
15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2023

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRELUDE

Joyce Stanton, Guitarist

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 119)

Tom Eckrote, Liturgist

One: Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

All: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

One: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

All: Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.

One: Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

All: Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

One: Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

All: Let our supplications now come before the Lord, with our lips pouring forth praise, and our tongues singing of God's promise. Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN # 233 "Blest Are the Uncorrupt in Heart"

CALL TO CONFESSION

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God in confidence. Let us approach God together as we confess our transgressions.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth. Let us offer them with joy in our hearts and a deep sense of gratitude.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

God of love and compassion, we dedicate these tithes and offerings to you. We do this with the knowledge that you have directed us to help heal the brokenness and division in our world. Remind us that the work of love and reconciliation does not get removed from our list of obligations simply because we have put something in the offering plate. Remind us, Dear LORD, that the mission field is within our arms' reach. This we pray in the Redeemer's Holy name, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*HYMN Insert "Trust and Obey"

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*For those who are able, please stand.

First Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY

September 10, 2023

- **Today's Ushers:** Marty Pond & Shane Adams
- **Coffee Hour:** today is hosted by Martha Stevens
- **Flowers:** in the Sanctuary today are provided by Anthony Siccardi
- **Choir Practice:** will be held at 9:15 each Sunday morning before Worship
- **Worship & Music:** Mon., Sept. 11, 10:30 a.m. in the Media Center.
- **Session:** Tues., Sept. 12, 7:00 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.
- **Pastor Kirsty will be on Study Leave:** Sept. 15 – 29. Please contact Andy Brussel (315-491-8126) or Kathy Bowen (315-283-1338) for pastoral needs during this time.
- **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.
- **Deacons:** Tues., Sept. 26, 7:00 in the Media Center

Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence

Nancy Dobbins; Linda McMahon;
Tom & Sheila Rogers and family upon the loss of Tom's father

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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)

God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know how to act. We quickly anger at the slightest insult and imagine retribution upon those whom we feel have wronged us. We laze about in the Good News of our faith and do not really consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves more than others.

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we can admit to you our total way of life – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. 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	Ezekiel 33:7-11 red Bible p.1047, black Bible p.802	<i>Liturgist</i>
MUSICAL OFFERING		
EPISTLE LESSON	Romans 13:8-14 red Bible p.1383, black Bible p.162	<i>Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret</i>
GOSPEL LESSON	Matthew 18:15-20 red Bible p. 1195, black Bible p. 20	<i>Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret</i>
SERMON	"Asking for Directions"	<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 # 2223 "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"