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# 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023

10:00 AM

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 105)

***Rheta Jenks, Liturgist***

One: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

**All: Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works.**

One: Glory in his holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**All: Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face.**

One: Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth.

**All: Let us worship the Lord, the God of our ancestors - Hallelujah!**

\*HYMN #488 The God of Abraham Praise

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Moses must have felt small and powerless in the face of God's instructions to lead his people out of slavery in Egypt. Yet God moved Moses to courage and great things because Moses trusted God with his life. When we share what we have and trust God with our lives, great things will happen, here in our church and far beyond these walls. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

**God of power and might: We, like Peter, struggle with the image of a savior sent to suffer and die. We may seem to be doing great in following Christ, but we too stumble at this point. Perhaps we stumble because we know that what follows is Christ's call to us to deny ourselves and pick up a cross of our own in order to follow. As we bring gifts for the work of building your kingdom, help us to learn to deny, carry, and follow. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN #391 "Take My Life"

\*CHARGE

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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\*For those who are able, please stand.

# Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY

## September 3, 2023

- **Today's Ushers:** Tom Eckrote & Nancy Runyans
- **Coffee Hour:** today is hosted by Barb Winegard
- **Flowers:** in the Sanctuary today are provided by Margaret Sollish
- **The Church Office:** is closed tomorrow, Mon., Sept. 4 for the Labor Day holiday.
- **Book Club:** Tues., Sept. 5, 10:00 in the Media Center
- **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.
- **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](mailto:arb@twcny.rr.com) or 315-491-8126) with any questions.
- **Deacons:** Tues., Sept. 19, 7:00 in the Media Center



**Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence**

Nancy Dobbins; Linda McMahon

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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. 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

Exodus 3:1-15  
red Bible p.68, black Bible p.50

***Liturgist***

MUSICAL OFFERING

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 12:9-21  
red Bible p.1382, black Bible p.162  
***Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret***

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16:21-28  
***Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret***  
red Bible p. 1193, black Bible p. 18

SERMON “Take Off Your Shoes”

***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.**

## 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.**