
Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

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 are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

All: their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

One: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

All: the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

One: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; in keeping them there is great reward.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

*HYMN #85 "What Wondrous Love is This"

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)

God of holiness and grace, we know the words of your commandments. In our hearts, we know that following them makes life easier, not harder; fuller, not more restricted. We know there is no God greater than you, yet we have made the silliest things our gods and have thrown our money and resources after them. As we offer our gifts this day, we are reminded that only you have given the gift of a savior and the redemption of our rebellious lives. In Christ's name, we trust and pray. Amen.

*HYMN #2152 "Change My Heart, O God"

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*For those who are able, please stand.

First Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY

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- **Today's Ushers:** Heidi Henderson & Barb Winegard
- **Communion Servers:** today are Heidi Henderson & Barb Winegard
- **Coffee Hour:** today is hosted by Shane Adams
- **Choir Practice:** will be held at 9:15 each Sunday morning before Worship.
- **Worship & Music:** Monday, March 4, 10:30 in the Media Center.
- **Book Club:** March 5, 1:00 in the Media Center
- **Session:** Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center
- **Deacons:** Tuesday, March 19, 7 p.m. 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).
- **Community Dinner:** Thursday, March 21, 4-5:15. Sit-down dinner with Take-out available. Corned Beef, Cabbage, Red-skinned Potatoes, Carrots, Pumpernickel Bread and Cake with green frosting.



Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence

Karen Chamis; Carol Hovey;
Jamie, Megan Gruppe & family upon the loss of Megan's father;
Nancy Runyans; Sandy Smith; Anthonia Todd

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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.

L: Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son. He lived among us and told your story. He healed the sick and welcomed sinners. He shared our pain and died our death, then rose to new life that we might live, and all creation be restored.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ and that we may be his body for the world. By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another until we feast with him and with all your saints in your eternal realm of justice and peace. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament,

A: united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm.

L: Send us out in the power of your Spirit

A: to live and work to your praise and glory, For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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)

With hearts of sorrow, we come before you, O God, to confess what you already know—we have failed to keep your laws and we rationalized why that was okay.

Again and again, we have followed our own selfish will, rather than your holy and life-giving will for our lives. We have twisted your decrees and institutions to suit our preconceptions and interests rather than your own. Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us from hidden faults, that the words of our mouths, and the meditations of all our hearts, may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. 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

Rev. Kirsty 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 Exodus 20:1-17 *Liturgist*
red Bible p.90, black Bible p.66

MUSICAL OFFERING

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Rev. Kirsty Dickson-Maret
red Bible p. 1387, black Bible p. 166

GOSPEL LESSON John 2:13-22 *Rev. Kirsty Dickson-Maret*
red Bible p. 1291, black Bible p. 93

SERMON "Wiser Than Human Wisdom" *Rev. Kirsty 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 #374 "Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace"

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from north and south and from east and west to sit at table in the kingdom of God. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: We glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise.

Praise to you, O God, for all your works. You created the world and called it good and made us in your image to live together in love. You made a covenant with us, and even when we turned from you, you remained ever faithful.

Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:

A: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.