
7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2023

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Rev. Monica E. Styron

Minister: The True Lord of our lives is here.

People: God's Spirit is with us today and always.

Minister: Let us prepare our hearts to worship God

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marty Pond, Liturgist

ONE: God has given us this beautiful earth and all that grows and runs upon it.

ALL: May we give Thanks to God by respecting all who live upon it, swim in its seas, and fly in our skies.

ONE: God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

ALL: May we give Thanks be to God and cherish our lives, and the lives of others.

ONE: God has gathered us into a community of caring, each blessed with unique talents to be shared so as to edify the body of Christ:

ALL: May we care for one another as God cares for each of us. May our words and deeds reflect the way of Jesus in all that we say and do.

ONE: God calls us through the life, teachings, and even death of Jesus to draw close to the Divine in our hearts and spirit.

ALL: Let us worship God giving God our love, thanksgiving and praise.

*HYMN #481 "Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show"

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all people here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Com- for- ter.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Thank you, God, for all the ways we have benefited from the labor of others. We here offer our best for the sake of brothers and sisters who need the love and encouragement you are eager to share through us. Keep us from being ungrateful as we continue to receive so much more than we too often realize. When life is difficult, help us to endure and to hope because your love is sure and certain, ours to receive and to give, in Christ's name. Amen

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

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

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*For those who are able, please stand.

Thank you to Rev. Monica E. Styron for leading Worship today!

First Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY

July 16, 2023

- **Today's Usher:** Tom Eckrote & Barb Winegard
- **Coffee Hour:** today is hosted by Marty Pond
- **Rummage Sale Committee:** after Worship today in the Media Center
- **Lions Club Vision Screening:** Mon., July 17, Noon – 6 p.m. in the Media Center, free to anyone. Contact Lion Doug Russell for more information: (315) 952-2136 or dgr899@aol.com.
- **Deacons:** Tues., July 18, 7 p.m. in the Media Center
- **BeeFull Food Pantry:** needs Aldi gift cards during the summer months instead of food donations.
- **Rummage Sale:** Donations will be accepted beginning Mon., July 24 in the CE Building. We are looking for volunteers to work at the Sale. The Sale will be held on August 4 and 5. Please contact Kathy Bowen at kathyharp1626@gmail.com or 315-638-8749.
- The Congregational Life Committee is putting together a group event for the Syracuse Mets game on Friday, August 18 as part of Faith and Family Night. Cost is \$12.00 per person (a \$4.00 discount of an individual priced ticket). This does not include parking (\$7.00/car). Carpooling is encouraged. If you are interested in attending, please contact Andy Brussel (email - arb@twcny.rr.com or call/text 315-491-8126) by July 30. Payment to Andy by cash or check by August 6.

Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence

Lynda Barry; Nancy Dobbins; Bob Frost
and his family upon the loss of his mother, Ethel Frost;
Jamie Gruppe and his family upon the loss of his mother, Anne Gruppe

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Director of Music & Choirs-----Rheta Jenks Organist-----Lee Johnston
Deacon Moderator-----Marty Pond Administrative Assistant---Elizabeth Bayer
Financial Secretary-----Andrea Ducharme Treasurer-----Diana Anastas
Nursery School Director--Jessica Newcomb



Identity Statement

We are a loving family of God, following Christ by practicing our legacy of worship, education, and mission to neighbors.

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR LIMITATIONS (UNISON)

Liturgist
Christ Jesus, our teacher and our friend, we have not listened for your word amid the clamor of words all around us. We are more pleased to repeat familiar tunes than to listen for new melodies and strange harmonies. We try harder to defend what we think we know than to reach for that which is beyond our grasp. Slow to trust, afraid of the unknown, we are cautious when we hear of injustices and too often dismiss our ability to make a difference. We pray for ears to hear the cries of our neighbors be they near to us or far away. We pray for hearts and minds filled with your Spirit, spurring us into actions that resonate your will for love and justice. We pray that however discouraged we become we hold fast to the teachings of Jesus: to set free those marginalized, oppressed, and subjugated. Silence us and instruct us until we learn afresh to sing the songs of faith, hope, and love. Amen.

~ Let us all join in silent prayer ~

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Minister: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us. We are made new in Christ. The past is finished and gone. It is grace that we are given out of God's loving kindness. Hear the words of God revealed in Christ Jesus. "you are forgiven."
People: We give thanks for God's love. With great joy we are made alive.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

WE HEAR AND REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

HEBREW TEXT

Isaiah 55:10-13
red Bible p.901, black Bible p.686

Liturgist

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23
red Bible p. 1186, black Bible p. 13

Minister: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON "High Risk"

Rev. Monica E. Styron

*HYMN #332 "Live into Hope"

WE OFFER OUR LIVES TO GOD

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Response to prayers of joy)... **"O God, we praise you"**

(Response to prayers of concern)... **"O God, you hear our prayer"**

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

God has led us to this place to heal and inspire us, to gently redirect us, until we see the world as God does and love it with God's love. With our gifts, we affirm that God's generosity can make us all into a new creation by the way we give of ourselves.