

Order of worship

October 25, 2020
Reformation Sunday



Prelude Prelude in Classic Style by Gordon Young

Welcome & Announcements

Call to worship

L: God, you have acted, and we now respond.

P: Your grace has given us life, and your love gives us hope.

L: So we gratefully gather this morning in order to worship you.

P: Teach us, guide us, hold us, and send us O Holy One.

Opening Hymn #260 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Reflection Alfred Appiah

Prayer of Confession

Most holy God you have given us minds to discern and hearts to seek. Yet often we allow others to think for us and we choose not to move. Compel our hearts and minds to be active in your presence. Jesus, you alone are the great High Priest and all others are in the priesthood of all believers. Yet often we lift up just a few to serve and represent your church, giving away authority and responsibility. Compel our lives this day that we might do our work and speak your love. Blessing Spirit you guide us to live our whole lives faithfully. Yet often we reserve our discipleship for a select hour on the Sabbath. Summon us once again to the vocation of loving and serving Christ is all we do.

Assurance of Pardon Why Did He Come?

Anthem I Know that My Redeemer Liveth by GF Handel

Scripture Lessons Matthew 22:23-46

The same day some Sadducees came to him, saying there is no resurrection; and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies childless, his brother shall marry the widow, and raise up children for his brother.' Now there were seven brothers among us; the first married, and died childless, leaving the widow to his brother. The second did the same, so also the third, down to the seventh. Last of all, the woman herself died. In the resurrection, then, whose wife of the seven will she be? For all of them had married her." Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is God not of the dead, but of the living." And when the crowd heard it, they were astounded at his teaching. (cont. pg. 2)

Scripture Lessons (Matthew 22:23-46 cont.)

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

"The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet."?"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Message

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Prayers of the People/Meditation

Fairest Lord Jesus arr. by Becki Slagle Mayo
Be Thou My Vision, arr. by Joel Raney
Softly and Tenderly, arr. by Joel Raney

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn #543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

Benediction

May God bless you with discomfort...
Discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships,
Discomfort, so that you will live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger...
Anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,
Anger, so that you will work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless you with tears...
Tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, starvation and war,
Tears, so that you will reach out to comfort them
And turn their pain into joy.

And, may God bless you with foolishness...
Foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world,
Foolishness, so that you will do what others claim cannot be done.
Amen.

Postlude

Toccata in G Major by Theodore DuBois

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First Presbyterian Church in Victor
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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 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. Appreciate all you do to help homeless children and their families in Ontario County. Rich Cromwell @ 585-370-0839.



In-Person Sunday morning Worship

We will be welcoming you to in-person worship in the sanctuary again next **Sunday, November 1st at 10am**. 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 each week. Please plan to arrive to the building about 15 minutes before the start of worship.

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 or call 585-734-7007.