
4th Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 23) **Mark Chamberlin, Liturgist**

One: We rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters,

All: and gives us refreshment of soul.

One: Christ our Shepherd shows us the way we should go,

All: so that the name of God will be glorified.

One: Though all manner of evil befall us, we will not be afraid,

All: for the Great Shepherd of our souls is with us.

One: We are never away from the love and mercy of the Lord,

All: and we shall be with him for ever and ever. Amen!

*HYMN #170 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our hearts long for God, and we know we fall short of God's glory, so let us now confess to God the ways we have individually and collectively fallen short of God's Grace. Please pray with me.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 9:1-41

red Bible p. 1304 black Bible p. 102

Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret

SERMON "The Decision of Faith"

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 #80 "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

During this season of Lent, as we take time to sit still and study God's Word and listen for God's guidance, let us remember that this is a season of sacrifice. Let us fulfill with action and giving all that we say we believe when we say we are followers of Jesus Christ. Let us be generous in our tithes and offerings, remembering they can only be a fraction of what we have received from God.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY (tune is Old Hundredth)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Lord God of all, accept our offering of money this day, but also the offering of our lives. Help us to live simply, generously and courageously, that our lives may point to you. Amen.

*HYMN #280 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*For those who are able, please stand.

- **Today's Usher:** Barb Winegard
- **Coffee Hour:** today is hosted by Nancy Runyans
- **Session:** March 21, 7 p.m. in the Media Center
- **Deacons:** March 28, 7 p.m. in the Media Center (the date has changed)

Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence

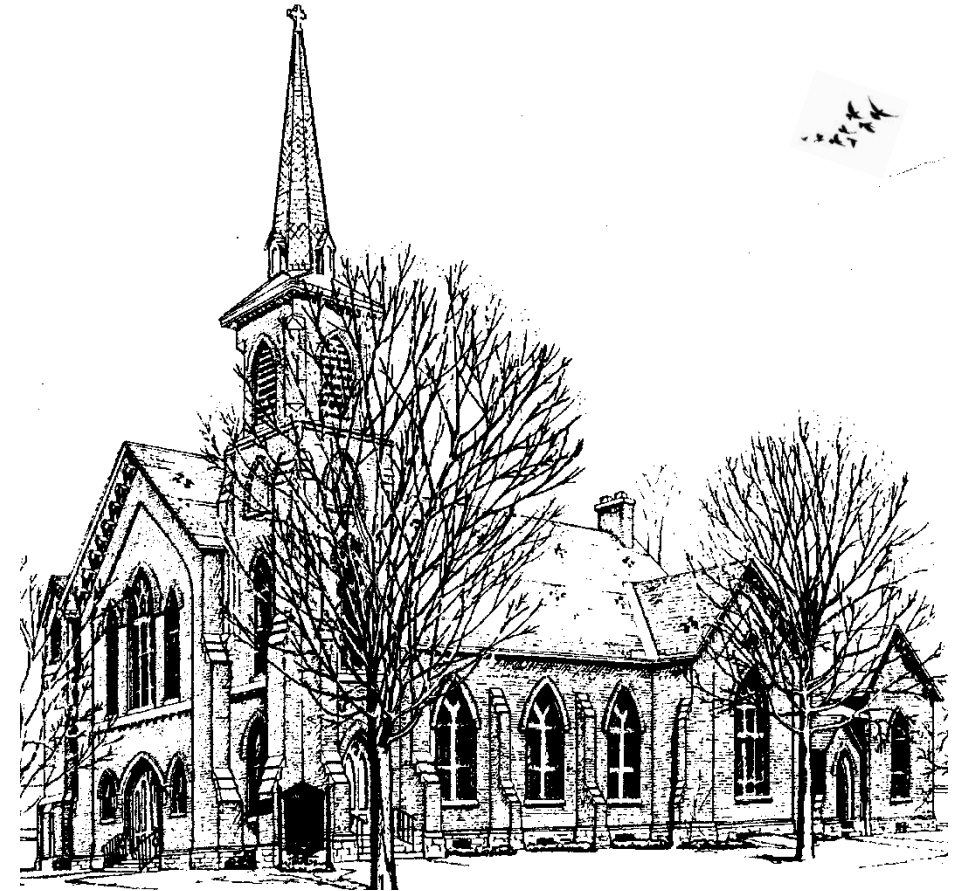
Ralph Cowdery; Nancy Dobbins; Mimi Dundon

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**First Presbyterian Church
Baldwinsville, NY**

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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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Holy Jesus, we confess that we fail to question our own sightlessness. Being so sure that we "see," we miss the truths you would teach us. With the poultice of your love, cure this blindness. Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings, our own failures and our own faults. Make our "shadow side" known to us and help us to diminish it with the light of your grace. For it is only when we see ourselves clearly that we can worship you truly. Guide us on your path so that we may see the wisdom of your commandments to us and give us the courage to take that path as we seek to follow your truth and light. 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 CONFESSION

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

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Liturgist

red Bible p.359, black Bible p.259

MUSICAL OFFERING

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