

The Presque Isle Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
May 14, 2023

Prelude

Barbara Merryman

Welcoming Video

“You are Welcome Here”

Words of Welcome

Jennifer Gillis-White

Introit

“Breathe On Me, Breath of God”

Call to Worship

One: Creator God, you call us.

Many: We say, yes, to your invitation and we gather as one to worship you.

One: Creator God, you invite us to stay with you.

Many: You never leave us, you abide with us, and we gather as one to worship you.

One: Creator God, you love us.

Many: Extravagant is your welcome, your grace overflows, and we gather as one to worship you.

Opening Prayer (unison)

Loving God, we give you thanks and praise for being with us today and always. You have gathered us here to celebrate you—our Creator, our Mother, our Father—with the gift of your Holy Spirit. Let our worship be all about you as we humbly pray for the Holy Spirit to keep our hearts, minds, and souls in tune with the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Come Forth, O Love Divine”

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

We come in boldness and in brokenness Loving God. Many times, we have failed to keep your commandments to love you above all and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Give us the grace to abide in you as you remain abiding in us that we may live as Christ lives in this world.

Assurance of Pardon

God whose goodness and mercy chase after us, finds us, and gathers us like a mother hen gathering her chicks. Under her wings, God covers us with God’s grace and holds us close declaring, “My child you are forgiven. Come back to me for you are loved.” Amen.

Two-Minute Message

Jennifer Gillis-White

Children’s Hymn

My God is so Big

Scripture Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Common English Bible

Paul stood up in the middle of the council on Mars Hill and said, “People of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way. As I was walking through town and carefully observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: ‘To an unknown God.’ What you worship as unknown, I now proclaim to you. God, who made the world and everything in it, is Lord of heaven and earth. He doesn’t live in temples made with human hands. Nor is God served by human hands, as though he needed something, since he is the one who gives life, breath, and everything else. From one person God created every human nation to live on the whole earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their lands. God made the nations

so they would seek him, perhaps even reach out to him and find him. In fact, God isn't far away from any of us. In God we live, move, and exist. As some of your own poets said, 'We are his offspring.'

"Therefore, as God's offspring, we have no need to imagine that the divine being is like a gold, silver, or stone image made by human skill and thought. God overlooks ignorance of these things in times past, but now directs everyone everywhere to change their hearts and lives. This is because God has set a day when he intends to judge the world justly by a man he has appointed. God has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

Musical Offering

"Lord of the Dance"

PIUCC Choir

Prayers of the People

A Prayer To All Mothers

Jennifer Gillis-White

The Lord's Prayer

Our **Creator***, 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. Amen

**Please use whatever name is most familiar/comfortable when you pray to God.*

Closing Hymn

"God Our Author and Creator"

Community News and Announcements

Benediction

Benediction Response

"God Be With You"

Go in peace



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Opening Hymn

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Children's Hymn

My God Is So Big

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Choral Anthem

Let the Whole Creation Cry

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Closing Hymn

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