
13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2023

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 138)

Mary Lee Trovato, Liturgist

One: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart.

All: I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, because of your love and faithfulness;

One: For you have glorified your Name and your word above all things.

All: When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

One: Though the Lord be on high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar.

All: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe. We give thanks O Lord and as we come to worship you today, help us to do so with our whole hearts. Let us worship the Lord together.

*HYMN #272 "God of the Sparrow"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus is able for all time to save those who approach God through him.

Through his intercession, we are saved. Let us approach God in our Prayer of Confession together.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

God provides in every age and in every generation. In our own day we give back a portion of what God has given us so that we might work with God through the ministry of this church. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Holy and righteous God, through your Son, you have called us. The gifts we offer this day are only a small portion of an affirmation that we accept that call. Were we to embrace the full meaning of that call, we would give our whole being to our offering to you. In many cases, we've allowed ourselves to believe that an hour on Sunday is the cost of discipleship. Grant us the wisdom to understand the kind of discipleship that can help transform the world. By your grace and with the help of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

HYMN #443 "O Christ, the Great Foundation"

*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:** Andrea Ducharme and Martha Stevens
- **Coffee Hour:** today is hosted by Nancy Runyans
- **Flowers:** in the Sanctuary today are provided by Mark Chamberlin in remembrance of his Father's birthday.
- **BeeFull Food Pantry:** needs Aldi gift cards during the summer months instead of food donations.
- **Parking Lot Sealing:** will take place on Wed., Aug. 30 therefore you will not be able to enter the driveway.
- **Book Club:** Tues., Sept. 5 in the Media Center
- **Worship & Music:** Mon., Sept. 11, 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.
- **A "Welcome Back/End of Summer" Church Picnic:** will be held after worship on September 17. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Please contact Andy Brussel (arb@twcny.rr.com or 315-491-8126) with any questions.



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 look for you in all the wrong places and wonder why we cannot find you.

We wander the corridors of privilege, while you are on the sidewalks, beside those without homes. We sit at tables filled with bounty, while you are handing out soup to the hungry at the kitchen's backdoor. We applaud those who win the race, while you are cheering on those in last place. In forgiving us, God of new life, you melt our cold hearts and warm our desire to serve others. In granting us mercy, you challenge us to think of all those we have ignored. In gifting us with grace, you enable us to proclaim Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, as the hope, the joy, the peace the world seeks. Forgive us Lord, and continue to inspire us to do your will.

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	Exodus 1:8-2:10 red Bible p.66, black Bible p.49	<i>Liturgist</i>
MUSICAL OFFERING		
EPISTLE LESSON	Romans 12:1-8 red Bible p.1381, black Bible p.161	<i>Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret</i>
GOSPEL LESSON	Matthew 16:13-20 red Bible p. 1192, black Bible p. 18	<i>Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret</i>
SERMON "Saying Who Jesus Is"		<i>Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret</i>

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 # 2022 "Great is the Lord"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

