

seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. *Time for silent confession.*

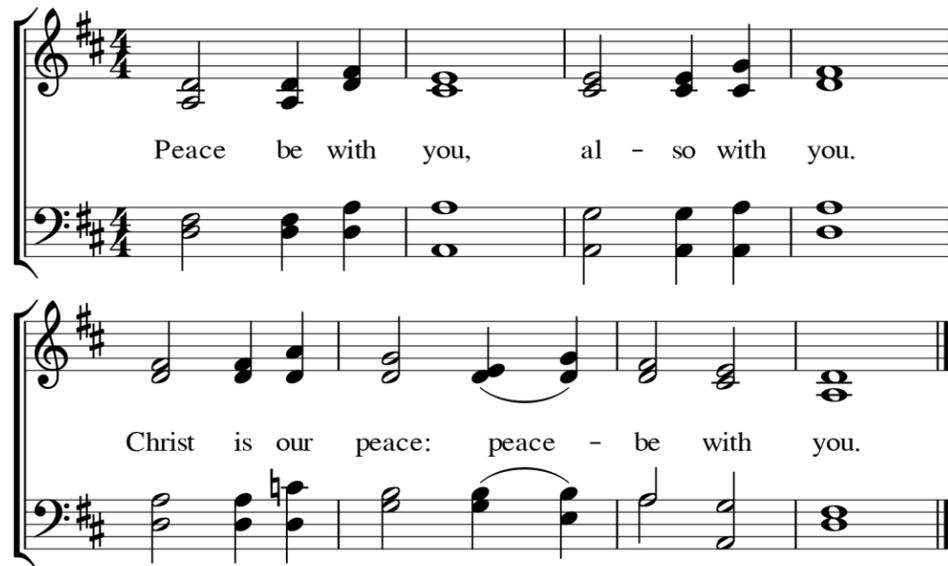
ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

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.

* PEACE RESPONSE:



PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME.

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

* HYMN #286: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" *Trentham*

THE PROPHETS: Jeremiah 32, 1-3a, 6-15 p. 736 OT

THE GOSPEL: Luke 16: 19-31 p. 79 NT

One: The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Cantique de Jean Racine" *Gabriel Fauré*
 "Hymn of Jean Racine"

Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance, Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux ; De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence, Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux !	Word equal to God, the Almighty, our only hope, Eternal day of the earth and heavens; We break the silence of the peaceful night, Divine Saviour, look upon us!
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Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce puissante, Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de ta voix ; Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante, Qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois !	Fan the fire of your powerful grace upon us, That all Hell may flee at the sound of your voice; Shake off the sleep of a languishing soul, Who has forgotten your laws!
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Ô Christ, sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle Pour te bénir maintenant rassemblé. Reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire immortelle, Et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé !	O Christ, be kind to these faithful people Who have now gathered in thanks. Listen to the chants they offer to your immortal glory, And may they come away filled with your gifts!
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MESSAGE: "The Chasm between Us."

*"Besides all this, between you and us
a great chasm has been fixed..." - Luke 16:26*

* GLORIA PATRI



RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

* RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS: 1 Timothy 6: 18-19
 One: We are called to be generous and ready to share;
All: thus taking hold of that which is truly life.

OFFERTORY: "Faith" *F. Mendelssohn*

* DOXOLOGY: *All Creatures*
**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.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from the Scots Confession, 1560.

**The cause of good works, we confess, is not our free will;
 but the Spirit of the Lord Jesus, who dwells in our hearts by true faith,
 brings forth such works as God has prepared for us to walk in.
 For as soon as the Spirit of the Lord Jesus, whom God's chosen children
 receive by true faith, takes possession of the heart of anyone, so soon
 does he regenerate and renew them; so that they begin to hate what
 before they loved, and to love what they hated before.
 Thence comes that continual battle which is between the flesh and the
 Spirit in God's children.
 But the children of God fight against sin; sob and mourn when they
 find themselves tempted to do evil; and, if they fall, rise again with
 earnest and unfeigned repentance.
 We do these things, not by our own power, but by the power of the
 Lord Jesus, apart from whom we can do nothing. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 #23: "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets" *Pleading Savior*

* BENEDICTION.

* CHORAL RESPONSE.

POSTLUDE: Agincourt Song *Dunstable*

*Please join us for fellowship time in the narthex
 following the service - serving snacks and coffee,
 but most of all friendship.*

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

- We welcome Dr. David Neal, Director of the Chancel Choir! Our glad welcome to Dr. David Neal, who comes to us with a wealth of experience. A native of Ithaca, David has performed as a bass-baritone soloist nationally since receiving a BA in Music and English from Cornell, and MM and DMA degrees from the Peabody Conservatory. He was most recently Music

Director at Grace and Holy Spirit Church in Cortland where he directed the Arts at Grace concert series. He has conducted the Johns Hopkins Choral Society and the SUNY Cortland Choral Union. David, we are so excited to welcome you!

- **Today in Adult Education:** What if simply changing musical styles could resurrect social power and religious vitality? By the early 1990s, Christianity was losing ground nationally, and mainline Protestants were trending whiter and older. Would musical diversity broadcast tolerance and bring in new members? Based on years of ethnographic research, Dr. Deborah Justice's new book, (White) Washing Our Sins Away: American Mainline Churches, Music, Power, and Diversity, explores how American mainline Protestants used internal musical controversies to negotiate their shifting position. The author, who recently joined our church, will lead us in an interactive Christian Education exploration of the book and how it relates to our own worship. Dodds Hall, 11:25 a.m.
- **Youth Choir:** All children and youth are invited to join our Youth Choir. Rehearsals are Sundays from 11:30 - 12:15 in the choir room downstairs. Contact Pastor Kirianne Weaver for more information (kirianne@firstpresithaca.org).
- **Next Sunday in Adult Ed.** Join us for the continuation of Dr. Deborah Justice's adult education class.
- **Youth Group:** The Youth Group has begun meeting, and we will continue meeting each Sunday morning at 9:00 am in the Youth Room on the second floor. We have begun work on a service project which we hope to be unveiling in a few weeks. If you know someone in the 6th through 12th grades who would like to join us, just come to the Youth Room on Sunday morning or let Pastor Cindy know.

Our ushers this morning are

Jeanette Miller, Sandra Greene, Stella Martz, and Harris Faulkner

Our greeters are:

Marilyn Ewing, Beth Patton, and Harris Faulkner

The flowers today are given by the staff at Open Door English "in memory of our much loved and much missed colleague, Julie Rudd Coulombe."

We hold in our prayers: Ann Cedarholm; Bobbie Collyer; Elmer Ewing; Tom Hurst; Nancy Jenkins; Nita King; Betsy Mann; Martha Mapes; Gayle Park; and Connie and Don Scott and family.

We remember the family of David Morey in our prayers following his death September 13, 2022.

CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25:

9:00 am Youth Group
9:30am-12:30pm Nursery
10:00 am Worship and Children's Church
11:00 am Fellowship Time
11:20 am Adult Education—Dodds Hall
11:30 am Youth Choir—Choir room, lower level

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26:

7:00 pm Session—Hybrid and Dodds Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27:

7:00 pm AA Meeting (Dodds)
7:00 pm Contra Dance Music—3rd Floor

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28:

2:00 pm Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm Finger Lakes Pipe Band—3rd floor

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29:

6:30 pm Community Game Night—Dodds
7:00 pm Piperventilators (YFN) - 3rd Floor Rm 307
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2: WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

9:00 am Youth Group
9:30am-12:30pm Nursery
10:00 am Worship (No Children's Church today.)
11:00 am Fellowship Time
11:20 am Adult Education—Dodds Hall
11:30 am Youth Choir—Choir room, lower level
12:30 pm Deacons Meeting—Dodds Hall

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SEPTEMBER 25, 2022: 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

This service is being livestreamed! You can view services on our website.

Wearing a mask is optional, however we ask that you continue to monitor yourself and your family for any symptoms and follow the CDC and local health department guidelines.

Please write your name in the Friendship Pad, and if you need a nametag, put a star next to your name and one will be waiting for you in the narthex.

PRELUDE: Praeludium Fugue & Chaconne in C *D. Buxtehude*

WELCOME. Rev. Kirianne Weaver

* CALL TO WORSHIP: *based on Psalm 91* Liturgist: Robert Kohut

One: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

All: will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

One: For God will deliver us from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

All: We will find refuge under the wings of God whose faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

One: Those who love God will be delivered,

All: and those who know God's name will be protected.

One: When we call, God will answer.

All: God will be with us in trouble and show us salvation.

Our acolyte today is Moo Eh Soe Mya.

* HYMN # 14: "For The Beauty of the Earth" *Dix*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Rev. Cynthia Weaver

O Lord, our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to

* Sitting or standing is a matter of custom and preference but not a requirement. You are invited to participate in whatever way makes you most comfortable.