faithful \$1 will bless the ministry of UPC.***Offertory****Presentation of Gifts****& Hymn 717**

"For the Life That You Have Given"

**Sharing Joys & Concerns***At the conclusion of spoken joys, let us pray together, "Thanks be to you, O God."**For concerns, let us make them our own by praying, "Lord, hear our prayer."***Prayers of the People****& 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## We Are Sent in God's Love

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**+ Closing Song 379**

"We Shall Overcome"

**+ Benediction****Postlude**



## Welcome

We are delighted that you have added to the joy of worship this morning at United Presbyterian Church. We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God, worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Jesus Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey—whatever grief, joy, or doubts you may bring today—you are welcome here.

## Announcements

### Discovering Scotland

Saturday, May 3 - Sunday, May 11, 2025

Contact Tami Van Ras if you are interested in going.

### Children's Play and Wonder Summer Camp

Monday, August 5 - Thursday August 8

Contact Sienna Boggart for more information.

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday July 7**  
10:00am Sunday Worship

**Wednesday July 10**  
7:00am Early Risers Fellowship Breakfast

**Thursday July 11**  
5:00pm Linn-Benton Food Share

**Sunday July 14**  
10:00am Sunday worship with communion

## Serving Today

**Thank you to all who served in worship today.**

**Liturgist** – Mary Stevens

**Ushers** – Retha Larson, Ann Rietmann and Jack Towns

**Coffee Hour** – Gathering Committee

**Childrens Programs** – There will be no children's programs during the summer beginning July 1st.

**Guest Musician**—Daniel Summers

## Children's Programs

We are thrilled that you have chosen to bring your family to worship with ours! We believe children soak up the love of God even when they draw and color, read and create, or rest their head in your lap. Please feel welcome to visit our Children's Space located in the Round Room in the back of the sanctuary.

### Children's Nursery

The nursery (Room 208) will be available for infants—age 3 during worship services. Children can be dropped off any time after 9:30am and picked up following worship.

### Godly Play

#### Age 3 – Grade 2 | Godly Play

As a continuation of worship, Godly Play is a formational practice of exploring the mystery of God's inviting presence in our lives, teaching children how to listen for God and then to make authentic and creative responses to God.

### Creative Minds

#### Grade 3+ | Youth Room

Creative Minds is a formational practice for older children and youth to engage, explore, and re-create the fascinating biblical stories of our faith through the world of Minecraft technology.

## Local Outreach | Ways to Serve

**Linn Benton Food Share**—Packing boxes of food for families who suffer from food insecurities. The next time will be **Thursday, July 11.**

## Prayers & Praise

**Please send prayers of comfort and healing for:**

Bill Hulshof

Lindsay Jones

Caryl & Denny Thomas's Family - *Cory Whitney*

The Family of Alyssa Kleven-Morrison

Jim & Nancy Goode

### CHURCH STAFF

Brandon Lewis, *Pastor*

Tami Van Ras, *Pastoral Assistant*

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