

WELCOME TO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF PORT HURON



**Faith:  
Patient,  
Persistent,  
Courageous**

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 5, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.  
Pastor Roxie Davis

~Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship~  
(Preaching Series: Old Stories—New Lessons)

**PROCESSIONAL AND PRELUDE**

Musician Price Smith

*(During the Prelude, please quietly take time, to prepare your heart and mind for God's presence in worship)*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Roxie Davis

**WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU WHO CAME Because Someone Invited You!**

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad in your pew. It helps us to know that you are here, as part of God's Family. We welcome all our visitors as a part of this Church Family. If you give us your contact information, we will let you know of other family events and ministries that are happening. **Please also, Visitors**, if you could fill out the Marketing Form in the Friendship Pads, that would give us an idea how you found out about us. **To all of you, new or seasoned, we believe that God is glad you have chosen to worship this morning.**

**A MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Judith McLean, Mission Committee Chair

**\*OPENING WORDS**

Liturgist Judith McLean

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

We worship the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, our forefathers.

**We worship a God who is not dead but is surely alive.**

We worship the God of Sarah, Rebekah and Rachel,  
the wives of our forefathers.

**We worship Almighty God who is faithful, beyond belief.**

We come to worship today, faithfully trying to be the people whom  
God calls us to be.

**By the power of the Holy Spirit, we come to worship the God and  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**"How Firm a Foundation"**

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## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Liturgist Judith

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)**

Liturgist Judith

Throughout the years, God, You have remained faithful to us. You extend Your love to us, no matter what. You grant us forgiveness when we mess up and confess. Compared to Your faithfulness, our faithfulness towards You is questionable and sometimes absent. Often we put our faith in multiple possessions, in earthly desires and in human endeavors. We choose to focus on ourselves rather than taking our cues from You. Help us to be faithful to You, just as Abraham and Sarah were; the father and mother of our faith. Teach us to be faithfully patient, persistent, and courageous.

(A moment of silent prayer to confess our own personal sins) **Amen.**

### **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)**

Liturgist Judith

God is faithful.

**God is just.**

God is good.

**God is gracious.**

**Thanks be to God for the love and forgiveness we receive through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

### **SUNG RESPONSE**

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:**

**world without end. Amen. Amen.**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

**“Make a Joyful Noise” Adult Choir**

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Pastor Roxie

## SCRIPTURES

### Old Testament: Genesis 12: 1-5

Pastor Roxie and Liturgist Judith

Roxie: Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Judith: <sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup> Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan.

### New Testament: Hebrews 11:8-12, 17-19

Liturgist Judith and Pastor Roxie

Judith: <sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered God, faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore” ...

Roxie: <sup>17</sup> By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, <sup>18</sup> of whom he had been told, “It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you.” <sup>19</sup> He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Pastor Roxie

**SERMON**            **“Faith: Patient, Persistent, Courageous”**

Pastor Roxie

**SPECIAL SONG**            **“Rescued”**            Written and Sung by Price Smith

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**PREPARATION TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Hymn: “Faith of our Fathers/Faith of our Mothers”**

- The Invitation
- The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving responsively.
- The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- (Prayer of Thanksgiving....)
- And so we lift our voices in joyful praise with the choirs of angels who forever sing to the glory of your name:
- **(Sung: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, Holy, Holy merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.)**
- Communion
  - Sharing of Bread
  - Sharing of the Cup
- Prayers of the People after Communion Together **(In Unison)**  
**Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring Your grace and peace to those around us...** And now we pray silently for those who are on our hearts today, especially those who need Your comfort, Your forgiveness and Your peace. (silence)

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray  
the Lord's Prayer

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**            **(The Singing and Signing of 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.**

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**  
**Offertory Music**

Liturgist Judith  
Musician Price Smith

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here  
below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy  
Ghost. Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

Liturgist Judith

**\*CLOSING HYMN**            **"Let There Be Peace on Earth"**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Musician Price Smith

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHURCH FRIENDSHIP:** Please sign the Friendship Register and make sure  
others around you have a chance. **We welcome all of you to the  
worship of God, especially those who are visitors.** We welcome you as  
part of our church family; please give us your e-mail and/or phone  
number so we can make you aware of other events happening in the  
church. The Friendship Sheets go in the Offering Plates. **Visitors, please**

**fill out the small form available** in the Friendship Pad. It gives us an idea how you came to worship today.

THANK YOU for sharing your gifts with us! Our liturgist today is Judith McLean. The greeter today is Barbara Wright. The Tech Team members running the video and sound board are Mark Schian and Steve Ahlquist. The coffee hour host is Starrla Opferman. The Sanctuary Flowers are from Betty and Judith McLean in memory of James III and Kevin McLean. PNC PRAYER TIME: Prayer is critical as Churches and Pastors discern what is in their future. Please pray each day for insight and energy for the PNC: Steve Ahlquist, Rick Cameron, Jennie Carolan, Jacquie Green, Linda Hall, Judith McLean.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS: Please join us during Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate those who have a May Birthdays or Anniversary!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS/COFFEE HOUR HOST: There are available dates in the month of May and June. Please sign up in the book located on the office counter and in Fellowship Hall at Coffee Hour on Sundays.

FPC T-SHIRTS: We are taking signups for a second order of t-shirts at the church office. We need 10 more orders to complete the order.

FOOD PANTRY: Please remember those who are suffering from food insecurities by donating non-perishable food to the Bluewater Community Food Depot. Monetary donations are also welcomed. There is a collection container in the church foyer off the parking lot and Sanctuary entrance.

PROVIDING MEALS: Do you like to cook? Please consider joining the Meal Team to provide meals to our church family who have just gotten out of the hospital. Sign up at the church office counter.

VISITOR FOLLOW-UP: If you are interested in following up with visitors after they have come to worship or an event, sign up at the church office counter.

NURSERY SUBSTITUTE: If anyone is interested in being a substitute for the Nursery as needed, please inform the church office.

JOB OPENING: We have a job opening for the Children's Christian Education Coordinator. The job description has been revised. If you, or

anyone you know, may be interested - please speak with Pastor Roxie or Steve Ahlquist or pick up a job description on the office counter.

LARGE PRINT HYMNS AND BULLETINS: Large print hymnals and bulletins are available for use during the worship service. Please let the ushers know if you would like one for the service.

PRINTED SERMONS: Pastor Roxie's printed sermons are available on the table near the church office desk in the Gathering Room.

### **UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION**

MOTHER'S DAY PLAY: On Mother's Day, the children will present "Mothers of Old." Their rehearsals are **TODAY at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, time TBD, and Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**

STITCH AND CHAT: A group of women meet each **Wednesday morning from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM to Stitch and Chat.** Are you a stitcher or a chatter? Whichever, come! Bring your latest project or just come to chat!

ADULT CLASS WEDNESDAY NIGHT: **Wednesday night** adult class is at **7:00 p.m.** in the Parlor. This group is always growing, join us and *Bring a Friend!* It is an ecumenical group. We are studying Heaven and Hell based on Rob Bell's book, "Love Wins."

ADULT CLASS "THE BACKSTORY": **Thursdays at 11:00 AM** in the Parlor. If you don't know much about the Bible, this class is for you. Lively discussion. No Bible expertise needed—just a willingness to set aside one hour a week to be in God's Word. The Scriptures studied will be the preaching Scriptures for the following Sunday.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP: On **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>,** wear your work clothes to church and stay after worship to help clean up the streets of our neighborhood. Following the clean-up there will be a potluck luncheon.

PATHWAYS/CAROLYN'S PLACE DONATIONS: Being a mother can bring great joy and love, coupled with worry and fear. It also can be especially hard if you are dealing with homelessness and fears for your family's safety. Throughout the month of May, the Mission and Community Ministry Committees will be collecting donations for Carolyn's Place, for women fleeing domestic violence and Pathways Shelter for woman and

families. Throughout the month of May, they will be collecting the following items:

**Pathways:** Cleaning supplies, diapers, soap, and shampoo.

**Carolyn's Place:** Feminine hygienic products, hair dye, diapers, reusable grocery bags, gas, and food cards.

Bins will be placed in the foyer off the parking lot for these items. Please note: If you are giving gas and/or food cards, please put them in an envelope and leave it with Laura in the office or give it to Judith McLean or Kim Matthews. On **Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12th** the Mission and Community Ministry committees will be taking a free-will offering during the First Light Worship and Traditional Worship to benefit Port Huron's Pathway Shelter for women and families and Carolyn's Place.

LIGHTHOUSE OVERNIGHT: *SAVE THE DATE* -G.I.F.T. and Mountain Movers Youth Trip to the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse for an overnight stay **Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**. Any youth interested in going, the deadline for sign up is **May 19<sup>th</sup>** at the church office.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Mon./5-6:	Financial Counters	9:00 AM
Tues./5-7:	Marketing Committee	2:00 PM
	Properties Committee	3:00 PM
	Christian Education Committee	4:15 PM
	Membership and Outreach Committee	7:00 PM
Wed./5-8:	Stitch and Chat	10:00 AM
	Sarah Circle	1:00 PM
	Wednesday Night Adult Class	7:00 PM
Thurs./5-9:	Memorial Hand Bells Practice	9:30 AM
	Adult Class: The Backstory	11:00 AM
	Finance Committee	1:00 PM
Sat./5-11:	Children's Mother's Day Play Rehearsal	time TBD
Sun./5-12:	Happy Mother's Day!	
	Children's Mother's Day Play Rehearsal	9:00 AM

*\*Families with children: Please be advised that our worship service, including the Children's Message, is streamed live online. If you would not like your child's face in view, please sit with your child in the Parlor where the service is played on the TV.*

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Musicians: Gary Rhody, Elizabeth Roe and Price Smith

***Our mission is know the Love of God, grow in the Christian faith,  
and go share our faith in Jesus Christ.***