
9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2023

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 119)

Barb Winegard, Liturgist

One: Gracious God, Your testimonies are wonderful; Therefore my soul complies with them.

All: The unfolding of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.

One: I opened my mouth wide and panted, For I longed for Your commandments.

All: Turn to me and be gracious to me, As is right for those who love Your name.

One: Establish my footsteps in Your word, And do not let any wrongdoing have power over me.

All: Redeem me from oppression by man, So that I may keep Your precepts.

One: Make Your face shine upon Your servant, And teach me Your statutes.

All: Although we feel sorrow when your commandments are broken, fill us with joyful expectation as we seek to worship you and glorify your name today. Let us worship and rejoice.

*HYMN #333 "Seek Ye First"

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

God of all blessings, Jesus inspired us through his teaching to see your kingdom as a place where small things can have a mighty impact: a tiny mustard seed planted, or a bit of yeast mixed into the flour. We ask you this day to bless the gifts we offer, so that they may have a powerful impact when used according to your purposes. Bless us that we might see glimpses of your kingdom through our giving and grow in generosity in the process. In name of Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray. 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 Usher:** Bea Boak
- **Coffee Hour:** today is hosted by Marge Calkins
- **Stewardship Committee:** Mon., July 31, upstairs in CE Bldg.
- **BeeFull Food Pantry:** needs Aldi gift cards during the summer months instead of food donations.
- **Rummage Sale:** Donations are being accepted in the CE Building. We are looking for volunteers to work at the Rummage Sale. Please contact Kathy Bowen at kathyharp1626@gmail.com or 315-638-8749. The Sale is Fri., Aug. 4, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Sat., Aug. 5, 9 a.m. – Noon.
- **Worship & Music:** Mon., Aug. 7, 10:30 in the Media Center
- **Book Club:** Tues., Aug. 8, 10:00 in the Media Center.
- **Session:** Tues., Aug. 8, 7 p.m. in the Media Center.
- **Deacons:** Tues., Aug. 15, 7 p.m. in the Media Center
- **Baldwinsville Community Band:** Weds., Aug. 16, 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- **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 **TODAY**. Payment to Andy by cash or check by August 6.

First Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY

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Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence

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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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for us. Let us approach God together in our Prayer of Confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

We confess, O God, that we do not look for Your kingdom to be at hand. We are still waiting. We confess that at times we are wanting a kingdom that doesn't look much different than the world we are in, except in that vision we have all the power and possessions we desire. We confess that we are making the kingdom of God in our own image, and it is still very much like a worldly kingdom. Forgive us for not abandoning the ways of this world so we might hunt for Your reign like a treasure hidden in a field. Forgive us for not letting go of the possessions and greed and privilege that holds us back from seeking You like a great pearl. Forgive us for not planting the seeds of Your kingdom. Forgive us for our foolish ways. Call us into Your ways of love, restoration, and reconciliation, in the name of Christ, who laid down his life and all the world's foolishness for Your eternal love, and who offers us this eternal life. 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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Kings 3:5-12
red Bible p.424, black Bible p.306

Liturgist

MUSICAL OFFERING

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SERMON "Pearls and Mustard Seeds?" **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 #339 "Be Thou My Vision"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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