

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship  
July 3, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.  
Independence Day Sunday**

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PRELUDE  
Organ

Leonora Colletti,

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL  
Charnews

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CALL TO WORSHIP

(Based on various Psalms)

The Earth is the Lord's,

*And all who dwell in it.*

God rules over the nations,

*And sits on a holy throne.*

God rules by might forever,

*With eyes keeping watch on the nations.*

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

*For God judges the people with equity and guides the nations upon Earth.*

May God be gracious to us and bless us.

*And may God's ways be known upon the Earth.*

HYMN # 561

*My Country, Tis of Thee*

AMERICA

*My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.*

*Land where my fathers died. Land of the pilgrims' pride.*

*From every mountainside let freedom ring.*

*My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love.*

*I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills.*

*My heart with rapture thrills like that above.*

*Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song.*

*Let mortal tongues awake. Let all that breathe partake.*

*Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.*

*Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of Liberty, to Thee we sing.*

*Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light.  
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King.*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Merciful God, we confess that we have failed o love You most of all. We have failed to fully be Your church in this time and place. We have sinned against You and against one another by things we have done and things we have left undone. We have not loved our neighbors because we have failed to see Christ in others. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to walk in the light of Your grace, and in full obedience to Your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Eternal God, before You, nations rise and fall. Help us to repent our country's wrong, and to choose Your way of reunion and renewal.

***Great God, renew this nation.***

Give us a glimpse of the Kingdom You are bringing to Earth, where death and violence and hunger will be no more, and where all nations gather in the light of Your presence.

***Great God, renew this nation.***

Teach us peace, that we may plow up battlefields and pound weapons into building tools, and learn to talk across old boundaries as brothers and sisters in Your love.

***Great God, renew this nation.***

Talk sense to us, so that we may wisely end all prejudices, and that we may put a stop to injustice and cruelty, which divides and wounds the human family.

***Great God, renew this nation.***

Draw us together as one people who do Your will, so that we may be a light to our nation, leading the way to Your promised kingdom, which is even now coming among us.

***Great God, renew this nation.***

We pray all this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray by saying:

***Our Father, who art in Heaven...***

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.*

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

*You have blessed our nation with immense wealth and opportunity, O Lord.  
We pray that You will be honored greatly this day as we give to You what is  
already Yours. Bless our cheerful giving, and bless our tithes and offerings.  
Amen.*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 145  
Matthew 11:25-30

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON                      “Happy Birthday, America!”                      Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

COMMUNION HYMN # 517                      WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN  
*We Come as Guests Invited*

*We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine.  
His friends on Earth united to share the bread and wine.  
The bread of life is broken, the wine is freely poured  
For us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.*

*We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need.  
And in our hearts believing on Him by faith we feed.  
With wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end,  
We find in Jesus living our ever-present Friend.*

*One bread is ours for sharing, one single fruitful vine.  
Our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine.  
Renewed, sustained, and given by token, sign, and word,  
The pledge and seal of Heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Heavenly Creator, we give You thanks for this meal. Through the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus, we have been shown the way to peace. Give us grace and strength as Your people to be channels of peace in the world, speaking Your peace, living Your peace, and always longing for that moment of eternal peace. Unite us in bonds of love, and work with us to accomplish Your purposes on Earth, that all nations and peoples may serve You in harmony around Your Heavenly throne. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.*

HYMN # 262  
HYMN

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

NATIONAL

*God of the Ages, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.*

*Thy love divine hath led us in the past.  
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast.  
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay.  
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.*

*From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
Be Thy strong arm our ever-sure defense.  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase  
Thy bounteous goodness; nourish us in peace.*

*Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way.  
Lead us from night to never-ending day.  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*God bless America, land that I love.  
Stand beside her, and guide her  
through the night with the light from above.  
From the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam.  
God bless America, my home sweet home.  
God bless America, my home sweet home.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE  
Organ

Leonora Colletti,

## **Joys and Announcements**

### **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update**

There will be a short meeting after church for those who would like to hear updates about our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. (Pastor Ann had baked one of her famous carrot cakes as an incentive to stay!)

### **The Pentecost Offering**

Thank you for your generous support of the Pentecost Offering last week, which is one of four special offerings sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA). 40% of the Pentecost offering is retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. We have chosen Long Island Youth Mentoring as the recipient of our 40%.

### **Mike Ferro to Talk Next Week**

Next Sunday, July 10, right after coffee hour, Mike Ferro will give a presentation about his work on sharing the Gospel. It will be interesting; please stay if you can.

### **Annual Church Fair**

The date has been set for our Church Fair: Saturday, September 24, with a rain date of Saturday, October 1.

As you're doing your spring cleaning, you can start bringing in your contributions for the rummage sale part of the fair. These items will be sorted and priced as they come in, rather than waiting until the day before the fair, as we did last year. There will be a box in the hallway for you to deposit items. (No books, please. We find that they don't sell well.)

We are in need of people willing to chair various aspects of the fair. The list is below, please see Larry Foray if you are willing to help.

- **Rummage Sale.** We have someone who will accept donations and price the items. We need someone to set up tables, arrange the items, and then pack up the leftover items after the fair is over.
- **Food Concession.** This includes determining the menu, purchasing the food, setting up the area, and cleaning up.

- **Raffle.** Getting donations, creating gift baskets, setting up tables, and selling tickets.
- **Publicity.** Updating flyer. Posting ads (both online and in local papers), and posting flyers at local stores.

### Food Pantry

Please remember our food pantry when you are doing your grocery shopping. The following items are needed: Peanut butter, jelly, tuna, Spam, pasta, any Chef-Boy-R-Dee products. Thank you for your generosity.

### 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:** 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, 1 p.m., Moose Hall. Ticket information will be available this summer.

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