
7th Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 68)

Rheta Jenks, Liturgist

One: Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds —

All: his name is the LORD — be exultant before him.

One: Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

All: God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.

One: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord,

All: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies

One: Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people.

All: Blessed be God!

*HYMN #142 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

We are persuaded that there is an inseparable connection between faith and practice, truth and duty. Let us worship God with our lives and the presentation of our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

God of wisdom and guidance, steer us, we pray, through our anxious times. The gifts we bring this day are a small part of all we have received. We push back our inclination to be more generous because of our worry over finances. We hold back on sharing our faith and advocating for compassion and justice out of anxiety about not being part of modern society. We hold back on inviting neighbors to church out of concern about how they might view the church. Remind us that it is Jesus we offer to the world, not us. Help us to cast our worries on Jesus, for the one the tomb could not hold can carry our anxiety with ease. In the name of Jesus, who broke the hold of death once and for all. Amen.

HYMN #145 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*For those who are able, please stand.

First Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY

May 21, 2023

- **Today's Usher:** Shane Adams
- **Coffee Hour:** today is hosted by Bea Boak
- **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. 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.



Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence

Nancy Dobbins

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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

Called to proclaim repentance, we are reluctant to look at our own failings. Invited to witness to God's loving forgiveness of sins, we would rather not speak aloud of our own. Let us trust in the One who offers us hope and healing, as we pray together our prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

God Most High, you call us to proclaim a gospel we find difficult to practice. We prefer to be directed by pundits on TV and the radio, or influencers on the internet, before we consider what you have directed us to do, especially when it comes to how we treat the least of these. We watch our clocks to make sure we spend more time with ourselves than with you. We are hesitant to witness to your power from on high, as we feel uncertain of your presence in our lives. Forgive us, God of Light. Fill us with the healing presence of your Holy Spirit, that we may proclaim your good news, as we participate in the life and suffering of our world, as did your son, Jesus Christ. Remind us that we are to be guided by the life of Jesus on this earth – who taught us not to judge the least among us and not to glorify those who manipulate us to turn away from the lessons of your Son, our Savior and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. 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 1:6-14
red Bible p.1323, black Bible p.118

Liturgist

MUSICAL OFFERING

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret
red Bible p. 1478, black Bible p. 235

GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:1-11 *Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret*
red Bible p. 1316, black Bible p. 111

SERMON "Don't Look Up?"

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 #144 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"