
6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2023

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 145)

Scott Furlong, Liturgist

One: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness.

All: The Lord is loving to everyone and his compassion is over all his works.

One: All your works praise you, O Lord; Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages

All: The Lord is faithful in all his words and merciful in all his deeds.

One: The Lord upholds all those who fall; he lifts up those who are bowed down.

All: Let us worship God with joyful hearts.

*HYMN #391 "Take My Life"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely. Please join me in our prayer of confession.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just this money but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us. Amen.

*HYMN #2130 "The Summons"

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*For those who are able, please stand.

First Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY

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- **Today's Ushers:** Rush & Marty Pond
- **Coffee Hour:** today is hosted by Barb Winegard
- **Floral Committee:** Please sign up to bring flowers on the floral calendar.
- **Book Club:** Tues., July 11, 10:00 in the Media Center.
- **Session:** Tues., July 11, 7 p.m. in the Media Center.
- **Pastor Kirsty:** will be on vacation July 12 – July 25. Our Resource Presbyter, Kathy Dain and Rev. Monica Styron will leading worship while she is out.
- **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 CEC Building. We are looking for volunteers to work at the Rummage Sale. Please contact Kathy Bowen at kathyharp1626@gmail.com or 315-638-8749.



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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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)

Almighty Lord and God, we confess that it is often difficult for us to be your people. You have called us to be the church and to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet in truth, we admit that we are more prone to apathy than action; isolation than involvement; callousness than compassion; obstinance than obedience; legalism than love; rigidness than receptiveness; pessimism than praise; self-filled than Spirit-filled. Gracious Lord, freely pour out your mercy on us and forgive our sins. Remove those obstacles that hinder us from being your representatives in a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. Hear our prayer in Jesus’ powerful 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 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 Zechariah 9:9-12
red Bible p.1153, black Bible p.884

Liturgist

MUSICAL OFFERING

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 7:15-25a
red Bible p.1376, black Bible p.157
Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret
red Bible p. 1183, black Bible p. 11

SERMON “Sharing the Yoke of 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 #377 “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Lord, you have offered us your yoke so that our burdens will bear less weight upon us. Inspire us, with our renewed strength, to offer up ourselves to work in your service. May we not only give our offerings of coin and paper, but also offer up our hearts, minds and souls to you, so that your light will shine throughout the world. Let us give our tithes and offerings joyfully in your name.