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# World Communion Sunday

October 2, 2022

10:00 AM

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Rheta Jenks, Liturgist*

One: We are not possible without you, God.

**All: We are the products of those who came before.**

One: We influence those who come after.

**All: You bind the generations to one another.**

One: We offer the treasures we find in you to one another.

**All: Passing them down through the ages.**

One: Come, we worship God.

\*HYMN #455 "All Creatures of Our God and King" (vs 1-5)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We know nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ, so we are free to confess our need of grace.

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (UNISON)

**Gracious God, we come before you as bearers of a faith for which we are not always known. Sometimes we shrink from the gift entrusted to us, as if it is the least part of ourselves, as if passing trivialities matter more, as if faith has no real weight in the scheme of things.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Spirit of life, love, grace – God, you have ushered us in, fed us, blessed us and renewed us. Guide us now as we go forth that our lives may bear witness to your gracious, miraculous, and everlasting love. Amen.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

God has given us good gifts: the gift of life, the gift of love, the gift of mercy, the gift of this good Earth, our home. The gift of teachers, the gift of presence, the gift of people to love, the gift of a call to serve, and the gift of hope for the future of God's world. God has given us good gifts. We return for God's use a portion of what God has given us, to further God's purposes in this world.

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY (tune is Old Hundredth) \*HYMN #592

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

**Holy One, may our hearts be attentive to your voice. Open our eyes to the needs of the world. Strengthen in us the mission and spirit of this faith community. Accept and use this offering towards furthering the reality of your realm on Earth through Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN #432 "Song of Hope" (Sing 3 times)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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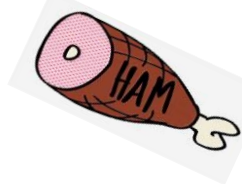
\*For those who are able, please stand.

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# First Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY

**October 2, 2022**

- **Today's Usher:** Joanne Rodriguez
- **Coffee Hour** today is hosted by Martha Stevens
- **Acts of the Apostles Bible Study:** Mon., Oct. 3, 11 a.m. in the Media Center.
- **Acts of the Apostles Bible Study:** Weds., Oct. 5, 7-8:00 p.m. via Zoom. Contact the office for the link.
- **Music & Worship:** Mon., Oct. 3, 10:00 a.m. in the Media Center
- **Book Club:** Tues., Oct. 4, 10:00 a.m. in the Media Center
- **Drive-Thru Ham Dinner:** This Saturday, October 8 is the Ham Dinner Drive-Thru. Be sure to come between 4:00 and 5:30 and pick up a dinner or two! Tell your friends and neighbors. We are preparing for 400 people and would love to sell out!



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## Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence

Barry Bullis; Nancy Dobbins; Mimi Dundon; Stephanie Stine; Anthonia Todd

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Director of Music & Choirs-----Rheta Jenks Organist-----Lee Johnston  
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Financial Secretary-----Andrea Ducharme Treasurer-----Diana Anastas  
Nursery School Director--Jessica Newcomb



## Identity Statement

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

SILENT REFLECTION

**Forgive us our unfaithfulness. Forgive us for our turning from your gifts. Call us back to life in you, today and every day.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is merciful and forgiving. Through the revelation of Jesus Christ, we are assured that God sees us from far and greets us with tender mercy when we return to God. Therefore, let us be at peace with ourselves, with God, and with each other.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE \*HYMN #579 "Gloria Patri"

**WE HEAR AND REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Lamentations 3:19-26 *Liturgist*  
red Bible pg. #1001, black Bible pg. #766

MUSICAL OFFERING

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 17:5-10 *Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser*  
red Bible pg. #1274, black Bible pg. #80

SERMON "Living Letters of Hope and Peace" *Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser*

**WE OFFER OUR LIVES TO GOD**

\*HYMN #276 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

INVITATION

My friends, every family sits around a table to share news from the day, concerns about life, and stories they have heard. I invite you now to gather around this table with the great family of creation to share the day, and listen to God's story. It's a special table because it is big enough for all.

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It's a special table because it is made from the stuff of the earth: wood and ore, grain and grape, all gifts from God. It's a special table because Jesus is here.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One world, spinning freely, yet too often fractured and confined. We, too, often find ourselves broken, alone, feeling powerless. Remind us of the words written long ago to Timothy, encouraging him to rekindle his faith. Spark your fire within us, the fire that energizes and renews and brings new life to us and the world.

As a Samaritan paused to give Jesus thanks, so we gather on this day – people from around the world – to celebrate Christ's presence in our midst. We use bread from our culture, and from others, as a potent symbol that you, our God, are the God of all people that your love reaches not only us, but others besides. Open us to listen to them. Open us to learn from them. Open us to be present for them not in patronizing and colonial ways but in loving, equal, and Christ-like ways.

This day we take Communion with all the world and in so doing declare that Christ is present for all people, challenging unjust systems with God's challenge and promise. As we break bread and share a cup, may we remember the Christ present with us through all these years and across all this world, present with us as we rededicate ourselves to you. Bless all the others with whom we share this delicate world even as we pray as Jesus taught us, **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.**

BREAKING BREAD, POURING THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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