

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...

*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 JOY 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, peace be with you. Sing alle-luia,  
sing to our God! Peace be with you, peace be with you.  
Sing alle-luia, sing to our God!

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

CHILDREN'S TIME.

*Children who want to go to Sunday School can follow the teachers to their room. Younger children may go to the nursery (ages 0-4), and all children should be picked up at their rooms following the service.*

\* HYMN #689: **“When the Morning Stars Together”** *Weisse Flaggen*

THE FIRST READING: from Genesis 1 and 2 p. 1-2 OT

ANTHEM: “At the River” Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?  
Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage shall cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

*Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.*

THE SECOND READING: John 4: 1-15 p. 94-95 NT

\* HYMN #821: **“My Life Flows On”** *How Can I Keep*

THE THIRD READING: Revelation 22: 1-5 and 17 p. 260, 261 NT

One: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

\* 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: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,

**All: That whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.** *John 3:16*

OFFERTORY. Schmücke dich J. Brahms

\* 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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

*We welcome with joy today's baptisand,  
Manuel Berduc, by confession of faith.*

THE PRESENTATION.

DECLARATION OF INTENT.

CONGREGATIONAL QUESTION:

One: Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, welcome Manuel, and promise to nurture him: by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his body?

**All: We do.**

RENUNCIATIONS.

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: **Hymn #481** *Apostles' Creed*

FURTHER QUESTIONS.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER:

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: We give you thanks, Eternal God...

ANTHEM: “Down in the River to Pray/Deep River” Eric Nelson

As I went down in the river to pray,  
studying about that good old day,  
and who shall wear the starry crown,  
Good Lord, show me the way.  
O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
O sisters, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray,  
studying about that good old day,  
and who shall wear the starry crown,  
Good Lord, show me the way.  
O brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
O brothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.  
Deep river, I want to cross over into campground.  
O don't you want to go to that gospel feast,  
that promised land where all is peace?  
O deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

As I went down in the river to pray,  
studying about that good old day,  
and who shall wear the starry crown,  
Good Lord, show me the way.  
O brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
O sisters, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

THE BAPTISM.

WELCOME AND BLESSING.

THE 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 #305: "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" *Darwall*

\* BENEDICTION.

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE: "Sweet Rivers" Gospel Hymn  
arr. Shawn Kirchner

Sweet rivers of redeeming love lie just before mine eyes;  
had I the pinions of a dove, I'd to those rivers fly.  
I'd rise superior to my pain, with joy outstrip the wind;  
I'd cross o'er Jordan's stormy waves and leave the world behind.  
A few more days, or years at most, my troubles will be o'er;  
I hope to join the heavenly host on Canaan's happy shore.  
My rapt'rous soul shall drink and feast in love's unbounded sea,  
the glorious hope of endless rest is ravishing to me.  
O! Come, my Saviour, come away, and bear me through the sky,  
nor let thy chariot wheels delay, but quickly draw thou nigh.  
Then I shall join the angel throng and circle 'round thy throne;  
I'll sing through all the ages long, and joy to be thine own. - John Granade

*Many thanks to our  
wonderful choir,  
for all you do!*

**Our greeters today are:**

Marilyn Ewing, Beth Patton, and Harrison Faulkner

**Our ushers today are:**

Charlie Woodworth, William Chen, Will Lloyd, and Glen Dowel

**Our Communion Servers are:**

Sylvia Dake, Sebastian Fallon, and Susan Wade

**We hold in our prayers:** David Brown; Carolyn Grulich;

Nohemy Hernández, Patricia's mother, following a cancer diagnosis;

Tom Hurst; Betsy Mann; Stella Martz's nephew, Charles,

following recent brain surgery; Tinny Oey; Mark Radice;

Vivian and Jim Russell; and Bob Stull.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **No Adult Education today.**
- **Service Auction:** Please leave Service Auction cards in the offering plates, or give them to Mylika or the youth in fellowship time after church!
- **Next Week in Adult Education:** Elder Micah Beck will be sharing his exciting plans to further his inquiries by pursuing a master's program in literature and philosophy. This fall, he'll be embarking on a journey to St. John's College, his alma mater, outside Santa Fe, NM, to delve into the rich traditions of India, China, and Japan and to study Sanskrit itself.

### CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

**SUNDAY, MAY 12: MOTHER'S DAY. SPECIAL MUSIC 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)

**MONDAY, MAY 13:**

3-4 pm Kendal Communion

**TUESDAY, MAY 14: OFFICE HOURS 9-1**

5 pm Adult Education Committee (Zoom)

5:30 pm Worship, Music, and Spiritual Life Committee (Zoom)

6:30 pm Tai Chi (Narthex)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15: OFFICE HOURS 9-1**

9:30 am Al Anon (Fireside Room)

2:00 pm Membership Connections (Zoom)

**THURSDAY, MAY 16: OFFICE HOURS 9-1**

6:30 pm Community Game Night (Dodds Hall)

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**FRIDAY, MAY 17: OFFICE HOURS 9-1**

**SATURDAY, MAY 18. PAGANINI AND PIE CONCERT (6:30-8:15 PM)**

**SUNDAY, MAY 19: CAYUGA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA (3-5 PM)**

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)

11:20 am Adult Education (Dodds Hall)

Youth Group (Youth Room Second Floor)

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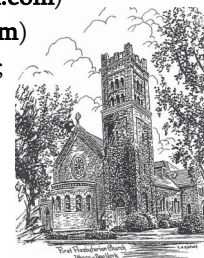
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**MAY 12, 2024: SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY!**

### 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: Toccata, Adagio, and Fugue J. S. Bach  
in C major, BWV 564

WELCOME: Rev. Kirianne Weaver

INTROIT: "O Nata Lux" Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)

O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi. dignare clemens supplicum laudes preces que sumere. Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis. Nos membra confer effici, tui beati corporis.	O Light born of light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, with kindness deign to receive the praise and prayer of supplicants. You who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost, grant us to be made members of your blessed body.
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\* CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 150* Liturgist: Deacon Heather Lane

One: Praise the Lord!

**All: Praise God in the sanctuary;**

One: praise God in the mighty firmament.

**All: Praise God for mighty deeds;**

One: praise the God of steadfast greatness.

**All: Praise God with the sound of the trumpet;**

One: praise God with lute and harp;

**All: praise God with the tambourine and dance -**

One: praise God with strings and pipe.

**All: Praise God with the crash of cymbals;**

One: Praise God with triumphant cymbals!

**All: Let everything that has breath: Praise the Lord!**

\* HYMN #641: "When in Our Music God is Glorified" *Engelberg*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Rev. Cynthia Weaver

**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.**