

Time for silent confession.

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:

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME: DCE. Mylika Selah

Children who want to go to Sunday School (K-7) can follow the teachers to their room. Sunday School children will be brought back to the worship service for communion, and then will join their families. Younger children may be dropped off in the nursery (ages 0-4), and be signed out following the service.

* HYMN #693: "Though I May Speak" Gift Of Love

THE EARLY CHURCH: Acts 10:44-48 p. 130 NT

THE GOSPELS: John 15:9-17 p. 109 NT

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

THE MESSAGE: "Frightening and Comforting" Rev. Cynthia A. Weaver

"You did not choose me but I chose you." John 15:16

* 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: "I Will Sing Glad Songs" arr. Gordon Young

I will sing glad songs to the Lord, my God,
I will sing glad songs to the Lord!

* 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 A Brief Statement 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 the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve... In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN #504: "We Come as Guests Invited" Wie Lieblich Ist Der Maien

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION.

We invite you to come forward down the center aisle to receive communion, holding out an open palm to receive bread and leaving your cup in the cup racks at the back of each pew. If you wish to have communion brought to you, please indicate this by raising a hand to the servers walking in the aisles. All are welcome to receive communion at Christ's table.

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

* BENEDICTION.

* CHORAL AMEN.

POSTLUDE: Fanfare in C H. Purcell

Please join us for fellowship time in the narthex, followed by Adult Education in Dodds Hall.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- **Service Auction:** Fill out your Service Auction Card online or found with the bulletins. Be sure to turn them in by Sunday May 26th. The Service Auction will be held after church in Dodd's Hall after worship on June 9th. If you can't attend, be sure to secure a proxy to place your bids.
- **Sunday School Summer Party:** Get ready for summer fun at our Sunday School Summer Party on June 16th—the week after the Service Auction!
- **Adult Education:** Special Music Sunday is around the corner, and the theme this year is anthems on the theme of water. From the first chapter of Genesis to the last words of Revelation— "Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift"— water is a constant theme in scripture. Come hear Chancel Choir Director David Neal talk about the music for May 12; in Dodds Hall starting at 11:30.

- **Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers Concert:** Come hear many of our choir singers in this wonderful gospel group, formed in memory of a local legend, in concert here in our sanctuary: Friday, May 10, at 7pm.
- **Deacons Student Awards:** The Board of Deacons is seeking applicants for its 2024 Student Awards. Students who will be graduating from high school this year and have been active in the life of this congregation are encouraged to apply. The purpose of these Awards is to encourage and assist our students who will be pursuing their education beyond high school – trade school, community college, university, etc. For more info or to request an application please email the church office at church.fpci@gmail.com or call the church office 607-272-2800. Completed applications are due by May 31, 2024 and should then be returned to the church office. Please contact John Weiss - jhw4@cornell.edu, Linda Sharpe llsharpe1221@gmail.com or Pastor Cindy with any questions.
- **The Prayer Chain:** We've had an active week, which was a reminder to us of the importance of sharing prayers! If you would like to be on the prayer chain, an email notice for church prayer concerns, let Pastor Cindy know (cynthia.fpci@gmail.com).
- **Would you like to help our church raise up a garden?** If you are interested, let Kirianne know by emailing her at kirianne.fpci@gmail.com. We have a church garden plot at Ithaca Community Gardens, and will plan to grow all the vegetables, herbs and flowers that you'd like to have all summer, to use and to share.



Our greeters today are:

Marilyn Ewing, Beth Patton, and Harrison Faulkner

Our ushers today are:

Jeanette Miller, Sandra Greene, Stella Martz, Harrison Faulkner

The flowers are given by

Bruce Lane "In loving memory of Priscilla Lane"

We hold in our prayers:

David Brown; Elmer Ewing; Carolyn Grulich; Tom Hurst; Betsy Mann;
Mark Radice; Vivian and Jim Russell; Marj Smart; Bob Stull;
and Tinny Oey, now back at Cayuga Nursing and Rehab;

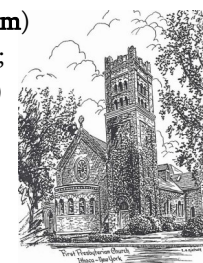
CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

- SUNDAY, MAY 5: CINCO DE MAYO**
 9:30 am Nursery Available (Second Floor)
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 10:15 am Sunday School (Second Floor)
 11:00 am Fellowship Time (Narthex)
 11:15 am Youth Group (Youth Room Second Floor) and Youth Choir (Choir Room)
 11:30 am Adult Education (Dodds Hall)
 12:30-2 pm Deacons (Dodds Hall)
- MONDAY, MAY 6.**
- TUESDAY, MAY 7:**
 9:00-1pm FPCI Office Hours
 6:30 pm Tai Chi (Narthex)
 7-8 pm AA Meeting (Dodds Hall)
 7-9 pm Irish Music (2nd floor classroom)
- WEDNESDAY MAY 8:**
 9:00-1pm FPCI Office Hours
 9:30-10:30 am Al Anon Meeting (Fireside Room)
 6-7 pm YMSS Committee (Zoom)
 7 pm FL Pipe Band
- THURSDAY, MAY 9:**
 9:00-1pm FPCI Office Hours
 9-10 am Buildings and Properties Committee
 6:30 pm Community Game Night (Dodds Hall)
 7-9 pm YFN Music (2nd floor classroom)
 7:30-9 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- FRIDAY, MAY 10:**
 9:00-1pm FPCI Office Hours
 7 pm Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers Concert
- SUNDAY, MAY 12: MOTHERS DAY & SPECIAL MUSSIC SUNDAY**
 9:30 am Nursery Available (Second Floor)
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 10:15 am Sunday School (Second Floor)
 11:00 am Fellowship Time (Narthex)
 11:15 am Youth Group (Youth Room Second Floor) and Youth Choir (Choir Room)
 11:30 am Adult Education (Dodds Hall)

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 membership and leadership.
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MAY 05, 2024: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.
 Numbered hymns are found in the purple hymnals in the pew racks.*

PRELUDE: Chaconne in F L Couperin

WELCOME: Rev. Kirianne E. Weaver

* CALL TO WORSHIP: *from Psalm 98* Liturgist: Elder Bruce Lane

One: O sing to the LORD a new song,
All: for God has done marvelous things.
 One: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
All: break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
 One: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
All: the world and all those who live in it.
 One: Let the floods clap their hands;
All: let the hills sing together for joy
 One: at the presence of the LORD, for God is coming to
 judge the earth.
**All: God will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples
 with equity.**

* HYMN #1: "Holy, Holy, Holy" *Nicaea*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to
 speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice.
 When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us
 the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided
 authority, forgive us and join with the weak to make us all strong.
 When we are confined by our hurts, forgive us and touch us with
 your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our
 doubts and fears, forgive us and pass through our barricades,
 open our hearts, and give us peace...**