
15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Victor Jenkins, Liturgist

One: We come to worship, just as we are, but with the hope of leaving as the person we can become.

All: We do not have to stay as we are. We can become new creations in Christ.

One: May the Spirit of God be so real to each of us that we may be given the means to change.

All: As we worship the God who made us, and who makes all things new, may we be given new directions for our lives.

*HYMN #210 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

CALL TO CONFESSION

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us now humbly confess our sin together.

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

God of peace and justice, we bring our gifts this day out of the same generous spirit with which you have given all good things to us. Use our tithes and offerings for your glory so that justice and peace can be a reality for all people. Bless them to your use and us to your service. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

* HYMN #326 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*For those who are able, please stand.

**Thank you to Bill Porter
for leading us in Worship today!**

- **Today's Usher:** Marge Calkins
- **A "Welcome Back/End of Summer" Church Picnic:** will be held after worship today. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.
- **Flowers:** in the Sanctuary today are provided by Tom Eckrote
- **Choir Practice:** will be held at 9:15 each Sunday morning before Worship.
- **Diaper Awareness Month:** In support of families that struggle to provide enough diapers to keep infants and toddlers safe, dry and healthy, we will be collecting diapers of any size/brand in the Church Office. Diapers will be donated to the CNY Diaper Bank in Liverpool.
- **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.
- **Deacons:** Tues., Sept. 26, 7:00 in the Media Center
- **Ham Dinner DRIVE-THRU:** Saturday, Oct 7, 4:00-5:30. \$12 per meal includes Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Hubbard Squash, Peas, Banana Bread and Pumpkin Pie.

First Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY

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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)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

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 READING: Lamentations 3:22-25
red Bible p.1001, black Bible p.766

Liturgist

MUSICAL OFFERING

EPISTLE READING: Romans 15:13 *Bill Porter*
red Bible p.1384, black Bible p.164

GOSPEL READING John 5:1-9 *Bill Porter*
red Bible p. 1295, black Bible p. 96

SERMON “Hope or Habit” *Bill Porter*

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 #324 “Open My Eyes That I May See”

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