
12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2023

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 67)

Doug Russell, Liturgist

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

All: that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

All: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

All: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

One: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

All: Let us worship God and ask him to enter our hearts and guide our steps, both in worship and after worship today.

*HYMN #2025 "As the Deer"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins without fear to the One who yearns to embrace us, forgive us, protect us, and bless us. Please join me in our Prayer of Confession.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Christ has provided for us from his own table of blessings. Anointing and abundance overflows! Let us offer our gifts together from the bounty he has given.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Holy God, we'd like to believe that your love for us means you will always walk ahead of us on life's path and clear the way, making our travel easy - but our experience doesn't always bear that out. We know that you walk with us and see a bigger picture than we do. As we bring you our offerings this day, we affirm your presence with us in the pits of despair as well as in the heights of joy. We give with gratitude. May we use these gifts to further your work on this earth. We give them in Christ's holy name. Amen.

*HYMN #540 "God Be with You Til We Meet Again"

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*For those who are able, please stand.

First Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY

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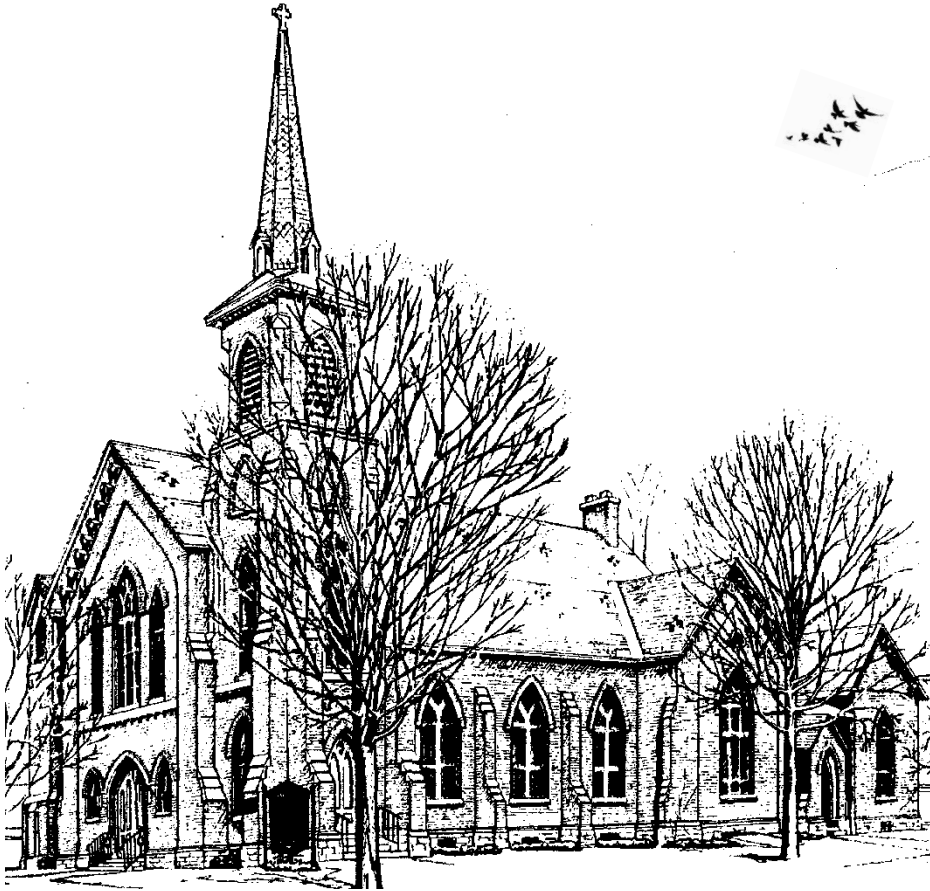
- **Today's Ushers:** Tom Eckrote & Nancy Runyans
- **Coffee Hour:** today is hosted by Marge Calkins
- **Flowers:** in the Sanctuary today are provided by Matt McGivney
- **BeeFull Food Pantry:** needs Aldi gift cards during the summer months instead of food donations.
- **Worship & Music:** Mon., Sept. 4, 10:30 a.m. in the Media Center
- **Church Pews:** Are still for sale and are on display in the Choir Room. Contact Marty or Bea if you are interested.
- **Meals on Wheels:** is still collecting brown paper bags. If you have some to donate, please drop them off in the church office.

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Merciful God, we confess that, just like Jesus' disciples, we too sometimes lose patience with people who need our help and support. Like the disciples, we find ourselves wishing that they would just go away and leave us in peace. In Your mercy, forgive us. Remind us again of the deep love You showed toward us when we were still in need— a love so deep that it sent You willingly to the cross on our behalf. Show us how to love others as You have loved us. Teach us Your compassion, so that we may be Your hands and feet to those in need. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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 Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
 red Bible p.902, black Bible p.686

Liturgist

MUSICAL OFFERING

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
red Bible p.1380, black Bible p.160

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GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 15: 10-20, 21-28

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red Bible p. 1190, black Bible p. 16

SERMON "Transforming Faith"

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 #383 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER