

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Please use touch-free gestures such as bowing to pass the peace through words alone.

PEACE RESPONSE:

Peace be with you, peace be with you. Sing alle - lu - ia,

sing to our God! Peace be with you, peace be with you.

Sing al - le - lu - ia, sing to our God!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

YOUTH CHOIR

“Jacob’s Ladder”

John Weaver

As Jacob with travel was weary one day,
at night on a stone for a pillow he lay;
he saw in a vision a ladder so high
that its foot was on earth and its top in the sky:

Refrain:

Alleluia to Jesus who died on the tree,
and has raised up a ladder of mercy for me,
and has raised up a ladder of mercy for me.

This ladder is long, it is strong and well-made,
has stood hundreds of years and is not yet decayed;
many millions have climbed it and reached Zion’s Hill;
and thousands by faith are climbing it still: [Refrain]

Come let us ascend! All may climb it who will;
for the angels of Jacob are guarding it still:
and remember, each step that by faith we pass o’er,
some prophet or martyr has trod it before: [Refrain]

And when we arrive at the haven of rest
we shall hear the glad words, ‘Come up hither, ye blest,
‘here are regions of light, here are mansions of bliss’.
O who would not climb such a ladder as this? [Refrain]

CHILDREN’S TIME.

Children who go to Godly Play can follow the teachers to their room. Parents, please send children with masks. When you pick up your children at 11:10 am from Godly Play on the second floor, please sign them out or provide other pick up instructions to the iDCE .

* HYMN #242: “Day of Delight and Beauty” In Dir Ist Freude

THE GOSPEL: John 5: 1-9 p. 96 OT

THE BOOK OF ACTS: Acts 16: 9 - 15 p. 136 NT

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE: “The Long Story”

“During the night, Paul had a vision: there stood a man from Macedonia pleading with him... : “Come help us.” Acts 16: 9

* MESSAGE RESPONSE:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

* RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

One: The Bible says, “God loves a cheerful giver.”

All: **There is no joy for us like giving a gift in love!**

OFFERTORY: “Philadelphia” William Billings

Let differing nations join to celebrate Thy fame.
An all the world, O Lord, combine to praise Thy glorious name.

* DOXOLOGY: (to the tune of “All Creatures of our God and King”)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Alleluia!

Praise Holy Spirit evermore.

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION.

* THE APOSTLES CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, from whence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: **hear our cry.**

PRAYER RESPONSE #799: “I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry”
(Please stay seated)

THE LORD’S PRAYER.

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* HYMN #753: “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” St. Francis

* BENEDICTION.

POSTLUDE: Prelude in B-flat Major J. S. Bach

*Thanks to our Youth Choir singers today:
Dorian Reining, Liam Riehl, Shiloh Riehl, and Corvin Sharpe!*

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

- **A Livestream of each Sunday’s service is available** to view anytime thereafter by subscribing to the First Presbyterian Church YouTube channel or by visiting the church website at: firstpresithaca.org. For those for whom internet privacy is a concern, the livestream only **shows the front of the sanctuary**. Those seated in pews do not appear unless they approach the front of the sanctuary.
- **Today in Adult Ed:** Ithaca Welcomes Refugees was started by Pastor Kirianne in 2015 in the midst of the Syrian refugee crisis. Learn how they have sprouted wings and what we can do to support them today. The

Executive Director, Casey Verderosa, will be our guest leader. The class meets in Dodds Hall 11:20 - 12:15 pm.

- **Next Week in Adult Ed:** Pastor Kirianne will lead us in reading a short story, "Escape," by Barbara Rosen. With a nod to surrealism, this short story retells that of Adam and Eve, raising questions about theology, imagery, exegesis (the study of scripture), and pastoral care. Come join us to read and discuss.
- **Annual Church Picnic:** Please join us on June 5th for the Annual Church picnic, after church in Dewitt Park (next to the church)! If you are able, please bring your own plates, glasses/mugs and cutlery. Those who are so moved, please bring a dish-to-pass. Sandwiches and coffee and lemonade will be provided, and Joe is going to try to get the grill going! We hope to see you there.
- **The Service Auction** is coming up on June 12, and we need your donations to make it great! Give an hour of yard work, a painting less, a custom mug, or whatever you can think up. Please complete a donation card in the Narthex, or online at bit.ly/FPCIService22 or on the church website. Donations are due by May 29th.
- **Hands-on mission work team is being assembled.** Want to join an established mission team to spend a week in New Bern, North Carolina? Rehabilitation of homes continues in the lovely coastal town battered by hurricanes. All skill levels are invited to be part of the team which plans to be on site in the fall. Housing is in the Presbyterian church facility built for mission teams. Want more information? Talk to Harris Faulkner, Sandra Greene, Pam Pospisil or Phil Courtney. Sign up to join the team with Suzy Courtney (miscourtney228@gmail.com).
- **Sanctuary Flowers:** If you notice the altar flowers are silk, it is because no one has signed up to donate living flowers. Currently, we need donors for May 29th and every Sunday in July and August. If you would like to sign up to donate flowers, please contact Stella Martz, stellamartz@gmail.com or see her Sunday mornings. The cost is \$40.

Our ushers this morning are

Bob Kohut, Brad McFall, and John Ullberg

Our greeters are Marilyn Ewing, Beth Patton, and Harrison Faulkner

The flowers today are given by Linda Sharpe to celebrate the gifts of all children and the adults who support and encourage them.

We hold in our prayers: Ann Cedarholm; Bobbie Collyer; Suzy Courtney; Tom Hurst; Betsy Mann; Gayle Park; Greg McFall; David Morey; Jean Radice; and Connie and Don Scott.

Our special prayers are with the Wayman family on the death of our longtime member, Dix Wayman,

CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

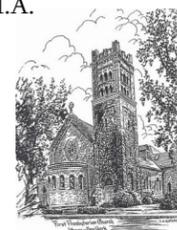
SUNDAY, MAY 22:	YOUTH CHOIR SING TODAY!
9:00 am	Youth Group
9:30 am	Nursery open (9:30-12:30 pm for ages 0-4 years)
10:00 am	In-Person Worship
10:15 am	Godly Play
11:00 am	Fellowship Time
11:20 am	Adult Education Hour Youth Choir Celebration!
5:00 pm	Living Hope Fellowship Church—Dodds Hall
MONDAY, MAY 23:	
7:00 pm	Session (Zoom)
TUESDAY, MAY 24:	
4:30 pm	Chamber Singers Rehearsal
7:00 pm	AA Meeting (Dodds) Contra Dance Music—3rd Floor
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25:	
2:00 pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
6:30 pm	Finger Lakes Pipe Band—3rd floor
THURSDAY, MAY 26:	
6:30 pm	Community Game Night—Dodds
7:00 pm	Piperventilators (YFN) - 3rd Floor Rm 307
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY, MAY 27:	
SATURDAY, MAY 28:	
SUNDAY, MAY 29:	MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
8:00 am	Columbian Embassy Voting (8 am - 4 pm)
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MAY 22, 2022: THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

This service is being livestreamed! You can view services on our website. We ask that all, even those vaccinated wear masks indoors. As you enter, if you wish to sit near others, please remember to ask as you approach.

As you write your name in the Fellowship Pad, if you would like a nametag please put a star beside your name, and your nametag will be waiting for you next week.

PRELUDE: Carmen Fantasy, Prelude & Aragonaise F. Proto
Claire Russell, Bass

WELCOME. Rev. Kirianne Weaver

* CALL TO WORSHIP: Liturgist: Armando Pacheco
One: We are one body in Christ;
All: therefore we share pain as well as hope,
One: sorrow as well as joy.
All: O God of all, we are sisters and brothers together,
One: and cannot hear of violence without feeling it ourselves.
All: In hope and trust in you, let us worship God.

We welcome all fully vaccinated worshipers to stand and sing.

* HYMN #757: "Today We are Called to Be Disciples" Kingsfold

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Rev. Cindy Weaver

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son...

Time for silent confession.