
19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2023

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19)

Rheta Jenks, Liturgist

One: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

All: One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

One: Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

All: their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

One: The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

All: Now, let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer. Let us worship the Lord.

*HYMN #2068 "I Love You Lord" (3 X)

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

**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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Generous and giving God, you have offered us a deep and soul-satisfying relationship with you, one that extends far beyond our earthly journey; and too many of us have opted for a "faith-lite" experience. We have rejected what you so generously offer us, even as we dwell in and are sustained by your vineyard. As we offer our gifts this day, may we better receive the relationship you offer us and may we walk more closely. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN #538 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*For those who are able, please stand.

First Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY

October 8, 2023

- **Today's Usher:** Heidi Henderson
- **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.
- **Joint Session/Deacons Potluck Dinner:** Tues., Sept. 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

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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

Gracious God, we come to you each week and promise to live lives which are in keeping with what you command of us, and each week we continue to fall short of those promises. Despite our shortcomings, you remain steadfast in your assurance of grace and forgiveness. Help us to come to you with a renewed intent to follow in your path each day, as we now confess our broken promises to you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

O merciful God, When we are left to our own devices, we do not always produce the best fruit in your garden. Throughout our faith history, your Son offered words of healing and hope to people who dwelled in darkness. In the nourishing light of his love, people yield good fruit. But too often, Lord, we find that this world dominates our lives. We are troubled, angry, and fearful. We want to see your presence in the world, yet somehow miss the many ways in which your love and healing power is shown. Forgive us when we grow impatient with you and with the course of things in our lives. Heal our wounds and put us back on pathways of peace and service, so that we can harvest your goodness and share it with all the world. Enable us to speak your words of hope in this darkened world. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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

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*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 READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

red Bible p.839, black Bible p.634

Liturgist

MUSICAL OFFERING

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-46

Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret

red Bible p. 1200, black Bible p. 24

SERMON "Tending the Vineyard"

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 #372 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER