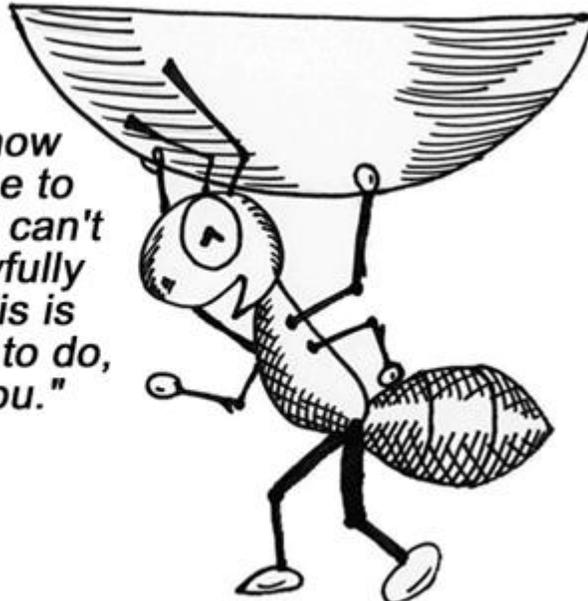


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*"Lord, I don't know
why You want me to
carry this thing. I can't
eat it, and it's awfully
heavy. But, if this is
what You want me to do,
I'll carry it for You."*



"I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." Phil. 4:13

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 124

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, let Israel now say:

***If it had not been the Lord who was on our side when our enemies
attacked us, then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent
would have gone over us, then over us would have gone the
raging waters.***

Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth! We have escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers. The snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

HYMN # 475

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

*O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love.
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.*

*O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
The chariots of Heav'n, the deep thunderclouds form,
And bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.*

*The Earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.*

*Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light.
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.*

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-powerful God, we confess our devious ways. Even when prayers for others are on our lips, we seek ways to secure our own advantages. We put our trust in things we can accumulate rather than aligning ourselves with Your will and way. Our behavior creates enemies and multiplies divisions among Your people. Then we want You on our side against those who are different from us. O God, we need healing, but we are afraid to lose the illusions of control that are so much a part of us. Help us and forgive us, Gracious God. 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

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.*

A MINUTE FOR MISSION
Committee

Kathie Gerlach, Chair, Missions

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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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

We dedicate ourselves and our offerings to the work of Your church, Generous God. For those who are sick, who are suffering, who are grieving, who are lost, we have words of hope and acts of caring. We stand with all who face discrimination, oppression, and confusion, and we seek to work with them for justice and a meaningful existence. As You have accepted us, we reach out to include all Your children in our growing love. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Mark 9:38-50

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Called by God”

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

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 made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

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

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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

This was written prior to the Church Fair, but we do want to sincerely thank everyone who was involved with our Church Fair. A standing ovation goes to Larry Foray, who chaired the Fair and worked tirelessly to make sure it was a success. His committee (Leonora Colletti, Debbie Eitel, and Ann Van Cleef) worked hard and deserve thanks as well. More next week!

Rally Day

Speaking of saying “Thank you,” we would like to thank Debbie Eitel, Arlissa Dean, Diane Kirchhoff, and George Santos for a wonderfully delicious Rally Day brunch last week. “Well done, good and faithful servants.”

Blessing of the Pets

Our Blessing of the Pets Service will take place next Sunday, October 3, at 1:00 p.m. in the back parking lot. All pets are invited, and are encouraged to bring their owners! Pets will receive a Certificate of Blessing. Please spread the word.

Tuesday Fellowship Group

This week we’re going to try a time change. Rather than meeting after lunch, our Tuesday Fellowship Group will meet at 8:00 p.m. this Tuesday, September 28, via Zoom. People who don’t get out much are particularly encouraged to join. (Don’t worry, we don’t give out awards for perfect attendance.) If you don’t have access to the Internet, you may call in at: 1 646 558 8656. Meeting ID: 890 6070 9625, Passcode: 422463.

Steve Siegmann's Memorial Service

Our retired church secretary, Linda Siegmann, wishes to invite her friends at FPC Greenlawn to her husband Steve's Memorial Service next Sunday, October 3, at The First Presbyterian Church of Northport at 2:00 p.m.

Church Membership

Are you a friend of our church who has faithfully been attending worship? Would you like to become a member of The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn? Please see Pastor Ann about joining; we would like to have a "New Members Sunday" sometime this fall.

Women's Choir

We will have a brief meeting of the Women's Choir next Sunday, October 3, immediately after worship, to talk about a rehearsal schedule. We will be singing in November and at the Lessons and carols Service. New members are welcome.

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