

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

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

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

One: Thanks be to God.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.

* PEACE RESPONSE:

Peace be with you, al - so with you.

Christ is our peace: peace - be with you.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME.

Children may follow the teachers to Sunday School.

When you pick up your children after the service from the second floor, please sign them out or provide other pick-up instructions.

* HYMN #771: "What Is the World Like" *New World*

THE TORAH: Genesis 37: 1-4 p. 34 OT

THE GOSPEL: 1 John 4: 7-12 p. 241 NT

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

* HYMN #630: "Fairest Lord Jesus" *Crusader's Hymn*

THE MESSAGE: "No Peace."

* GLORIA PATRI:

Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly

Spi - rit: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is

now, and will be for - ever. A men, A - men. A - men!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

* RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS: *Proverbs 28:27 and 11:25*

One: The Bible says, "whoever brings blessing will be enriched,"

All: and "whoever gives to the poor will not want."

OFFERTORY: *Préambule* L. Vierne

* 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.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *from the Confession of 1967*

The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ. In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In his reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between sisters and brothers and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference. The church labors for the abolition of all discrimination, and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize others, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOLLOWED BY 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 #797: "We Cannot Measure How You Heal" *Ye Banks and Braes*

* BENEDICTION.

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE: Franz Schubert

A - men, a - men, a - men.

A - men a - men.

POSTLUDE: *Prelude & Fugue in B-Flat Major* J.S. Bach

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

- **Today in Imago Dei:** Creative Classes for Christians: This week, Maurice Haltom will lead us in a drumming circle. No experience needed; musical and powerful, creative and communal, come and have a new experience with us.
- **Wednesday Night Picnic this week:** Starting at 6pm at the Aguilar-Pacheco's residence: 6 Hemlock Lane, Ithaca. Bring a brown bag supper and join us—all are welcome! If you'd like to go but don't have transportation, talk to Kirianne after the service, as we gather for coffee and cookies. In case of poor weather, check the website and your email or call Kirianne at 607-882-1325.
Accessibility information: this site involves navigating a full set of inside stairs.
- **Next week in Imago Dei:** If you have always wanted to learn how to decorate cookies "like a pro", then you will want to join Heather Lane next Sunday and learn the art of cookie decorating.
- **Monument in Support of Ukraine :** By now we have become so accustomed to seeing the monument in support of Ukraine which we placed in front of our church that we may no longer notice it. This summer the sunflowers we planted by the monument are blooming, so don't miss this opportunity to take a look at the monument and offer a prayer for the people of Ukraine.

Our greeters today are:

Marilyn Ewing, Beth Patton, and Harrison Faulkner

Our ushers today are:

Bob Kohut, Brad McFall, Kathy Lipinski, and John Ullberg

Our flowers this morning are given in memory of Henry Doney, whose memorial service was yesterday.

We hold in our prayers:

Tom Hurst; Betsy Mann; Gayle Park;
Vivian and Jim Russell; Mark Radice; and Nita King.

CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13:

9:30 am Nursery Available (Second Floor)
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
10:15 am Sunday School (Second Floor)
11:00 am Fellowship Time
11:20 am Adult Ed Imago Dei

MONDAY, AUGUST 14.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15:

7:00 pm AA Meeting (Dodds Hall)
7:00 pm Irish Music Group

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16:

9:30 am Al-Anon (Fireside Room)
6:00 pm Summer Picnic at the Aguilar-Pacheco residence:
6 Hemlock Lane, Ithaca

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17:

6:30 pm Community Game Night (Dodds Hall)
7:00 pm YFN Music Group (Second Floor)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18. GOOD NEWS ARTICLES DUE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20:

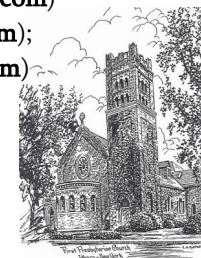
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AUGUST 13, 2023: 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

*This service is being livestreamed! You can view services on our website.
Please share your name in the Friendship Pads at the end of each pew.*

PRELUDE: Pavan W. Bryd
Offertory in A Major A. Guillmant

WELCOME: Rev. Kirianne Weaver

* CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 50: 1-6 Liturgist: Elder Christine Bataille
One: The God of Gods, the Lord, speaks.
All: God calls to the earth, from the rising to the setting sun.
One: Our God comes, and will not be silent.
All: A fire burns before God; a powerful storm surrounds them.
One: The Lord calls to the sky above and to the earth,
All: that they may judge their people.
One: They say, "Gather around, you who worship me,
All: who have made an agreement with me, using a sacrifice."
One: God is the judge,
All: and even the skies say God is right.

* HYMN #664: "Morning Has Broken" *Bunessan*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God, although Christ is among us as our peace, we confess our sin. We are a people divided against ourselves, clinging to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us. Heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world, as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ...

Time for silent confession.