
18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Elder Doug Russell

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRELUDE: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

Vocal Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 89)

Doug Russell, Liturgist

One: Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

All: For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

One: Happy are we who hear the joyful call to worship, for we walk in the light of God's presence.

All: Let's worship God together - celebrating who he is and all that he has done. For God is our strength and our protection, the One in whom we trust.

*HYMN #302 "I Danced in the Morning"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Gracious God, we praise you! You have entrusted to us a priceless treasure, the good news of Christ who conquered death. In him, we have the promise of new and everlasting life. Empower us by your Spirit to spend our days working for your purposes. As our church shares the gospel with friends and neighbors, may we all draw closer to you. We dedicate our lives and these offerings in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN #420 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*For those who are able, please stand.

First Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY

October 1, 2023

- **Today's Usher:** Heidi Henderson
- **Communion Servers:** today are Andrea Ducharme, Martha Stevens and Shane Adams
- **Coffee Hour:** today is hosted by Barb Winegard
- **Choir Practice:** will be held at 9:15 each Sunday morning before Worship
- **Meals on Wheels:** is still collecting brown paper bags. If you have some to donate, please drop them off in the church office.
- **Worship & Music:** Mon., Oct. 2, 10:30 in the Media Center
- **Book Club:** Tues., Oct. 3, 1 p.m. in the Media Center
- **Buildings & Grounds:** Tues., Oct. 3, 7 p.m. in the Media Center



Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence

Nancy Dobbins; Linda McMahon

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Identity Statement

We are a loving family of God, following Christ by practicing our legacy of worship, education, and mission to neighbors.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Great indeed is the faithfulness of God, and yet our hearts are not so reliable. We wander. We argue. We forget. We divide ourselves with anger and bitterness and falsehood. Let's try to come back together again, and let's start with the truth. Let's confess our sins, to God, and also, to each other.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

We would want to be fountains of hope for others, God of glory, but people find only hardened hearts.

We would like to be transformed people, but our stubborn pride prevents us from bending a knee to you.

We long to stand with those who are in need, but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid in judgment.

Forgive us, God who came down to us. Humble us, that we might be true servants to the broken and lost.

Split open our frozen hearts, that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting.

Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit, that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into that kingdom of grace and hope. Amen.

One: Now that we have confessed as a body, let us take the truths that have troubled our hearts to God silently. Let us not be worried about the awkwardness of silence, as we take some time to focus on speaking with our God.

SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Gloria Patri #579

*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share signs of peace with one another.

WE HEAR AND REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 17:1-7
red Bible p.87, black Bible p.64

Liturgist

MUSICAL OFFERING

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 2:1-13
red Bible p.1430, black Bible p.197

Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21:23-32
red Bible p. 1200, black Bible p. 23

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SERMON "Gotta Serve Somebody"

Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret

WE OFFER OUR LIVES TO GOD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN #513 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from north and south and from east and west to sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: We glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise.

Praise to you, O God, for all your works. You created the world and called it good and made us in your image to live together in love. You made a covenant with us, and even when we turned from you, you remained ever faithful.

Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

A: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

L: Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son. He lived among us and told your story. He healed the sick and welcomed sinners.

He shared our pain and died our death, then rose to new life that we might live, and all creation be restored.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ and that we may be his body for the world. By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another until we feast with him and with all your saints in your eternal realm of justice and peace. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament,

A: united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm.

L: Send us out in the power of your Spirit

A: to live and work to your praise and glory, For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Dear Lord, We give our offerings on World Communion Sunday with Christians around the world, in congregations large and small, speaking every language and one language. Let us remember our connection to the work of the church in every corner of God's creation. In our Peace and Global Witness Offering, we support advocacy, education, and educational outreach with communities of faith all across the globe, as well as a portion to this church. Truly, God has blessed us with the rich, varied, and abundant gifts of creation. From God's abundance, let us also give abundantly.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY HYMN #592

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.

