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

May 7, 2023 10:00 AM

### **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION OF LEGACY (Wills Emphasis Sunday), Andy Brussel

PRAYER OF APPROACH

**PRELUDE** 

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 31)

Jamie Gruppe, Liturgist

One: In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;

All: in your righteousness deliver me.

One: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me

and guide me,

All: take me out of the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge.

One: My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

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All: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

One: Let us commit our spirits to the Lord.

All: Let us worship our faithful God who has redeemed us all.

\*HYMN #422 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

To open our hearts to God is to risk vulnerability, judgment, and condemnation. But throughout the scriptures, we learn that God is merciful and just, slow to anger, and eager to forgive. Let us then risk our confession, first as a body, and then silently.

#### 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

Every good thing is a gift from God — this amazing creation, the love of one another, our shelter and our clothing. We give our lives back to God as a way of saying thank you. We ask God to guide us in our giving so that we can best carry out the mission to which we have been called. We ask to be encouraged to give back with gratitude and joy. Let us now return to God our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Loving God, as we offer our gifts to you, we know you see us more clearly than the world sees us, or even than we see ourselves. We have made foolish choices, valued things that were not worthy, and yet you have claimed us, deemed us precious, counted us worth saving by the death and Resurrection of your Son. No gift that we can offer can come close to balancing out your relentless love, but we give them with a heart of gratitude. We give ourselves, in the name of the one you gave for us. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

\*HYMN #2218 "You Are Mine"

**CHARGE** 

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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\*For those who are able, please stand.

- Today's Ushers: Marty Pond & Peg Brussel
- **Flowers:** The flowers on the Communion Table today are in honor of Andy & Lynn Brussel's 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and Bob & Peg Brussel's 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary!
- **Baked Potato Luncheon:** Instead of Coffee Hour today, we will be enjoying hot baked potatoes with your choice of a dozen different toppings, hosted by the Special Gifts Committee. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.
- **Buckley Landing:** Peggy Suddaby would like to invite anyone interested, to join her community for Communion at Buckley Landing, the first Sunday of each month at 2 p.m.
- **Thank you!:** to all who served at the Samaritan Center on April 30. We were a great team! -Kathy Bowen
- **Session:** Tues., May 9, 7 p.m. in the Media Center
- **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 beginning this Wed., May 10 June 21. 11 a.m. or 7 p.m. Not meeting on Wed., May 24.

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

Amy Miller, upon the loss of her Aunt, and our beloved church member, Lillian Olsen

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# First Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY

May 7, 2023



### **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)

Our Father, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements and those when we have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown to ourselves. Forgive us the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Forgive the limitations we set on what we are willing to sacrifice in your name and the bounty we allow ourselves. Lord God, have mercy on us and make us whole. In Jesus Christ, our Savior's name, 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 7:55-60 **Liturgist** 

red Bible p.1334, black Bible p.126

MUSICAL OFFERING

SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 2:2-10 Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret

red Bible p. 1475, black Bible p. 233

GOSPEL LESSON Gospel John 14:1-14 *Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret* 

red Bible p. 1312, black Bible p. 108

SERMON "The Spirit's Work Through Us" 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 #517 "We Come as Guests Invited"

CELEBRATION OF THE 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.

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 LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION