
10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 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)

Tricia Adams, Liturgist

One: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

One: The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

All: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

One: He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

All: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever. Let us worship the LORD!

*HYMN #398 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirt"

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament,

A: united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm.

L: Send us out in the power of your Spirit

A: to live and work to your praise and glory, For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

In gratitude for all that we have received from you, O Lord, we offer our tithes and gifts for the ministry of this church in this world which hungers and thirsts for love and peace. AMEN.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Loving Father, you powerfully fill the voids in our lives. You reveal your compassionate grace by the simple act of always being present. You unselfishly feed us when we are hungry and quietly walk with us when we feel alone. Combine this offering with others so that all of your children can be filled with the power of your redeeming spirit. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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.

- **Today's Ushers:** Marty Pond & Bea Boak
- **Communion Servers today:** Marty Pond & Bea Boak
- **Coffee Hour:** today is hosted by Andrea Ducharme
- **BeeFull Food Pantry:** needs Aldi gift cards during the summer months instead of food donations.
- **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
- **Work Day:** Sat., Aug. 19, 8:30 a.m. Please join us to help clean-up and paint the outside of the Nursery School. Contact Rush Pond if you can lend a hand at 315-440-6208.
- **Church Pews:** Are still for sale and are on display in the Choir Room. Contact Marty or Bea if you are interested.

Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence

Nancy Dobbins

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**First Presbyterian Church
Baldwinsville, NY**

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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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is light; in God there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Christ while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true. But if we walk in the light as Christ himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. Let us confess our transgressions together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Merciful God, sometimes we forget that we need you. We wrestle against one another, vying for who is right and who is wrong, all the while neglecting your teachings and refusing to work together for the good of our neighbors. We deflect responsibility for caring for the vulnerable to others instead of embracing our call to respond out of the abundance God has given us. We hunger for you, God, and yet we seek fulfillment in all the wrong places. We feed our fear of scarcity instead of our trust in your abundance. We fuel our apathy instead of pouring ourselves out in service. We nourish our prejudices instead of meeting you in friendship with those we once called strangers. Forgive us, God, and free us to feast on your abundant love and pour your love into the world as we commit to wrestling toward the fulfillment of your reign on earth as it is heaven. 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 Genesis 32:22-31
red Bible p.40, black Bible p.30

Liturgist

MUSICAL OFFERING

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 9:1-5
red Bible p.1378, black Bible p.159

Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 14:13-21
red Bible p. 1189, black Bible p. 16

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SERMON "Encountering God"

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 #2254 "In Remembrance of Me"

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from north and south and from east and west to sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: We glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise.

Praise to you, O God, for all your works. You created the world and called it good and made us in your image to live together in love. You made a covenant with us, and even when we turned from you, you remained ever faithful.

Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

A: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

L: Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son. He lived among us and told your story. He healed the sick and welcomed sinners.

He shared our pain and died our death, then rose to new life that we might live, and all creation be restored.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ and that we may be his body for the world. By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another until we feast with him and with all your saints in your eternal realm of justice and peace. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**