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**Sunday Celebration of Worship
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are the poor who have no work or too little income.

God has promised: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who are hungry right now.

God has promised: they shall be filled.

Blessed are those who weep over unpaid bills, the loss of a job,
or their children’s lack of opportunities.

God has promised: they shall be comforted. They shall laugh.

Blessed are those who are merciful.

God has promised: they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice.

God has promised: they shall be filled.

The time is surely coming when God’s justice and peace
shall reign throughout the land.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN # 415

Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

*Come, Labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain,
While all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say, “Go work – today.”*

*Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share.
To young and old the Gospel gladness bear.
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly. The night – draws nigh.*

*Come, labor on. Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here.
Though feeble agents may we all fulfill God's right-eous will.*

*Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky.
Till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie.
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun. "Well done, well done!"*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are workers, God, just like You. But we confess that our actions do not always affirm and honor each other. Our work is not always done in a spirit that is pleasing to You. We admit that we have failed to end an unjust system in which some workers have jobs that provide good wages and benefits, while others have no job, or one that pays little and provides few benefits. Forgive us, and help us to create a better world where workers everywhere share in Your abundance. 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

LITANY FOR THOSE WHO WORK & THE LORD'S PRAYER

O Lord God: You are ever at work in the world for us and for all humankind. We pray that You guide and protect all who work to earn their living.

Amen.

For those who plow the earth, for those who tend machinery;
For those who sail deep waters, for those who venture into the skies;

Work with them, O God.

For those who work in offices and warehouses,
For those who labor in stores or factories;

Work with them, O God.

For those who work in mines, for those who buy and sell;
For those who keep house, for those who work with children;

Work with them, O God.

For all who live by strength of arm, for all who live by skill of hand;

For all who employ or govern;

Work with them, O God.

For all who excite our minds with art, science, or learning;

For all who instruct, for writers and teachers;

Work with them, O God.

For all who serve the common good in any way by working;

Work with them, O God.

For all who labor without hope, for all who labor without interest;

For those who have too little leisure, for those who have too much leisure;

For those who are underpaid, for those who pay small wages;

For those who cannot work, for those who look for work in vain;

For those who trade on troubles of others, for profiteers, extortionists, and greedy people;

Great God, work through us and help us always to work for You, we pray, 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.

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

Loving God, there is no way we can settle accounts with You. We have no way to repay You for all we have received from Your hands. Yet, we want to give our best to the work You call us to do throughout this community of seekers. We enter, with renewed commitment and confidence, the costly venture of spreading love through Your world. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 146

James 2:1-9; 5:1-4

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Labor Day, 2022”

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

COMMUNION HYMN # 505

ST. FLAVIAN

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

*Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart.
Savior, abide with us, and spread Thy table in our heart.*

*There sup with us in love divine; Thy body and Thy blood.
That living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

We give thanks, O God, because in Your own free gift of love, You have reached out to us. You have refreshed us at Your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Send us forth with courage and joy in the name of Jesus Christ, that we, too, may become bread and peace for one another and the world. Amen.

HYMN # 364

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

GRAND ISLE

*I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,
Who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green.
They were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God help me to be one, too.
They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God’s love – made them strong.
And they followed the right, for Jesus’ sake, the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce, wild beast!
And there’s not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn’t be one, too.
They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands, still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus’ will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea.
For the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one, too!*

BENEDICTION

May God, Creator of the Universe, Maker and Shaper of All Things, bless your labor as well as your rest.

May Jesus, the Son of God, the son of a carpenter, bless all of the work that you do.

May the Holy Spirit, ever working for the new creation, bless your service and keep you in God's purpose, now and forevermore.

And all of God's people said, "Amen."

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.

(*Original words: *With God as our Father, brothers all are we.*)

Joys and Announcements

150th Anniversary Gala Luncheon

Our 150th Anniversary Gala Luncheon will take place on Sunday, October 23, at 12:30 p.m. in Moose Hall as originally announced. It will be catered by Lighthouse Catering. The menu, which will be served buffet style, will be:

Mixed Greens Salad

Choice of:

Salmon with Apricot Glaze

Chicken Pizzaiola

Beef Carne Asada

Roast Potatoes

Grilled Vegetables

Choice of: Cake or Mixed Fruit

Tickets are \$40. Yes, friends and family are invited. You may purchase tickets during Coffee Hour or by sending your check to:

FPC Greenlawn – Anniversary Tickets

497 Pulaski Road

Greenlawn, NY 11740

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 help with the rummage sale, basket auction, and publicity.

Basket Auction

Do you have new items that you're not going to use? (Gifts, impulse buys, etc.) If so, we can use them for our Chinese Auction at the Church Fair. Please bring them to church on any Sunday. Thank you!

Goodbye, Dear Leonora

Please join us next week after worship as we say goodbye to our Director of Music, Leonora Colletti, as she goes on to new adventures in her musical career.

Food Pantry

Please remember our food pantry when you are doing your grocery shopping. The following items are always needed: Peanut butter, jelly, tuna, Spam, pasta. Thank you for your generosity.

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