
20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2023

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 25)

Stephanie Stine, Liturgist

One: O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name;

All: for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

One: You have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress,

All: a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

One: The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,

All: and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

One: It will be said one day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

All: This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*HYMN #478 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth. Let us offer them with joy in our hearts and a deep sense of gratitude.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY HYMN #592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Mighty and righteous God, as we bring our tithes and offerings to You, we admit that we can see ourselves in the actions of the Israelites in the wilderness. We are quick to lose sight of You, especially when our focus is turned in the direction of golden idols. Remind us that there is nothing more valuable than Your kingdom, God. Guide us in using these offerings so that we can light the path for others towards Your kingdom. Focus our hearts and minds on You each day. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #540 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*For those who are able, please stand.

**First Presbyterian Church
Baldwinsville, NY**

October 15, 2023

- **Today's Usher:** Bea Boak
- **Coffee Hour:** today is hosted by Shane Adams
- **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.
- **Joint Session/Deacons Potluck Dinner:** Tues., Oct. 24, Fireside Room. Gather at 5:45, Dinner at 6 p.m.
- **Remembrance Sunday:** will be observed on November 5. Please contact the church office if you would like to light a candle for a loved one or friend who has passed away during the past year. The deadline to be included is October 22.

Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence

Nancy Dobbins;
Marty Pond and family upon the loss of her brother-in-law

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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

Jesus is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. Please join me in our Prayer of Confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Almighty Lord and God, we confess that it is often difficult for us to be Your people. You have called us to be the true Church and to continue the mission of Jesus Christ in our broken world. Yet in truth, we admit that we are more prone to apathy than action; callousness than compassion; obstinance than obedience; loathing than love; and rigidness than receptiveness. We and are self-filled more than Spirit-filled. Gracious Lord, we ask that You freely pour out your mercy on us and forgive our sins. Remove those obstacles that hinder us from being Your representatives in this troubled world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. We ask these things in the name of your son, Jesus the Christ. 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 32:1-14 *Liturgist*
red Bible p.107, black Bible p.78

MUSICAL OFFERING

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 4:1-9 *Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret*
red Bible p.1432, black Bible p.198

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22:1-14
Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret
red Bible p. 1201, black Bible p. 24

SERMON “The Invisible Church” *Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret*

WE OFFER OUR LIVES TO GOD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed (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 #333 “Seek Ye First”

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER