

The First Presbyterian Church

Watertown, NY

Sunday, May 7, 2023

The Fifth Sunday After Easter

The Rev. Julia Wright, preaching

Kevin Kieff, liturgist

**please stand as you are able*



Gathering Music

“Easter Joy”

Eugene Butler

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

David Lasky

Gathering

Pastor’s Greeting *and* Words of Welcome

Prelude “Enigma Variation IX”

Sir Edward Elgar

Agnes McCarthy, violin

*Call To Worship

Leader: I will extol the Lord at all times; praise will always be on my lips.

People: I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Leader: Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt God's name together.

People: I sought the Lord, and the Lord answered me; delivered me from all my fears.

Leader: Those who look to God are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

**People: Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in the Lord.
Let us worship God together!**

***Opening Hymn** #357 "Christ Arose"

***Prayer of The Day**

Confession of Sin *and* Assurance of Pardon

You, O God, offer us more than we could ever ask, blessing us beyond compare. You feed us with compassion, hold us up with hope, and clothe us with grace. You call us to feed others, hold others up, and clothe them with peace, joy, and love. But we worry about the food on our own plates before offering it to others. We pay more attention to our own survival than to the well-being of those around us. We ensure that our own backs are covered before protecting society's most vulnerable. Lord, all we can do is ask for your forgiveness. We don't know why we do the things we do. All we know is that we're sorry; we want a clean slate. Help us to be messengers of humility, patience, and peace. Bind us together—with you and with one another—so that we may follow the risen Lord who feeds us and holds us up.

Sung Meditation

Confitemini Domino / Come and Fill

Ostinato Refrain

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, Al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Psalm 137, *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good*; Taizé Community, 1982
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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Assurance of Pardon

Response “Trust and Obey”
Adult Handbell Choir

Michael Helman

A Time With Young Disciples

We Listen for God

Scripture Introduction *and* Prayer for Illumination

The First Scripture Lesson 1 Peter 2:2-10

The Second Scripture Lesson Acts 7:54-60

This is the Word of The Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon *Sticks and Stones*

***Hymn** #686 “O God, Our Help In Ages Past”

***Affirmation of Faith** *Apostles’ Creed*

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.

We Respond To God

Community Connect

At this time in worship we share information on how you can connect even better with the community at FPC Watertown. During this time we also share our joys and concerns, as well as any other relevant information to our life together.

The Offertory “Love Unmeasured, Love of God”
Larson

Lloyd

From the edge of the horizon, farther than the eye has seen, from the mountains to the valley flows an ever growing stream.

Living water for the thirsty, river flowing deep and broad, springing from the throne of heaven, love unmeasured, love of God.

Oh, how blessed the one who trusts in God. Firmly planted, he shall stand like a tree beside the river, drinking deeply from God's hand.

***The Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Communion Hymn "Taste and See"**

LORD'S SUPPER

520

Taste and See
(Psalm 34)

Capo 1: (E) (B) (A) (E) (A)

Refrain F C B^b F B^b

All

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness

of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and

(E) (F#m) (B7) (E) (B) (A)
F Gm C7 F C B^b

(E) (G#m7) (Amaj7) (E) (F#m7)
 F Leader or All Am7 Bbmaj7 F Gm7

(C#m) (C#m7) (A) (E) (F#m7) (B7)
 Dm Dm7 Bb F Gm7 C7 to Refrain

Lord, for God has been so good to me.

(E) (G#m7) (Amaj7) (E) (F#m7)
 F Leader or All Am7 Bbmaj7 F Gm7

2 Glo-ri-fy the Lord with me. To-gether let us

(E) (F#m7) (B7) (E) (G#7)
 F Gm7 C7 F A7

all praise God's name. I called the Lord, who answered

(C#m) (C#m7) (A) (E) (F#m7) (B7)
 Dm Dm7 Bb F Gm7 C7 to Refrain

me; from all my troubles, I was set free.

(E) (G#m7) (Amaj7) (E) (F#m7)
 F Leader or All Am7 Bbmaj7 F Gm7

3 Wor-ship the Lord, all you peo-ple. You'll want for

(E) (F#m7) (B7) (E) (G#7)
 F Gm7 C7 F A7

noth-ing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is

(C#m) (C#m7) (A) (E) (F#m7) (B7)
 Dm Dm7 Bb F Gm7 C7 to Refrain

good; in God we need put all our trust.

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation To The Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving *and* The Lord's Prayer

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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe.

At your word the earth was made
and spun on its course among the planets.
Your hand formed us from the dust of the
earth and set us among all your
creatures to love and serve you.

When we were unfaithful to you you
kept faith with us.
When we were slaves in Egypt,
you broke the bonds of our oppression,
brought us through the sea to freedom,
and made covenant to be our God.

By a pillar of fire you led us through
the desert to a land flowing with milk
and honey, and set before us the way of life.
You spoke of love and justice in the prophets,
and in the Word made flesh you lived among us,
manifesting your glory.
He died that we might live,
and is risen to raise us to new life.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with angels
and archangels and with all the
faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**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!**

You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
whom you sent to save us.
He came with healing in his touch,
and was wounded for our sins.
He came with mercy in his voice,
and was mocked as one despised.
He came with peace in his heart,
and met with violence and death.
By your power he broke free from the
prison of the tomb, and at his
command the gates of hell were opened.

The one who was dead now lives.
The one who humbled himself
is raised to rule over all creation,
the Lamb upon the throne.
The one ascended on high is with us always,
as he promised.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,
we take this bread and this wine from the gifts
you have given us, and celebrate with joy the
redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place.

As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Nourished at this table, O God, may we know Christ's redemptive love and live a new life in him.

Give us who are fed at his hand, grace to share our bread with the hungry and with the hungry of heart.

Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, all glory and honor are yours,

almighty God, with the Holy Spirit
in the holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now as Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

**Words of Institution
Communion of The People
Prayer After Communion**

***Closing Hymn** #526 “The Solid Rock”

***Blessing and Benediction**

***Passing The Peace of Christ**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please safely share some sign of
Christ’s peace with your neighbors.

Postlude “Trumpet Tune from Voluntary in C” Henry Purcell

This Week:

Sunday, May 7

Morning Worship with Nursery Care,
10am

fellowship following worship

Charismatic Church, Chapel, 10am

Christ's Faith Christian Project, 11am,
Lounge

Outreach Committee, 11:30am, Room 6

"Going Deeper" Group Discussion,
11:30am, Fellowship Hall

The Open Table, 5-6pm

Monday, May 8

Office Closed

Tuesday, May 9

Office Open, 9am-4pm

The Spare Closet, 10am-2pm

Staff Meeting, 12pm, Room 6

Al-Anon, 7:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 10

Office Open, 9a,-4pm

Facilities Committee, 8:30am, Room 6

Deacon's Meeting, 5pm, Room 6

Thursday, May 11

Office Open, 9am-4pm

The Spare Closet, 10am-2pm

Worship Committee, 5pm, Fellowship
Hall

Mphatso, Grace, Sam, and Ruth, Mary,
Suzanne, Linda, Shane, Ed, Millie, Gerda,
Annie, FPC Watertown, NNY Presbytery,
Synod of The Northeast, Presbyterian
Disaster Assistance, the people of
Ukraine, the sick, all essential workers,
students and teachers, medical
professionals, all serving in the military,
for peace and justice, all people in
positions of leadership and power.

The MELT 23' trip is re-scheduled to
depart on August 1, 2023. Late Sunday
afternoon, April 23, team member Carol
Stevens, fell and broke her knee. She is
recuperating with family at this time.

We pray for...

Sue on the passing of her sister Eleanor,
Carol, Wink, Frank, Sam, and Reid,
Alicia, Jennifer, Elise, John, Alice,
Dorothy, Pat, Bob, Sue, Barbara, Sherrie,
Amy, Jamie, William, Fred M., Josh L.,
Sister Diane, Shirley, Tyler, Rochelle, and