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# 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 14, 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 66)

***Margaret Sollish, Liturgist***

One: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,

**All: who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.**

One: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

**All: You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;**

One: you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water;

**All: yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**

One: Truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

**All: Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.**

\*HYMN #263 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

CALL TO CONFESSION

As we return again and again to God in need of God's grace, let us now turn to God confessing the ways we fall short of what God hopes for us. Let us offer the unison prayer of confession:

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

**God of Power and Mercy, you have not deserted us; we have been tested, and yet we know we have never been far from your redeeming love. We celebrate your relentless caring, not only with the gifts we offer, but with our voices and testimony. We want the world to see what it means to live in the light of your love and mercy. Help us to guide our lives in your way, so that we may truly advocate for others. In the name of Christ, our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.**

\*HYMN #376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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\*For those who are able, please stand.

- **Today's Ushers:** Tom Eckrote & Heidi Henderson
- **Coffee Hour:** today is hosted by Marge Calkins
- **Deacons:** Tues., May 16, 7 p.m. in the Media Center
- **Silver Fox Adult Day Center:** is looking for gently used magazines. If you would like to donate, please bring them to the church office.
- **6 Week Bible Study, The Book of Job:** Wednesdays May 10 – June 21. 11 a.m. or 7 p.m. Not meeting on Wed., May 24.
- **Baldwinsville Volunteer Center:** We are continuing to collect personal care items and cleaning supplies to support the volunteer center. The goal for the month of May is 500 items and we will have a special surprise when we reach this goal! Boxes for donations are in the Sanctuary and the church office.

- **Community Dinner:** The next dinner is scheduled for Thursday, June 1, 4:00 – 5:15. We will enjoy Swedish Meatballs, Egg Noodles, Broccoli Cheese Casserole, Copper Penny Salad, Rolls & Butter and Cherry Crisp ala Mode. This is a free meal for all. Sit-down dinner with Take-out available.



## **First Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY**

**May 14, 2023**



### **Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence**

Lynda Barry; Nancy Dobbins; Cathy Mocyk

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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)

**Maker and giver of all, forgive us when we are too preoccupied to notice your presence in our lives: when we walk through this world and fail to see the wonder of you upholding our lives and all creation; when we walk through our lives and fail to see you abiding with, within, and around us; when we walk through holy moments and fail to savor your presence, instead feeling abandoned in the vast sweep of life as each day rushes at us with its demands. Open our eyes to your presence, God of love, that we may lean on you—for you uphold all of creation in tenderness and power. 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

\*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 17:22-31  
red Bible p.1350, black Bible p.137

*Liturgist*

MUSICAL OFFERING

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 3:13-22 **Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret**  
red Bible p. 1477, black Bible p. 234

GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:15-21 **Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret**  
red Bible p. 1313, black Bible p. 109

SERMON “Advocates for Christ?”

**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 #316 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

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.