13th Sunday of Pentecost

September 4, 2022 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Doug Russell, Liturgist

One: Creator, you are very great.

All: Illumine this space with your majesty.

One: Spirit, you make the winds your messengers and the flames your

ministers.

All: Inspire us with the freshness of air and brighten us with the passion of fire.

One: Redeemer, you set a limit to the chaos.

All: Guide us to the space where all may flourish and nothing is lost.

One: Wisdom, your works are manifold.

All: Come we worship your fullness in and with all creation.

*HYMN #467 "How Great Thou Art"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We know nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ, so we are free to confess our need of grace.

We offer now this bread and this juice, made from elements of the earth, formed by human hands, and brought now that we might use them to remember the presence of the Cosmic Christ in our daily lives. Bless them. Bless us. Bless all the others with whom we share this delicate world even as we pray as Jesus taught us, **Our Father**, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING BREAD, POURING THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Spirit of life, love, grace – God, you have ushered us in, fed us, blessed us and renewed us. Guide us now as we go forth that our lives may bear witness to your gracious, miraculous, and everlasting love. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

We bring to God the offerings of our life and labor remembering the call to let our light so shine before people, that they may see your good works and give glory to God.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (tune is Old Hundredth) *HYMN #592

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

We dedicate ourselves anew, loving God, to the privilege of caring for creation. As we bring our gifts of money and time to our worship life, help us also to bring new understanding of Creation's pain to our everyday lives. Bless us as we leave this place, that we might take the depths of the seas and the power of the churning oceans into our day-to-day realities with more compassion and concern. Help us to affirm,

in all we do, that it was and is you who have created all life, and that we are called today to try again to be good stewards of it all. Bless this worship we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #554 "Let All Things Now Living"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*For those who are able, please stand.

- Today's Ushers: Marty Pond & Victor Jenkins
- Communion Servers: Marty Pond & Victor Jenkins
- Coffee Hour today is hosted by Marty Pond & Johanna Russell
- **Labor Day** is Mon., Sept. 5 and the church office will be closed.
- **Music & Worship:** Tues., Sept. 6, 1:00 p.m. in the Media Center
- Acts of the Apostles Bible Study: Weds., Sept. 7, 7-8:00 p.m. via Zoom. Contact the office for the link.
- **Session:** will be postponed until Tuesday, Oct. 11, 7:00 p.m.
- **First Annual PresB'ville Potluck Dinner:** Sunday, Sept. 18 from 11 a.m. 2 p.m. Please bring a salad or a dessert to share. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Dine in the Fellowship Hall or bring a chair to sit outside. Lawn games and facepainting will be available for families to enjoy!

Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence

Barry Bullis; Beth Calnon; Anthonia Todd; Nancy Dobbins

Church Office: Education Center, 64 Oswego St., 9am – pm M-F Phone 315-635	
Interim PastorRev. Dr. Carson O. Mouse Director of Music & ChoirsRheta Jenk Deacon ModeratorMarty Ponc Financial SecretaryAndrea Ducharm Nursery School Directo	s OrganistLee Johnston I Administrative AssistantElizabeth Bayer e TreasurerDiana Anastas

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.

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (UNISON)

Loving Creator of all life, who out of chaos formed the land and the seas, your oceans are aching with the impact of our greed. The salt of Oceans is like that of tears shed by species that are dying in warming waters. The reefs wave white flags of surrender – pale coral, missing the colors of vitality with which it was born now submerged in the silt of runoff and the results of our presence. The distant depths, once pristine and protected by remoteness itself, now labor, holding the waste from thousands of cruise ships and uncountable single careless actions by unthinking people. The seas are salted with tears. Oceans burdened with waste and warming temperatures. Holy One, we confess our participation in these changes, and grieve the losses already happening in our created world. Hear our personal prayers and whispered confessions in this shared silence.

SILENT REFLECTION

Creator of all life, forgive us and lead us to be stewards of your creation.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

It is God who "laid the foundation of the earth, and who determined its measurements." It is God who "set the cornerstone when the morning stars sang together." It is God who "walked the recesses of the deep and entered the springs of the sea." It is our God who heals and forgives. It is our God who wipes away our tears and invites us to swim into the deep possibility of transformation for Oceans and for ourselves.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *HYMN #579 "Gloria Patri"

WE HEAR AND REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD

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WE OFFER OUR LIVES TO GOD

*HYMN #514 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

INVITATION

My friends, every family sits around a table to share news from the day, concerns about life, and stories they have heard. I invite you now to gather around this table with the great family of creation to share the day, and listen to God's story. It's a special table because it is big enough for all.

It's a special table because it is made from the stuff of the earth: wood and ore, grain and grape, all gifts from God. It's a special table because Jesus is here.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

You, God of oceans - commanded the sea to part and form dry land. You filled the oceans with life and it challenges and encourages our senses.

God of plants and animals, you invite us to live in Creation with others - to respect them, to care for them, to do all we can to guarantee a place for them long into tomorrow.

God of the storm, sometimes you rattle us - rain and wind and snow challenge us, reminding us that we are small parts of your creation, and we are a community, invited to huddle together against all that threatens us.

God of the cosmos, when we turn in upon ourselves and our tiny worlds open us to a wider understanding of you and our world. Encourage us to open ourselves to all that you are in our midst, a creative and divine Spirit everpresent and ever-loving.

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