

TRINITY CHURCH OF PORTLAND

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CALL TO WORSHIP

**Please stand as we hear the Call to Worship.*

—Psalm 27:1-10

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."

Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Brief Prayer.*

WE RESPOND IN CONFESSION

In Response To: John 16:31–33; 2 Corinthians 5:7; Mark 14:50; John 16:26–27

Almighty God, we confess that we demand clarity when you call for faith.

We grow impatient with your parables and mysteries, preferring our own understanding to your perfect wisdom.

We claim belief when the words are plain, yet scatter like sheep when trials come.

We abandon you in the hour of testing, choosing the safety of our own homes over costly discipleship.

We forget that your Father loves us directly and deeply, seeking other mediators for what you have already secured.

Transform our shallow understanding into steadfast faith, that we might know your peace even in tribulation, through Christ our Lord.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSES

John 16:31–33 Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

2 Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

Mark 14:50 And they all left him and fled.

John 16:26–27 In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.

GOD GRANTS US PARDON

—2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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SERMON TEXT

—*Word Life: John 16:25-33*

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COVENANT RENEWAL

Christian, what do you believe?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Christian, what do you believe?

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Christian, what do you believe?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the One, Holy, Christian and Apostolic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BENEDICTION

—John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

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Thanks be to God.