

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD'S LOVE

**GREETING** (COLOSSIANS 1:3-6, 9-10)

Vernon Poe

### WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

#### ✦CALL TO WORSHIP (GENESIS 1)

Leader: In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep... Then God said, "Let there be light;" and there was light.

**People: And, then God created the sky.**

Leader: And, then God separated the waters from the earth, and brought forth plants of every kind.

**People: And, then God created the stars.**

Leader: And, then God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth.

**People: And, then God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind."**

Leader: Then, God said, "Let us make humankind in our image." So, in the image of God, he created them, both male and female."

**People: God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply."**

#### ✦SONG OF PRAISE

*HYMN #40 - FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH*

#### INSTALLATION/ORDINATION OF NEW DEACONS

Connie Erickson, Jacque McAlevy

#### ✦GRATEFUL RESPONSE

*HYMN #476 - I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR*

#### ✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

"May the peace of Christ be with you....And, also with you"

*At this time, the congregation may greet each other and exchange signs of peace.*

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

#### SCRIPTURE READING

1 JOHN 2:28-3:3 and 3:18, 23-24

Brenda Haran, reader

Leader: Blessed are those who hear and keep what is written, in the light of Jesus, the Word made flesh.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*All children are invited to come to the front for the Children's Message. Afterwards, preschool and elementary-aged children may go to Children's Chapel.*

*(As the children come forward for the Children's message, ushers will collect any written prayer requests. Forms are located in the pew pockets near the center aisle. Please raise your hand to let the ushers know to collect your prayer request.)*

#### ✦SONG OF FAITH

*ABIDE WITH ME*, w/m by David Crowder

#### SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 15:1-17

#### SERMON

**SERIES: THE "I AM" SAYINGS OF JESUS**  
*"I AM THE VINE"*

Brad Busiek, pastor

## WE EMBRACE GOD'S LOVE

#### OFFERING

*ABIDE*, w/m by Aaron Keyes

*In response to God's love, we are invited during this moment to reflect on how we might give thanks to God through the sharing of our time, talents, and treasures. (During this time, offering plates will be passed down the pews. There is no obligation to give. You may also choose to indicate your presence by placing a blue connect card in the offering plate.)*

#### 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 OUT TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE IN THE WORLD

#### ✦CHARGE AND BLESSING (REVELATION 21:3)

#### ✦GRATEFUL RESPONSE

*HYMN #473 - WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS*

#### ✦POSTLUDE

*✦Those who are able, are invited to stand.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A warm welcome to all our guests.** We are glad that you have joined us for worship today! We hope that you feel welcomed and loved. If you are looking for a church home, then we invite you to join us in the mission and ministry at Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church. Treats and coffee will be served after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall and we hope you will share the food and fellowship.

**Children's Chapel/Sunday School** - Halfway through the worship service, children (pre-K to 5th grade) are invited to come forward for a special children's message. Afterwards, they are invited to attend Children's Chapel downstairs in the Christian Education wing. Trusted teachers will escort the children to the classroom and parents/guardians may pick up their children downstairs after the worship service.

**Easter Flowers** - If you would like Easter flowers to place in the church on Easter in memory or honor of a loved one, please fill out the order form enclosed in this bulletin, and return it with your donation marked "Easter Flowers." The suggested donation is \$15 per plant, and the names of the honorees will be included in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

### Upcoming Activities and Events

**Blood Drive, Tues - 12:00 to 5:30 pm.** If you would like to sign up for a time to donate blood, please go to the Red Cross website at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and search for our church. Thank you.

**Gentle Exercise, Tues - 10:15 am.** Weather permitting, meet at Sunrise Park on Hensley St. in Troutdale to walk. **And at 11:30 am,** Regardless of weather, will meet at the Gresham Olive Garden for lunch.

**Sewing Group, Wed - 10 am to 3 pm.** This group meets weekly in the Upper Room. For more information, please contact Gayle Burke at 503-663-6758 or [burkegayle@gmail.com](mailto:burkegayle@gmail.com).

**Bible Study, Wed - 10:10 to 11:30 am.** This study group meets weekly in the Fellowship Hall to learn about the Fruit of the Spirit. For more information call Ruth Jones 503-719-5240.

**Gentle Exercise, Thurs - 10:30 to 11:30 am.** This group meets weekly for exercise in Fellowship Hall. Contact Linda Murphy: 971-998-7917 or [murphy\\_linda@hotmail.com](mailto:murphy_linda@hotmail.com).

**Bible Study, Thurs - 7:00 to 8:00 pm.** This study group meets weekly at the Bachelder's home to discuss He Chose the Nails by Max Lucado. For more information call Brenda Haran at 503-317-8251.

**Knitting and Crocheting Group, Thurs - 7:00 to 9:00 pm.** This group is meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month in the Youth Room. Bring your own project to work on. Contact Joyce Botsch: 503-473-3889 or [joycebotsch@comcast.net](mailto:joycebotsch@comcast.net).

**Food Pantry Preparation and Food Distribution, Fri - 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and Sat - 9:30-12:30 pm.** Food Pantry grocery bag packing and food distribution. To volunteer, sign up online at <https://signup.com/go/xTpDGSs> or email Julie at [eastcountyp@gmail.com](mailto:eastcountyp@gmail.com). Volunteers are always needed.

**Community Choir, Rehearsals Beginning Saturday, March 25 at 1:00 pm.** Anyone who likes to sing is welcome to join our new Community Choir. We will learn a couple of songs to sing on Easter Sunday, April 9 at 10:00 am. For more information contact Michael Day at [director60@outlook.com](mailto:director60@outlook.com) or 913-701-9329.

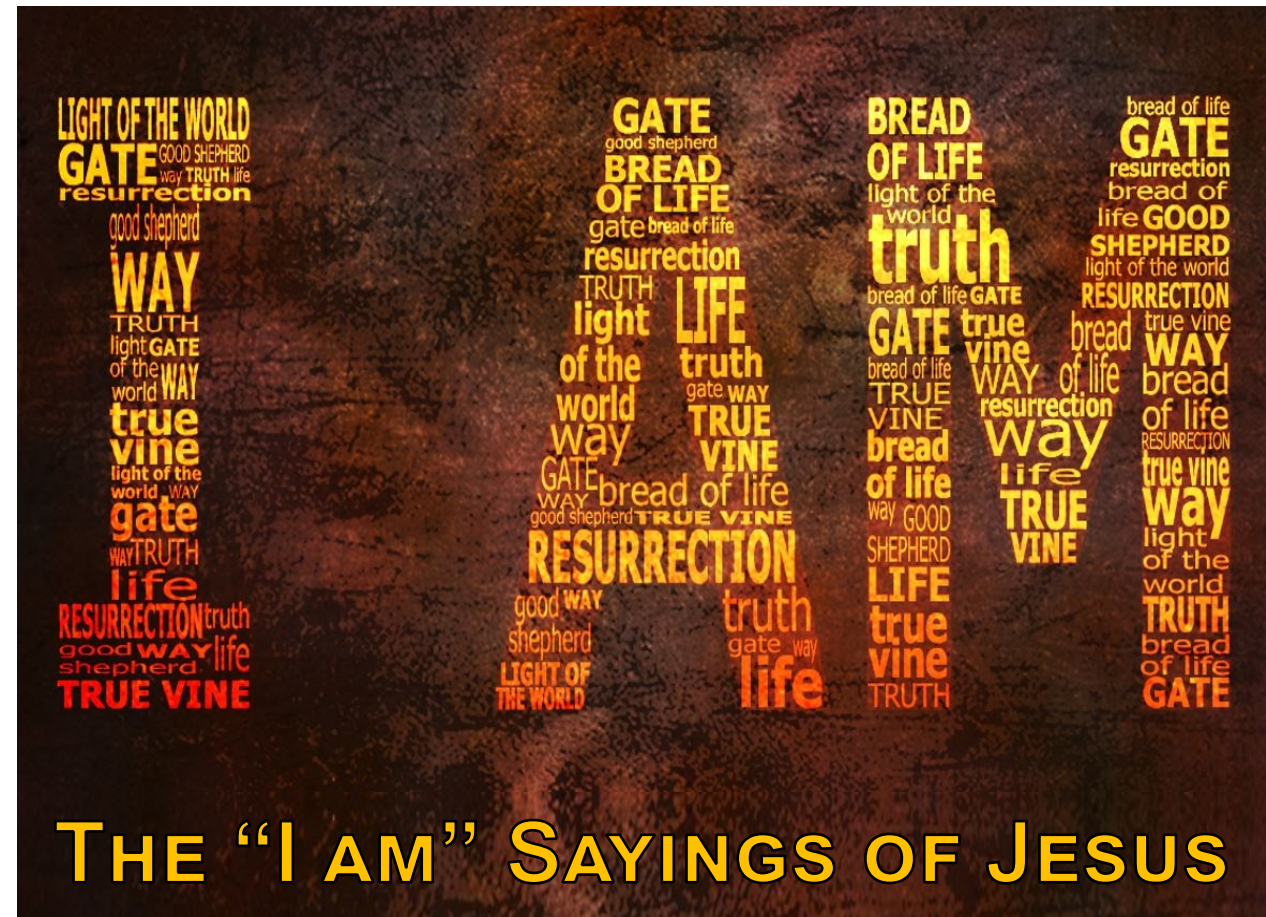
### Next Week's (3/26) Sunday Servants:

Greeters:	Bill Freeman and Julie Mitchell	Special Helper: Melody Waterlander
Ushers:	Drew and Kim Barowicz	Scripture Reader: Marcia Chiaudano
Children's Chapel:	Phoebe and Amy Busiek	Refreshments: Session

**Note to Ministry Volunteers:** The second quarter service schedule will be posted next week. Please be sure to check for your name. If you are unable to serve, please try to switch with someone else and contact the office at 503-667-6800 or [smithmemorial@gmail.com](mailto:smithmemorial@gmail.com) so we can update the charts or help you find someone if needed. Thank you.

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## THE "I AM" SAYINGS OF JESUS

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