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# First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

10:00 AM

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 25)

*Barb Winegard, Liturgist*

One: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust.

**All: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

One: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

**All: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

One: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

**All: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees. Let us worship the Lord of love and faithfulness!**

\*HYMN #272 "God of the Sparrow"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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)

**Holy God, we bring our tithes and offerings to you this morning, understanding that on our journey in Lent, we can't detour around the wilderness. It is essential that we hear Jesus' call us to repentance! Bless our gifts for your unfinished kingdom work. Remind us, as we worship here, that this redemption of our lives did not come without a price; without our own repentance, we miss the enormity of the gift Jesus gave. We know that we cannot earn your gift of redemption and forgiveness - we receive it by your grace. May we grow to learn to reflect such grace and compassion in our encounters with others. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN #2146 "His Eye is on the Sparrow"

\*CHARGE

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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\*For those who are able, please stand.

- **Today's Ushers:** Andrea Ducharme & Nancy Runyans
- **Coffee Hour:** today is hosted by Heidi Henderson & Martha Stevens
- **Choir Practice:** will be held at 9:15 each Sunday before Worship.
- **Gospel of John Bible Study:** is held on Mondays at 4:30, in the Media Center.
- **President's Day:** is Monday, February 19 and the church office will be closed. Bible Study will not be held.
- **Deacons:** Tuesday, Feb. 20, 7 p.m. in the Media Center.
- **Mission Committee:** Wednesday, February 21, 12:30 in the Media Center
- **Special Congregational Meeting** on Sunday March 3rd in the Sanctuary immediately after the service for the sole purpose of electing our Nominating Committee. (10-15 minutes)

**Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence**

Karen Chamis; Carol Hovey;  
Nancy Runyans; Sandy Smith; Anthonia Todd

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**First Presbyterian Church  
Baldwinsville, NY**

**February 18, 2024**



**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

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to pray with you; to be with you; to meditate on your Word. We have not always honored the Holy Spirit's guidance in our life. We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it. We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships, especially with you. We have not loved others as Jesus loved us. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

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

*Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret*

\*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 Genesis 9:8-17  
red Bible p.9, black Bible p.7

*Liturgist*

MUSICAL OFFERING

EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 3:18-22  
*Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret*  
red Bible p. 1477, black Bible p. 234

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:9-15 *Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret*  
red Bible p. 1215, black Bible p. 34

SERMON "Make me to Know Your Ways" *Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret*

**WE OFFER OUR LIVES TO GOD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

**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 81 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"