

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship
August 25, 2024 – The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL Dan Charnews /Tyler Hago/ Glenn Jahier

CALL TO WORSHIP

With profound happiness, we welcome one another.

How good it is to approach the courts of our God!

Happy are those who live in God's house!

Singing our praise to God fills us with joy.

Here we welcome both friend and stranger.

All peoples of the Earth are God's children.

We greet one another by name in Jesus' name,

Together we extol the name of our God.

Open your hearts to receive new strength.

Open your lives to renewed understandings.

Surely God will equip us to face our world.

We will be ambassadors for God wherever we go.

HYMN # 525

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky, I have heard My people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin, My hand will save.

I, who make the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send? REFRAIN

REFRAIN: *Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.*

I will go, Lord, if You need me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of Snow and Rain, I have borne My people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak My Word to them. Whom shall I send? REFRAIN

*I, the Lord of Wind and Flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? REFRAIN*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we admit that all is not well with us. We are easily angered and slow to forgive. We speak without listening, and pretend to listen without really hearing. Our tongues become weapons, rather than instruments of healing. We are more critical than helpful toward the poor in our midst. Hidden in our hearts are the attitudes that produce avarice, deceit, and violation of our promises to You and to one another. Turn us around so we can accept Your forgiveness and learn to love ourselves as You want us to be, through Jesus Christ. 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

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.*

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

May our giving add strength to the witness of Your church as we humbly seek Your truth and lovingly share it. Inspire us to proclaim the Gospel of Peace in

our homes, our community, and wherever we travel. Unite us in disciplines that are freeing, and discipleship that is fulfilling. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Mark 2:23 – 3:6

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

“Doing the Right Thing, Even If It Means Breaking the Rules”

HYMN

Ours the Journey

OURS THE JOURNEY

*In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering their separate ways?*

REFRAIN: *God of Rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We, Your people, ours the journey, now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore.*

*Through the flood of starving peoples warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? REFRAIN:*

*Though we reach the highest heavens, holding worlds at our command,
We are yet a desert people searching for the promised land. REFRAIN:*

*Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
May Your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again. REFRAIN:*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God, our Creator, we are family.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.*

Joys and Announcements

Welcome, John Eyre

This morning, we welcome John Eyre back to the piano bench. A graduate of SUNY Fredonia, John is a professional accompanist, singer, arranger, clarinetist, and conductor. He is President of Bulkhead Publishing Company, a music publishing house located in Riverhead. Welcome back, John, and thank you again for sharing your musical gifts with us.

Home Runs and Re-Runs

Years ago, Pastor Ann came across a comic where a man was sitting in front of a television set with his wife commenting, "Oh great. Another summer of home runs and re-runs." As in years past, we're taking that theme and running with it.

The sermon that you chose was from June 2, "Doing the Right Thing, Even If It Means Breaking the Rules." Thank you to everyone who voted.

Session Meeting

Session will have its annual barbecue meeting at Susan Perrota's house this Tuesday, August 27, at 6:00 p.m. Her son, Chris, will grill the burgers and franks.

Summer Yard Sale

The "bean counters" have finished their work, and are happy to announce that we netted \$316 at our Summer Yard Sale last week. This money will be used for special projects that are approved by Session.

"Well done, good and faithful servants."

Church Fair – Saturday, September 21

This is the big event we all look forward to every year. We'll have our own stuff for sale, there will be vendors, food, and our Health Fair will be incorporated into the festivities. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more information.

You May Now Donate On Line

Simply put your cell phone into camera mode, hold it up to the funny little square thing (no need to take a photo), and the link to our church website will pop up. The "Donate" button is on the opening page.

Brahms' Requiem

Please let Pastor Ann or Marian Adams know if you are interested in learning the Brahms' "Ein Deutches



Requiem" to be sung in German on Oct. 27. Since there's only one rehearsal with the entire group on Oct. 26, we have a lot to do on our own.

Food Pantry

School is still out, and as such, our Little Food Pantry is being heavily used. In fact, it gets emptied just about every day. We need everything – please pick up a few things when you go grocery shopping. Thank you.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU)

Last year, Session approved our running an FPU class, but we were unable to do so. We will be running that 9-session class this fall, with Amy Bahr teaching, and Debbie Eitel and Ann Van Cleef assisting. Looking to get your finances in order? FPU helped Amy, Debbie, and Ann. It will help you, too.

We will be running two sessions of this class, one on Friday afternoons and one on Friday evenings starting in September. (Specific dates to be announced.) There is a sign-up sheet during coffee hour.

Best of all, this class is FREE. This is our gift to you.

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