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OF GREENLAWN**



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10:30 a.m.**

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who seek God with their whole heart.
Their eyes are fixed on all that God commands.

We have come to reflect together on God's law.

It is hard to hear, in other places, what God expects.

Ready yourselves to receive all that God supplies.

Attune your hearts to God's promises and warnings.

We expect to be challenges as well as encouraged.

We know that our ways are not God's ways.

God gives us choices that result in life or death.

We can obey or reject the way of life God intends for us.

We seek to know and to follow the way of life.

We want to live according to promises we have made.

HYMN # 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not.
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.*

REFRAIN: *Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest.
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. REFRAIN:*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. REFRAIN*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, You know the pain of all our broken relationships. Some we have tried to mend, and others we have tried to ignore. We feel Your judgment on our estrangements. O God, we ask for courage to admit our mistakes and to overcome them. Show us what we can do to right the wrongs for which we are responsible, and forgive, we pray, what cannot be changed. Empower us as reconcilers and servants of Your way. 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

... All this we pray in Jesus' name, saying, *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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

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.*

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

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

Faithful God, as we offer our tokens of thanks today, we hear You sending us out to mend broken relationships. Our offering is not a substitute for our own engagement in Your reconciling work. Go with us to help us as we do the work that You have called us to do. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Matthew 5:21-37

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON “More from The Sermon on the Mount” Rev. Dr. Van Cleaf

HYMN

Ours the Journey

NEW DIMENSIONS

*In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in 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 people, warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? REFRAIN*

*As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,
Grant that we, Your global village, might envision wider dreams. REFRAIN*

*We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
Each a gift in Your Creation, each a love song to be sung. 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 silent 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, FOLLOWED BY POSTLUDE

Welcome Back, John Eyre

This morning, we welcome John Eyre back to the piano and organ benches. 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.

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Valentine's Day Karaoke Coffee Hour!

Mark your calendar for this unique event – a special Valentine's Day Karaoke Coffee Hour, next Sunday, February 19, featuring "DJ Larry."

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Please see Larry Foray for details.

Valentine's Day Photos

Let's celebrate Valentine's Day next Sunday, February 19, by placing wedding pictures on the Communion Table. We'll have fun playing "Guess the Bride and Groom" during our Karaoke Coffee Hour.

And, if a wedding photo is not appropriate for you, how about a photo from your high school prom instead? Everyone will enjoy seeing photos of our church family from back in the "good old days!"

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The coming of a New Day calls us to anticipate God's dawn.
The day of God's dawning is like a morning star rising.

The light of God is like a devouring fire.

God's brightness is too intense for our gaze.

Come up to the mountain of God's presence.

Wait for God to reveal divine intentions for us.

We are eyewitnesses to God's majesty.

We have sensed God's presence in stories of Jesus.

Look up, and do not be afraid.

Jesus, whom you seek, is transfigured before you.

We will serve our God with fear and trembling.

Happy are those whose refuge is in God.

HYMN

Transform Us

PICARDY

*Transform us as you, transfigured, stood apart on Tabor's height.
Lead us up our sacred mountains, search us with revealing light.
Lift us from where we have fallen – full of questions, filled with fright.*

*Transform us as you, transfigured, once spoke with those holy ones.
We, surrounded by the witness of those saints whose work is done,
Live in this world as your Body – chosen daughters, chosen sons.*

*Transform us as you, transfigured, would not stay within a shrine.
Keep us from our great temptation, time and truth we quickly bind.
Lead us down those daily path – ways, where our love is not confined.*

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God of Dazzling Splendor, we confess that we have lived in a cloud, hiding from Your glory. The mystery of life eludes us because we take for granted what seems commonplace, and refuse to deal with matters beyond our understanding. We have not thought to serve You in everyday encounters. Shake our complacency, we pray, and awaken us to new life in all its fullness. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.

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God of Clouds and Devouring Fire, we are amazed by the experiences of Moses and the Disciples of Jesus. They point us beyond our everyday attempts to be faithful to You. Enrich our lives in the season we are entering, that we may see the lamp of Your love shining amid the shadows. Let Your new day dawn among us, giving hope to a world reclaiming the values of Your reign among us. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Exodus 24:12-18

Matthew 17:1-9

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Transfiguration”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

BATTLE HYMN

*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored.
He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword.
His truth is marching on.*

REFRAIN: *Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

*He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat.
He is sifting out all human hearts before His judgment seat.
O be swift my soul, to answer Him, be jubilant, my feet!
While God is marching on. REFRAIN*

*In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me.
As He dies to make us holy, let us live to make all free,
While God is marching on. REFRAIN*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: # 341

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God.
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.*

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
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Session Meeting

A reminder to Session members: we will be meeting via Zoom this Tuesday, February 21, at 7:15 p.m.

New Vision Team Meeting

The New Vision Team will meet after coffee hour next Sunday, February 26.

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