

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



**Sunday Service of Worship
September 24, 2023 10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

THE RINGING OF THE BELL
Cleef

Dan Charnews / Bob Van

OPENING PRAYER

In the name of the Spirit of God, Who hovered over the primal waters. In the name of the Word of God, Who parted the waters for Earth to appear. In the name of the Wisdom of God, Who filled the waters with incredible designs. Amen.

***Holy! Holy! Holy! The oceans and rivers, lakes and seas,
harbors and bays are filled with God's presence.***

Christ, we come into Your presence today to worship in this sanctuary called Earth.

Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with Christ's presence. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We invite the oceans and rivers to praise God with us.

The deep sea currents, the mountain peaks on the ocean floor.

We call the lakes and seas to celebrate with us.

The icebergs that break off in the Arctic.

The calm waters that caress the shoreline.

We join all life in the harbors and bays to worship God.

Clams, oysters, and scallops underneath.

Choirs of fish swimming above.

We summon the seashore to magnify the Lord.

The egret, swan, seagull, and osprey.

The whitecaps and waves that splash in praise.

Oceans and rivers, lakes and seas, harbors and bays, the Long Island Sound.

We celebrate all that lives within them,

The Lord God made them all!

HYMN # 368

I've Got Peace Like a River

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

*I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a-my soul. (Repeat)*

*I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in-a-my soul. (Repeat)*

*I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a-my soul. (Repeat)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we are afraid to admit the many ways we have failed You. We are sinful people who forget to thank you and who delay calling upon You when tough decisions need to be made. We prefer the safety of familiar programs, even when they are ineffective. We cling to our routines, even when they cause us to lose sight of Your purposes. O God, we seek forgiveness. 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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

..... All this we pray in Jesus' name saying, ***Our Father who are 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.*

OFFERING SENTENCES

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

God, our Creator, through Your love You have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and our concern for all living things, on land, in the air, and in the sea. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 6:1-8

Luke 5:1-11

SERMON

“Fair – or Not?”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 377

PESCADOR DES HOMBRES

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

*You – have come up to the lakeshore, looking neither for wise nor for wealthy.
You only wanted that I should follow.*

REFRAIN: *O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me,
And while smiling, have called out my name.
Now, my boat’s left on the shoreline behind me.
Now with You I will seek other seas.*

*You – know so well my possessions. My boat carries no gold and no weapons.
You will find there my nets and my labor. REFRAIN*

*You – need the caring of my hands. Through my tiredness, may others find resting.
You need a love that just goes on loving, REFRAIN*

*You – who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by souls that are waiting.
My dear and good friend, as thus You call me. 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, FOLLOWED BY POSTLUDE

Blessing of the Pets

Our annual Blessing of the Pets Service will take place on Sunday, October 15 at 1:00 p.m. Be sure to tell your friends!

Church Fair Re-scheduled to September 30

Due to circumstances beyond our control (weather), the Church Fair has been moved to Saturday, September 30.

If you have not already done so, please see Larry Foray today to tell him how you plan on assisting at the Church Fair.

Volunteers are asked to wear their green t-shirts the day of the fair. Please search through your drawers and closets to find yours. We have two dozen more on order, and we'll keep our fingers crossed that they come in on time.

The Little Food Pantry

We are in need of canned tuna and chicken, cereal, pasta and spaghetti, Chef Boy-R-Dee ravioli, canned fruit: peaches, pears, plums, mandarin oranges, mixed, (no applesauce), rice, and peanut butter and jelly. Thank you for your generosity.

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