

Order of worship

September 6, 2020
Wise Leaders



Prelude “He’s always been faithful”, by Sara Groves, arranged by Lloyd Larson

Welcome & Announcements

Call to worship *

Praise the Lord!
Sing to the Lord a new song.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise the Lord’s name with dancing,
making melody to God with tambourine and lyre.

For the Lord takes pleasure in the people;
God adorns the humble with victory.

Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.

Opening Song

"Child of Peace" by Sue Riley & Richard Mekdeci

Chorus:
Child of Peace
Pure and Sweet
Show me how to be
A child of Peace

Call to Confession *

You command us, Lord of all, to love our neighbors as ourselves.
You instruct us to forgive as we have been forgiven. You put us in
community that we might support and care for each other. We
recognize how often we fail to obey your commandments and do
your will. We give thanks that you never turn away a repentant
sinner. Confident in your mercy, welcome to you now to confess our
sin and ask your forgiveness.

Assurance of Pardon *

When we turn to God, the Lord freely pardons. We can trust in God
and not be afraid. Friends, believe the good news, through Jesus
Christ we are forgiven!

Scripture Lesson (James 3: 13-18)

Two Kinds of Wisdom

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. 15 Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. 16 For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Message

Prayers of the People *

Almighty God, we approach you with reverence and hope, aware that we often lack the words to express our deepest fears and our most heartfelt needs. We are confident that before a word is on our lips, you know it completely. We believe your promise of presence, the certainty of your providence and your power to work for good in ways we might not see, but can surely trust. Relying on your grace, we bring to you the cares of the world, the concerns of our community, the worries that keep us up at night.

Lord, as we see images of destruction, of communities in flames and entire towns destroyed by winds and water, we pray for those impacted by natural disasters. Sustain the weary, strengthen the weak, empower your people to be the helpers to those desperate for relief. Do not let us shrink from loving our neighbors now and through the long months of recovery that are yet to come. We remember, too, the many among us feeling crushed under the weight of this persistent pandemic. Comfort those who grieve, heal the sick, encourage the caregivers, provide for your people unable to make ends meet. Make of your followers those who fish for people and mend the communal safety nets that keep your children from drowning when the storms of life churn.

Knowing that we are put in a community to care for each other, that our fate is inextricably tied to that of others, we pray to be peacemakers and ambassadors of reconciliation, to work for ways of life together that bind up rather than tear down, to be those who let loose mercy and overflowing justice.

Gracious God, you hear the cries of your people and find a way to set them free: free from oppression, free from exploitation, free from anything that prevents the abundant life Christ came to give. As partakers of your grace, we boldly ask to be participants in your kingdom's coming until the time when every tribe and every nation is healed and whole, gathered together and praising our Savior and Lord, the one who taught us to say when we pray, Our Father...

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Closing Hymn #281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Benediction

Postlude

Amazing Grace, arranged by Jack Shrader

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Virtual Worship Opportunities

Sundays, 10 am
FB Livestream Sunday Service

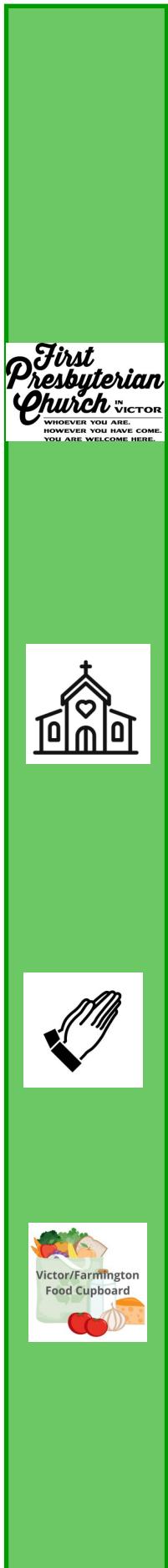
Wednesdays, 7 pm
FB Livestream Prayer Service

Wednesdays, 8 pm
*Devotional/Prayer Time
via ZOOM**

Office Hours

Starting the week of September 13, 2020, formal office hours will be Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10-2. Immediate concerns on other days can be emailed to Courtney Maltman at office@victorpres.org. The office email is checked regularly and we will get back to you asap.

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Reopening Plans

Starting on Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 pm we will be opening the sanctuary to in-person attendance for our mid-week devotional service. This service is shorter in duration, does not include our full music staff, and provides a good format for us to establish and practice our safety protocols.

Details about our safety plan, registration, and participant expectations will be shared soon in a separate communication.

Worship Support Team

We are creating a COVID Worship Support Team to enable our return to in-person services in our sanctuary.

We need lots of help to make this possible and share the work which includes:

- * Publishing the rules that will keep us safe in accordance with NYS and the CDC.
 - * Training our team.
 - * Preparing our sanctuary and building.
 - * Managing regular cleaning in coordination with our custodian.
 - * Managing pre-registration and on-site registrations.
 - * Serve as ushers on a regular shared schedule.
- We need your help! Please contact the church office, David Henderson or Megan Antonitto to volunteer.

Prayer requests

During Sunday worship and Wednesday evening prayer time on FB livestream, Pastor Colin invites you to share your prayer requests. It is understood that not everyone wants to share those requests on a public forum. If you would like to keep your prayer requests private or anonymous, please message Pastor Colin directly at pastor@victorpres.org or call 585-734-7007.

Victor/Farmington Food Cupboard

Hi Food Cupboard friends! Sept. 1 is the beginning of Hunger Action Month. As you know, hunger is a global issue so we'll be sharing information this month about ways to increase food equity and running some fun virtual contests to mark Hunger Action Day on September 10th! If you have a smart phone and you're trying to stay active these days, you may want to consider getting the free app Charity Miles. There are dozens of charities to choose from and two of them are dear to our hearts: Feeding America and the World Food Programme. It's an easy app to use and won't cost you a cent. When you are going for a walk (indoors or out), run or bike you just start the app and choose your activity and charity. Corporations sponsor your activity so you'll see a quick message telling you who is sponsoring you and then they give money to the charity you chose. Easy! You make yourself healthier while making the world better, aren't you smart??