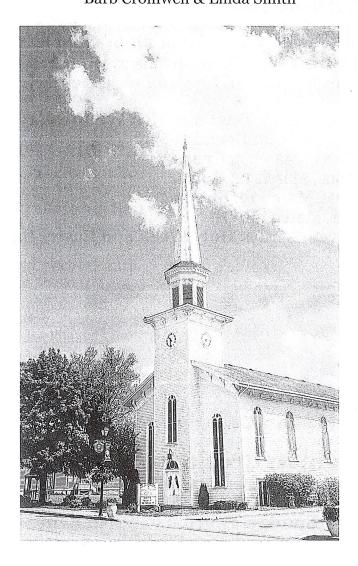
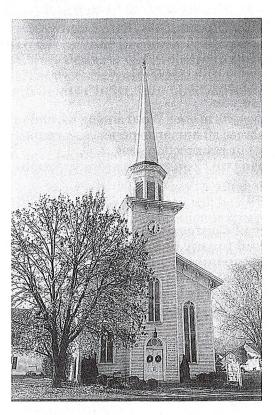
### Thank you to these members who are helping with worship today-

AV: Bill & Samantha Martz
Liturgist: Donna Schake
Greeter & Fellowship:
Barb Cromwell & Linda Smith



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First Presbyterian Church 70 East Main Street Victor, NY 14564 585-924-2289 www.victorpres.org Pastor Nick Dorland Organist Ayn Patrowicz

Order of Worship February 12, 2023, 10am 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany \*Please stand if you are able.

**Prelude** 

"Speak, O Lord" arr. by Lloyd Larson

### Welcome & Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Creator God, because you make all that draws forth our praise and the forms in which to express it,

we praise you.

Because you make artists of us all, awakening courage to look again at what is taken for granted, grace to share these insights with others, vision to reveal the future already in being,

we praise you.

Because you form your Word among us, and in your great work embrace all human experience, even death itself, inspiring our resurrection song,

we praise you. Yours is the glory. Amen.

### \*Opening Hymn

"Speak O Lord"

**Unison Prayer of Confession** 

You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose.

I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard.

You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice.

I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see. You asked for my life, that you might work through me.

I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.

Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you—only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. **Amen.** 

### \*Gloria Patri

### \*Passing the Peace

### **Unison Prayer for Illumination**

Our Lord and our God, now as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit. Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence. Sharpen our minds that we may discern your truth. Shape our wills that we may desire your ways.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Scripture

Matthew 5:21-37

**Concerning Anger** 

21 "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder,' and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' 22 But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment, and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council, and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. 23 So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. 25 Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. 26 Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

**Concerning Adultery** 

27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' 28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

### Scripture (cont.)

**Concerning Divorce** 

31 "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' 32 But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

**Concerning Oaths** 

33 "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' 34 But I say to you: Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

Sermon

"But I say..."

Hymn of Invitation #513

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, you made the world to hum in harmony; you listened and you called it good. In time we broke off from singing the song and went our own way, but you called us back and when the time was right you came in flesh and blood to live as one of us.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest.

In Christ, dividing walls are broken down— no Jew or Greek, male and female, slave or free. You are there on every spectrum, in every color, at every table.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

By your Spirit, make us one. By your Spirit, make us whole. By your Spirit, make this bread and cup your body and blood, that we may know communion with you and with each other.

Take our hearts, our lives, our hands; mold us, change us, and send us out, that we may be your body in the world you so love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen** 

### Communion

Offering \*Doxology

\*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Song (insert) "O Love T

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

\*Benediction

**Postlude** "Psalm 19: The Heavens Declare the Glory of the Lord" by Benedetto Marcello

Please join us in Corey Hall after worship for cake and fellowship, to offer Pastor Nick well wishes as he moves on to this next phase in his journey!



### Upcoming Church & Community events to add to your calendars: \*details on each event in your eNews\*

### Church Calendar

Sunday, February 12th

10 am Sunday Worship w/ Communion
11:15am \*Fellowship Hour/Farewell for Pastor Nick
7:30pm AA & Al-Anon meetings

Monday, February 13th

7 pm Joint Session/Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, February 15th

1 pm Blanket Squares Group

Thursday, February 16th

Noon Bridge Class 5:30 pm Girl Scouts

Friday, February 17th

7pm AA Meeting

Saturday, February 18th

10-3 pm GV Handspinners5-6:30 pm Community Dinner (Sloppy Joe's)



**Lent Book Study** 

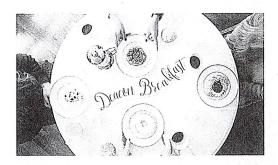
Grab a cup of coffee after worship and join us for a 7-week study on the book *Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill J. Duffield. The study will run on Sundays from February 19th through April 2nd. Topics for each week include:

Week One, Feb 19: Dust and Ash Wednesday

Week Two, Feb 26: **Bread**Week Three, March 5: **Cross**Week Four, March 12: **Coins**Week Five, March 19: **Shoes** 

Week Six, March 26: Oil

Week Seven, April 2: Holy Week and Easter Sunday

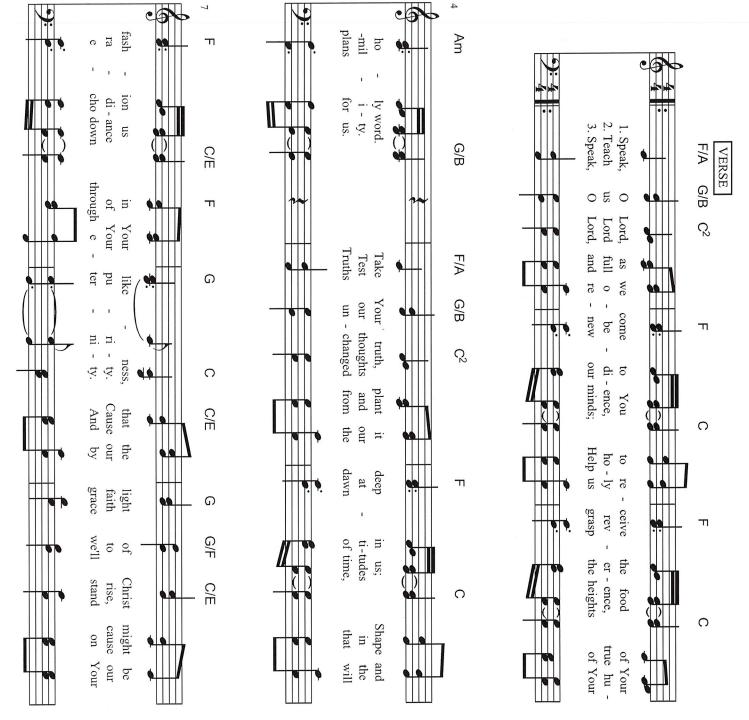


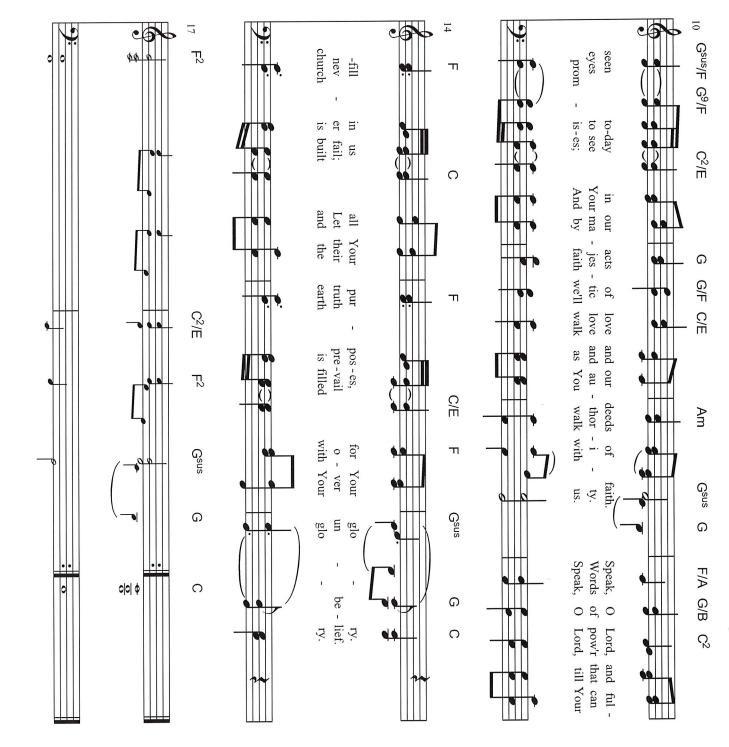
### Pre-Lenten Breakfast

Add this to your calendars! Your Deacons are hosting a Pre-Lenten Celebration Breakfast for the congregation on **Sunday**, **February 19th at 9am**Join us for food and fellowship!

## Speak O Lord

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend





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