

# Order of worship

October 18, 2020

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## **Prelude**

Spirit of God Decent Upon My Heart  
Arr. by Lloyd Larson

## **Welcome & Announcements**

## **Call to worship**

In the beginning of creation.  
When darkness covered the face of the earth.  
When the earth was without form and void.  
God spoke, and light conquered the darkness.  
God spoke; there was calm.  
God spoke, and all things came into being.

## **Opening Hymn #555**

Now Thank We All Our God

## **Prayer of Confession**

O Holy God, you are eternal, by your Word, all things were created, and nothing was done without your Word. In many ways, we have been unfaithful with our words. We have brought sin against you with our words, and by our mouth, we have defiled your holy name. We failed to encourage each. With words, we hurt our neighbors and loved ones. With words, we fight among ourselves.

O God, we ask for your mercy, that you forgive us, grant us wisdom to bless and encourage each other, in Jesus's name that we ask this.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

## **Anthem**

Lord, Here I Am  
by John Ness Beck

## **Scripture Lessons**

### **Ephesians 4:29**

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

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## Scripture Lessons (cont.)

### Proverbs 16:20-24

- 20 Those who are attentive to a matter will prosper,  
and happy are those who trust in the Lord.  
21 The wise of heart is called perceptive,  
and pleasant speech increases persuasiveness.  
22 Wisdom is a fountain of life to one who has it,  
but folly is the punishment of fools.  
23 The mind of the wise makes their speech judicious,  
and adds persuasiveness to their lips.  
24 Pleasant words are like a honeycomb,  
sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

### 1 Thessalonians:1-10

## Message

Words to Live By

## Time of Offering

## Prayers of the People

In the beginning, your Spirit brooded over the chaos and the void; in the beginning, your Word called forth order, beauty, and life, and it was good. Throughout the ages, you have come when your people called out in distress; you have come when your people ignored your will and hurt one another. You have come for your people again and again: through history, through prophecy, through the cross. Eternal God: you are bringing your holy city to earth, where death and pain shall be no more, and people shall live together in your light. We pray for cities, where, in high towers or close? Built houses, your children work and live. Ease tensions and break down separation, so that even strangers may know themselves to be citizens among citizens, governed by Jesus Christ, who came into Jerusalem as our Savior. By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command your power, we pray for those who want to be healed, especially for those whose lives have been shattered by acts of terror. Close wounds, cure infection, remove hatred from human hearts, and make broken people whole again, so they may live to rejoice in your love. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ, our Lord. O God, by your power Jesus Christ was raised from death. Watch over dying men and women. Fill their eyes with light, to see beyond human sight a home within your love, where the pain is gone, and frail flesh turns to glory. Banish fear. Brush away tears. Let death be as gentle as nightfall, promising a day when songs of joy shall make us glad to be together with Jesus Christ, who lives in triumph, the Lord of life eternal. Amen

## Closing Song

The Trees of the Field

## Benediction

## Postlude

Jubilation By J.S. Bach, arr. by Hal H. Hopson

**First  
Presbyterian  
Church** IN VICTOR  
WHOEVER YOU ARE.  
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.  
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

# Announcements

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**First Presbyterian Church in Victor**  
70 East Main Street  
Victor, New York 14564  
585-924-2289

**Rev. Colin Pritchard, Pastor**  
**Alfred Appiah, Ministry Intern**  
**Ayn Patrowicz, Organist**  
**Camila Ospina Fadul, Vocal Choir/Bell Choir Director**



## God seeks housekeeping support

Due to the recent pandemic and calamities in the world, God has been very busy lending support to others. You can help him in this busy time by helping with his housework! There are opportunities to rake leaves this fall, plant flowers in the spring, mow grass, and other tasks. A green thumb is not required, in fact, thumbs are not required at all to help. Please email Bill Martz at [williamlmartz1@gmail.com](mailto:williamlmartz1@gmail.com) or call 585-953-6854 to be added to the mailing list for the next zoom planning session or group work-gathering. Thank you for your help!

## Family Promise Host Week

Our next scheduled host week is Nov. 1 - 8th. In lieu of in church support, Family Promise is suggesting that any of our members can make a food, gift card, or monetary donation. FPOC now has 3 emergency shelter apartments that are housing 3 families in need. You can make a food donation by dropping food off at 185 North Main St Canandaigua (contact Jay @ 953-1108 for instructions), mail gift cards to same address, or make a monetary donation on-line at [familypromiseontariocounty.org](http://familypromiseontariocounty.org). Appreciate all you do to help homeless children and their families in Ontario County. Rich Cromwell @ 585-370-0839.

## In-Person Wednesday Eve/Sunday morning Worship\*\*

We will be welcoming you to in-person worship in the sanctuary again this Wed, October 21, 7pm for our mid-week devotional service. This will be the **last in-person Wed. eve service**, as **Sunday morning worship will begin next Sunday, October 25th!** Details about our safety plan, registration, and participant expectations were sent via email and can be found on our website. This will be limited, so **register early for your space**. Google form to register will be sent by email next week.

## Prayer requests

During Sunday worship and Wednesday evening prayer time on FB livestream, Pastor Colin invites you to share your prayer requests. If you would like to keep your prayer requests private or anonymous and not on this public forum, please message Pastor Colin directly at [pastor@victorpres.org](mailto:pastor@victorpres.org) or call 585-734-7007.

