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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2023

10:00 AM

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 121)

*Rush Pond, Liturgist*

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills —

**All: from where will my help come?**

One: My help comes from the LORD,

**All: who made heaven and earth.**

One: The LORD will keep you from all evil;

**All: he will keep your life.**

One: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in

**All: from this time on and forevermore.**

\*HYMN #488 "The God of Abraham Praise"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our partner in grace, let us confess our shortcomings to God.

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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 LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

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.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY (tune is Old Hundredth)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

**God of all grace, we can never outgive you. As we give you our financial gifts, help us to use the spiritual gifts you have given us. We thank you for giving to each of us the manifestation of your Spirit for our common good. To each of us, you have given different spiritual gifts to serve you and your church – to build up each other spiritually. May we serve you financially with our giving and spiritually through ministering with our gifts from you. Amen.**

\*HYMN #421 "The Church of Christ in Every Age!"

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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\*For those who are able, please stand.

- **Today's Ushers:** Marty Pond & Tom Eckrote
- **Communion Servers:** Marty Pond & Tom Eckrote
- **Coffee Hour:** today is hosted by Martha Stevens
- **The Installation of Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret:** today at 3 p.m. Please join us for light refreshments in the CE Building following the service.
- **Worship & Music Committee:** Mon., March 6, 10:30 a.m. in the Media Center
- **Book Club:** Tues., March 7, 10 a.m. in the Media Center

# **First Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY**

## **March 5, 2023**



### **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.

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (UNISON)

**Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ, you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command.**

**In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.**

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

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Gloria Patri #579

**WE HEAR AND REFLECT ON GOD’S WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON                      Genesis 12:1-4a                      *Liturgist*  
red Bible p.12    black Bible p.10

MUSICAL OFFERING

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON                      John 3:1-17  
red Bible p. 1292    black Bible p. 93  
*Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret*

SERMON "The Church Born Anew"                      *Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret*

**WE OFFER OUR LIVES TO GOD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

\*HYMN #78 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

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 the 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.**

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