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

April 16, 2023

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 16)

*Tricia Adams, Liturgist*

One: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**All: I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."**

One: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows.

**All: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup.**

One: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

**All: I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

One: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

**All: Let us worship our God who shows us the path of life. In God's presence there is fullness of joy. In God's right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

\*HYMN #464 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

\*OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

**Gracious God of Light and Hope: We dedicate our offering to you this morning, our hearts still filled with the joy of Easter and your triumph over the grave! Scripture has reminded us that we have been given the pathway for new birth, the promise of an imperishable heavenly inheritance, and the power of God's protection. Humbled in the realization of these priceless gifts, we offer ourselves to make this Good News known to those who have not yet heard of it. With praise and thanksgiving, we dedicate these gifts in your Holy Name. Amen.**

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

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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\*For those who are able, please stand.

- **Today's Ushers:** Andrea Ducharme & Heidi Henderson
- **Coffee Hour:** today is hosted by Marty Pond
- **Deacons:** April 18, 7 p.m. in the Media Center
- **The Samaritan Center:** Sunday, April 30, 12:30 – 3:00, if you wish to carpool, we will leave the church parking lot at Noon. To volunteer, please contact Kathy Bowen at [kathyharp1626@gmail.com](mailto:kathyharp1626@gmail.com) or 315 638 8749
- **Baked Potato Luncheon:** Sunday, May 7, 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, hosted by the Special Gifts Committee. We'll have baked potatoes hot from the oven with your choice of a dozen different toppings!

**First Presbyterian Church  
Baldwinsville, NY**

**April 16, 2023**

**Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence**

Nancy Dobbins; Lillian Olsen

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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

How often have we heard the good news of forgiveness and restoration? Yet, we are still reluctant to believe. God offers us new life, yet we are afraid to let go of the old. Let us confess our doubts and fears to the One who waits to make us whole.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into despair and gloom. Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now, not just the hope of resurrection for the future. We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life, who continues to turn us around and upside down, who continues to break down the walls of death in our own life. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. 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**

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
red Bible p.1325, black Bible p.119

***Liturgist***

MUSICAL OFFERING

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9 ***Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret***  
red Bible p. 1474, black Bible p. 232

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31 ***Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret***  
red Bible p. 1321, black Bible p. 115

SERMON “Are You Sure?”

***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 #399 “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

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