

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship
May 15, 2022 – 10:30 a.m.
Mercy Ships**

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PRELUDE

Organ

Leonora Colletti,

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Charnews

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CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship God, the Lord and Giver of Life.

God gives us the waters of new life

In the deserts of our loves, in the wilderness within.

God gives us the waters of new life

To give us hope when our lives run dry,

To give us strength when our world seems barren.

God gives us the waters of new life

To let peace flow like a river and love spring forth like a fountain.

God gives us the waters of new life

To make justice roll down like waters

And righteousness like a living stream.

God gives us the waters of new life

To give us and our world a second chance and a new beginning.

God gives us the waters of new life.

Come, people of God, open your lives to give and to receive.

HYMN # 343

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

*Called as partners in Christ's Service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment, fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,*

Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth.

Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on Earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,

Blending human skills together, gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,

Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.

Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge said with care,

Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So, God grants us for tomorrow, ways to order human life

That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.

Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,

Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We admit, Holy God, that we find it hard to hear Your promise of new life. Even when we are dissatisfied with our lives, it is easier to cling to what we know than to risk the unknown. You challenge us to accept people who are different from us, but we are not eager to associate with them. You command us to love one another, but some people are not lovable. O God, melt our defenses so we can accept Your love and let it flow through us. Grant us courage to embrace newness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response:

Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.

That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right.
A story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light!
For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to Earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

*We've a song to be sung to the nations that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
A song that shall conquer evil, and shatter the spear and sword,
And shatter the spear and sword!
For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to Earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

*We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above
Has sent us His Son to save us, and show us that God is love,
And show us that God is love!
For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to Earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

*We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow has trod,
That all of the world's great peoples may come to the truth of God,
May come to the truth of God!
For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to Earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

POSTLUDE

Leonora Colletti, Organ

Joys and Announcements

Welcome, Susan and Richard Brewster

This morning, we welcome Susan and Richard Brewster to the pulpit, who have been with Mercy Ships for 25 years. Susan is a nurse and Richard is an engineer; they have volunteered on Mercy Ships in five African countries. Most recently, they lived in China, where Richard was one of the engineers overseeing the construction of the newest Mercy Ship, *Global Mercy*. In March, they attended the Christening of *Global Mercy* for *founders Weekend* in Rotterdam. The Brewsters are now part of the Speakers Bureau for Mercy Ships, and love the opportunity to talk about the good work that the people of Mercy Ships do around the world.

Richard brings us greetings from Mattituck Presbyterian Church, where he is a member. Susan brings us greetings from Cutchogue Presbyterian Church, where she is a member and plays the organ two Sundays a month.

Coffee Hour

Many thanks to Debbie Eitel for hosting Coffee Hour this morning.

Missions Envelopes

Missions envelopes are in your bulletins today if you wish to contribute to our Mission fund.

Mercy Ships is on our list of charities for this year. If you want to add to what we are giving to Mercy Ships, please write "For Mercy Ships" on the outside of the Missions envelope. Thank you.

Session to Meet on Tuesday

Session will meet this Tuesday, May 17, at 7:15 p.m. via Zoom. Please have reports in by the end of today: pastorannsutton@yahoo.com Word format, please! Zoom log-on information will be sent out tonight.

Memorial Service for Carolyn Brockett

The Memorial Service for our dear Carolyn Brockett will take place this Saturday, May 21, at 10:30 a.m. in our Sanctuary, with Rev. Fred Woodward presiding. Carolyn's family would be delighted to see many of her church friends in attendance, as this church meant so much to her.

Memorial Service for Ginny Soergel

Our sweet Ginny passed away over a year ago, but due to the pandemic, her family was not able to schedule her Memorial Service until now. It will take place on Saturday, June 25, at 12:30 p.m. in our Sanctuary with Dr. Ann Van Cleef presiding.

Mark Your Calendar!

Please mark these important dates on your calendar:

- **Saturday, July 30:** Summer Get-together at Van Cleef's home in Greenport, 3:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, October 23:** 150th Anniversary Dinner, 1 p.m., Moose Hall. Ticket information will be available this summer.

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