

# **THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship  
June 29, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews /Tyler Hago/ Glenn Jahier

CALL TO WORSHIP

Throughout the ages, disciples have said, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

***Lord, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.***

We come from busy homes, filled with little time to consider Christ in our lives.

***Lord, give us the strength to follow you in the ways of peace.***

In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

***Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.***

Today, we celebrate life in the Spirit, showing us the joy of following Christ.

***May God give us the patience to follow faithfully in Christ’s path.***

\*HYMN # 150

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

*Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all with heart and voice before His throne rejoice.  
Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend. To us he’ll condescend.  
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!*

*Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On Heaven’s blissful shore His goodness we’ll adore.  
Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

\*Those who are willing and able are invited to stand.  
Congregation reads aloud the words in ***bold italics***.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*O God, we are so self-centered that we cannot be centered selves. We are so preoccupied with things of little consequence that we cannot appreciate important matters of the heart. We consume other people instead of loving them. We bite and devour while You call us to build relationships and delight in Your love. Set us free, O God, from the sin that binds us. 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 # 333: (Please remain seated)

LAFFERTY

*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.*

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

## DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Gracious God, we did not know that it would cost do much or feel so good to follow Jesus. We are grateful that we have so much to give and so much yet to learn. We dedicate our offerings so that we and our neighbors may be equipped for life in Your realm. Amen.*

## THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14  
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20  
Luke 9:51-62

## HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

## SERMON

Minister Glenn Rubin

“What Kind of Hand are YOU Putting to the Plow?”

\*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 grant 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.*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*God be with you till we meet again.  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.*

*Till we meet – till we meet – till we meet at Jesus' feet.  
Till we meet – till we meet – God be with you till we meet again.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

## **Joys and Announcements**

### **Welcome Back, Minister Glenn Rubin**

We welcome Glenn Rubin to the pulpit this morning, while Pastor Ann is taking some Sabbath time.

Glenn Rubin received his Bachelor of Music Education degree from the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam, his Master's degree in Double Bass Performance from the Manhattan School of Music, and a Master's degree in Musical Composition from Queens College. He earned his Master of Divinity degree from New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

After nearly a decade of freelancing in New York City, Glenn began his teaching career. He is retired from the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District where he was the high school orchestra director and music theory instructor. These days he spends several months of each year as an adjudicator at various NYSSMA festivals.

Glenn has been a member of the Simpson United Methodist Church in Amityville since 1986, and is currently a church musician and a trustee. He enjoys preaching whenever the opportunity arises and considers each invitation to be a gift from God. "There is no more enjoyable activity than spreading the Word of God. Preaching the message of God's Love is like experiencing a fine symphony; both seek to lift us to a higher level."

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