
21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 2023

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 96)

Matt McGivney, Liturgist

One: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

All: Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

One: Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.

All: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.

One: As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

All: Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;

One: he will judge the peoples with equity."

All: He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth. Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN # 263 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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)

Holy God, source of every good gift: the tithes and offerings we bring to you are simply a token of our desire to walk more closely beside you. We give, knowing that "rendering unto you what is yours" would mean leaving everything at your feet – all we have and all we are. We are not there yet, and we ask your guidance in understanding that all that we have belongs to you. Empower us to feel called to give of our time, talent, and tithes. Also we ask that you guide us in how to use what we give; may our use speak words of compassion, mercy, and love as it empowers your mission and ministry. We pray this in the powerful name of Jesus, whose light we seek to follow. Amen.

HYMN # 539 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*For those who are able, please stand.

First Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY

October 22, 2023

- **Today's Ushers:** Nancy Runyans & Martha Stevens
- **Coffee Hour:** today is hosted by Andrea Ducharme
- **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 today.
- **Samaritan Center:** We will serve a meal at the Samaritan Center on Saturday, Nov. 18. Please contact Kathy Bowen to volunteer, 315-283-1338.



Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence

Nancy Dobbins

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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.

WE HEAR AND REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD

CALL TO CONFESSION

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not given You the things that are Yours. We quibble over technicalities and argue over questions that do not lead us to love You, ourselves, or our neighbors well. We ignore Your goodness that is all around us, and we do not allow ourselves to be filled with the Holy Spirit who empowers us to live as people who glorify You. We do not recognize Your holy touch in the world around us, and we neglect our responsibility to treat all things and all people as sacred. Forgive us, we pray, and free us to live in love and peace with You, with ourselves, with our neighbors, and with all creation. 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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 33:12-23
red Bible p.109, black Bible p.80

Liturgist

MUSICAL OFFERING

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret
red Bible p.1437, black Bible p.203

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22:15-22
Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret
red Bible p. 1201, black Bible p. 24

SERMON "The Face of God" ***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 # 288 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER