

October 2, 2022

10:00AM

World Communion Sunday



Moment of Quiet Reflection

Welcome and Greeting

Prayer for Peace

Lord, lead us from death to life, from lies to truth.
Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hatred to love, from war to peace.
Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe,
Peace, peace. Peace. Amen.

Prelude

Call to Worship

From north and south and east and west,
all Creation sings forth your praises!
The mountains and the hills burst into song;
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Your steadfast love never ceases.
With joy and peace, let us worship God together.

Prayer of the Day

God of all nations,
you have poured out your blessings upon all the peoples of the earth.
Grant us eyes to see your gifts of faith and love.
Appoint us as heralds of your mercies that are new every morning.
Empower us to write the vision of your peaceable kingdom,
where destruction and violence are no more,
where suffering and wars shall cease.
Through our worship empower us to be sent out with joy
as bearers of your hope in a hurting world;
through Christ. Amen.

•Music

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

•Call to Confession

God's grace was given to us in Christ before the ages began.
In spite of God's love for us and gift of love to us,
we often act in destructive and hateful ways.
Trusting in Christ's mercy that never ends,
let us with honesty confess our sins before God and one another.

•**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious Lord,
you created the whole world and called it good,
but we look out at your world and see division and suffering.
You call us to maintain the unity of spirit in the bond of peace,
but we choose division over diversity, confrontation over civility,
conflict over peace born from justice.
You call us to love the least of these among us,
but we hear the cries of the oppressed and choose our own comfort.
We allow senseless suffering rather than sacrifice for our neighbors.
Forgive us. Grant us fresh vision to see one another as siblings in Christ.
Rekindle in us your gifts — the spirit of power, love and self-discipline —
that with faith in Christ, we might be made new
and be part of bringing forth your peaceable kingdom. Amen.

•**A Time of Silence**

•**Declaration of Forgiveness**

We call to mind your promises and therefore we find hope:
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.
God's mercies are new every morning.
Believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

•**Giving Glory to God**

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

Children's Time

LISTENING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prayer of Illumination

In the quietness of this hour, we wait for your Spirit.
Tune our ears to hear the promise of your salvation.
Incline our hearts toward your message of peace.
Summon our will to respond to your Word with justice and love,
that we might go forth with joy; through Christ. Amen.

Scripture

Luke 17:5-10

Anthem

Scripture

Lamentations 3:19-26

Sermon

New Every Morning

•**Affirmation of Faith**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully
human, fully God. With believers in every time & place, we rejoice that nothing in life
or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

•**Music**

One Bread One Body

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

God of peace, we come in prayer seeking your promise:
a peace that surpasses understanding.

When we look out at the world, we see war and division,
heartache and hopelessness, violence and vitriol.

We lament with the world's suffering, knowing that you weep with us.
Transform our tears into signs of hope.

With the gift of water resting on tear-soaked cheeks,
falling in fresh rains, blessing us in baptismal fonts,
pour forth your peace into a dry and weary world.

God of righteousness,
we come in prayer, waiting quietly for your salvation.

We pray for those who are lost and lonely;
for those who are suffering, sick and scared;
for the fragile and the forgotten; for war-torn countries and divided lands;
for children and the aged caught in conflict;
for those on the margins seeking to meet you.

Help us to trust that your mercies are new every morning. From the smallest mustard seed of
faith, stir in us the will to be part of your transformation of the world.

God of justice,
we come in prayer seeking your vision for a more just and merciful world filled with joy.

Grant us eyes to see new possibilities for relationship and embolden us not only to see but to
act.

Empower us to write the vision of a world
where systems and structures are built to serve the least of these;
of a world where structural racism is replaced by reconciliation and repair;
of a world where poverty is transformed into plenty;
of a world where justice and joy reign.

In our actions and our prayers, help us to be your people of justice and peace.

Through your spirit of power and love,
empower us to serve the least of these who are our siblings in Christ,
the sick and imprisoned, the hungry and thirsty, the naked and lonely.

In our love of neighbor, open our eyes to see your presence among us.

God of joy,
we come in prayer seeking you.

As the rain pours down from heaven and waters the earth,
so may your Word spring forth as our source of justice and our joy.

As the mountains and hills burst into song, so may we return to praise and glory to you.
As all Creation bears witness to your goodness, so may we bear witness to
the image of God in one another that you called very good.

As the trees of the field clap their hands at your mighty acts,
so may our hands clap for joy when your justice and peace reign.

For all these things we pray, through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

Invitation to the Table

Christ's table is wide, and his welcome is for all.

Jesus dined with sinners and saints,
with farmhands and foreigners,
with disciples and doubters,
with children and cherished friends,
with the outcast and the outspoken,
with lepers and loved ones.

And just as he ate at others' tables, when Christ set his banquet table, he welcomed us all, too.

As we gather around Christ's table,
we are united with all of God's beloved across the world through the love and grace made
known in bread broken and cup passed.

So come to the table where we witness Christ's love and peace for all.

•Prayer of Thanksgiving

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, God of all Creation,
for the blessing of your earth and all your children,
for the mercies you pour forth in fresh rains and harvests of plenty,
for joy that comes in the morning. We are a grateful people.

You created a world of harmony and peace, but our yearning for power and privilege through
out history led to division and conflict, suffering and violence.

We give thanks that you sent prophets
and poets to lament and remind to bear witness
and call us to yet a better way.
to write the vision of a peaceable kingdom for all to see.

With fresh eyes and renewed hope,
we join our voices with those around the world and with your heavenly chorus to sing:

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give you thanks that in the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus
to bear witness to your mercy, grace and love.

In his living, he showed us how to love. In his dying, he offered us undeserved mercy. In his
rising, he granted us grace.

Through the gift of faith, even faith as small as a mustard seed,
his witness rekindles in us the gifts of God,
not so gathered around one table, sharing in one holy meal,
sustained by a love that binds us together in peace.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon our many tables trusting that Christ is the host of our sacred
meal together.

May the blessing of grain from the earth and fruit of the vine be a reminder of the true joy of
communion that unites us in one worldwide covenant of love. Sustained by your Word, fed by
this holy meal, may we go out with joy and be led forth in peace; through Christ our peace.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Prayer after Communion

•Music

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

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Charge and Blessing

The peace of Christ, the love of God,
and the joy of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Alleluia!**

Go out in joy,
bearing witness to the good news of the gospel,
and be led forth in peace, sharing the peace of Christ with all. **Amen**

Postlude

•PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



Sermon Notes for Sunday, October 2, 2022

Reading: *Luke 17:5-10*

Reading: *Lamentations 3:19-26*

Sermon: *New Every Morning*

Despair, Affliction, Hopelessness & Deep Bitterness brings us into the Lamentations Text. For the first 20 verses the strong man has been living in Deep Bitterness. All that I hoped from the Lord is gone. My glory is gone. Where does the Strong Man find hope?

"But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope" The writer remembers the good, the bad, the ugly. And still has hope. Hope in the God whose mercies are never ending & steadfast love that never ceases.

There is not much we forget from past experiences. Mostly we recall the most difficult moments more than the joyous ones. We tend to remember failures more than our accomplishments.

What recall speaks of faith & trust & hope in the God who seeks out a relationship with us. God longs to be our companion on the journey of life. Day in Day out!

God has called us beloved at baptism. God calls us to community with God & others.

Even in our despair & hopelessness, God speaks words of compassion & of the goodness that is ever before us. "This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Laura

Flowers this morning
are in loving memory of

RICHARD HANSEN

given by
JEAN & FAMILY



Recent Deaths:

Our Shut-Ins: Jessie Albright, Wade Bowen, Shirley Brocious, Harriet Casil, Frances Hann, Elaine Jelen, Flora O'Toole, Dorothy Raymond, Margaret Smith, Dorothy Swick, Eileen Tallerico

Prayer List: Mike Emmick, Gail (friend of Sue Boyce & Jill Kudiba), Laurie Luick, Roger Yung, Larry & Terry (uncle & aunt of the Kim Yung), Rick (friend of Elisa Poole), John Abel (Jane Siever's relative), Dawn Ralph, Doug Roffle (Roberta Bradfield's brother), John, Chuck (family of Kristi Murawski), Shirley Jones & family, Lynda Yung, Bob Davis (Sylvia's son), Jimmie O'Toole (Bobbi's brother), Judy Nixon Kruzich, Helen Delgrolice, Debbie (friend of Kristi Murawski), Margaret Smith & her son Robbie, Bryce (Linda Johnson's grandson), Dick Gurley (Bob Gurley's brother), Ruth (Jean Hansen's daughter), Brandon, Austin & Donald (Cheryl Toth's family), Carolyn Ellison (aunt of Jill Kudiba & Jodi Masters), the family of Lois Hilts, Florrie Evans, the family of Audrey McCombs, The Scouten family, Amy Feidt on the death of her mom, Cassie (friend of Sheila Hare)

THE WEEK OF **October 2nd**

Happy Birthday

TODAY - Julie Kalita
October 3 - Emma Chapman
October 4 - Tyler Wells
October 8 - Elaine Jelen

Happy Anniversary

October 6 - Chris & Paul Soos 32 yrs

SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE HELD
TODAY...OCTOBER 2ND



Daily Prayer Service

*Monday thru Friday
on Facebook*

12:00PM



@ First Presbyterian
311 First St.
5:00PM
Wednesday,
October 5th
w/Bacon Memorial,
First Presbyterian
& Niagara Presbyterian

T G I F COFFEE HOUR

9:30AM
Friday,
October 7th



**Stop by then,
for coffee & conversation!**

DON'T WAIT!

Get your tickets for the October 21st
FISH/CHICKEN Dinner

Bring your donations in for the Bazaar!
Check the Newsletter for DEADLINES!

Call the church
to be sure someone is here!



We're glad you worshiped with us today, Online or In-Person! **How may we serve you?**

Name: _____ Mailing Address: _____ Email Address: _____

- ☐ I am a visitor
- ☐ I am a new resident
- ☐ I would like my name on the church mailing list
- ☐ Please note my change of address/phone number
- ☐ I would like to receive offering envelopes
- ☐ I would like to receive the monthly newsletter by mail
- ☐ I would like to receive the monthly newsletter by email
- ☐ I have a special prayer request
- ☐ I am interested in membership
- ☐ I would appreciate a call or visit from the minister
- ☐ I am going to the hospital



Please check the appropriate boxes & place in the offering plate