

Church Calendar

***Pastor Nick is on vacation this Sunday**

Sunday, May 15

10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Fellowship Hour
3:30 pm Girl Scouts
7:30 pm A.A. & Al Anon

Monday, May 16

7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting

Thursday, May 19

6:30 pm Book Study

Friday, May 20

7:00 pm A.A. Meeting

Saturday, May 21

10-3 pm GV Handspinners
5-6:30 pm Community Dinner (Sausage Stew)

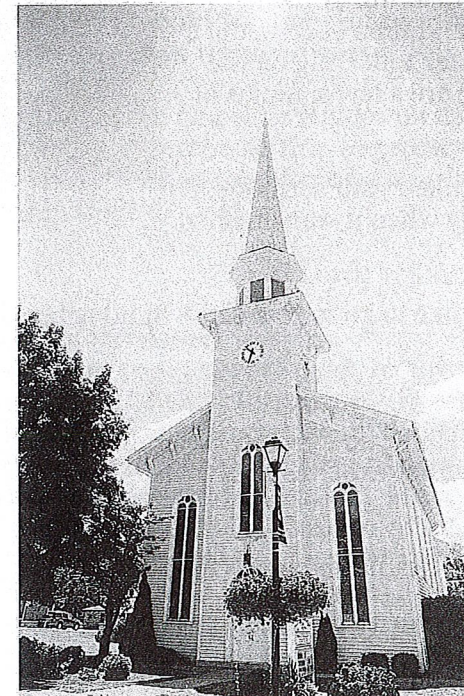
Sunday, May 22

10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Fellowship Hour
11:15 am *Congregational Meeting
11:45 am Church Clean-up
7:30 pm A.A. & Al Anon

**Rev. Boak is a retired pastor in Genesee Valley Presbytery. He is a graduate of Grove City College and Princeton Theological Seminary. Rev. Boak has served congregations in Pennsylvania and Ohio before being called to the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford from which he was honorably retired in 2017. Bruce and his wife Martha, have a son, a daughter, three granddaughters, and a grand-dog.*

First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

**WHOEVER YOU ARE.
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.**



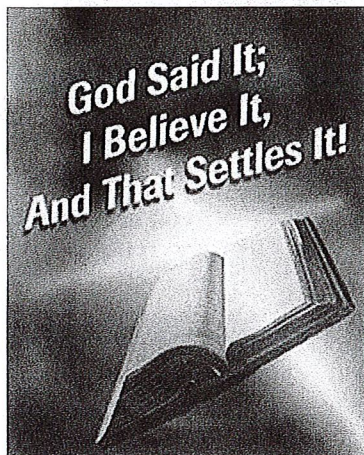
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Order of Worship
5th Sunday of Eastertide
***Please stand if you are able.**

May 15, 2022, 10am

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Hal Brady quotes Dr. Rodney E. Wilmoth, St. Paul United Methodist Church, Omaha, Nebraska, for the following illustration: "A group of 9- and 10-year-olds attended worship one Sunday morning and then each wrote a letter to the minister reflecting on the experience." Here are a few samples of their letters:



Dear Reverend, I liked your sermon Sunday. Especially when it was finished.
--Ralph, 10.

Dear Reverend, I like to go to church on Sunday because I don't have any choice.
--Margaret, 10.

Dear Reverend, Thank you for your sermon Sunday. I will write more when my mother explains to me what you said.
--Justin, 9.

Dear Reverend, I think more people would come to church if you would move it to Disneyland.
--Loreen, 9.

Lectionary for Today: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148:1-14;
Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

Rev. Boak is spending some time this spring thinking about common phrases we say to provide support and to console one another. Are they true? "God Won't Give You More than You Can Handle," or "The Lord Helps Those Who Help Themselves," or "Everything Happens for a Reason." Today he will consider "God Said It, I Believe It, and That Settles It."

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude "Processional on 'Ora Labora'" arr. by Hal Hopson

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Let the righteous be joyful and exult before God!
Sing to God, sing praises o God's name.

The Spirit of God rests upon us;
the glory of Christ has been revealed to us!

God has granted us homes in which to dwell.

God draws us into a spiritual community,

God's goodness provides for the needy;

God's power equips us to witness.

Come now that we may pray together.

Let us lift up songs to One who resides on the clouds.

We come to the source of life for new strength.

We seek unity within and among us.

Let us worship God!

* **Hymn #252**

O Lord, You Are My God and King

* **Prayer of the Day (Unison)**

We have come together, O God, longing for a glimpse of heaven. Out of the clamor and fiery ordeal of the world, we bring our anxieties and suffering to this place of meeting. Here we find others who share our quest for meaning and purpose. Here we reflect on your generosity and take time to pray. Reveal yourself to us in the ancient texts of scripture, our prayers and our medication, even in the faces of each other, so we may learn how to recognize your presence with us in other times and places. Amen.

* **Call to Confession**

* **Prayer of Confession**

Receive us, God, a fearful and broken people. Receive us in all our false pride and shattered humanity. Embrace us in our bewilderment and anxiety. Save us from the wrong we do and the evil we allow. Tame our rebellion, strengthen our faith, and establish your reign among us. The, O Lord, please grant us courage to live more fully as your people. Amen.

* **Words of Assurance**

God is present to assure us of unfailing love. The Spirit of God rests upon us with healing power. God restores, establishes, and strengthens us. Surely, when Jesus said, "Father, forgive them for what they do," he was making a petition on our behalf, too. We have seen your love, O God! We are blessed. And so we rejoice in our gladness for your grace, we sing praises.

* **Gloria Patri #579**

Glory Be to the Father

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 23:12-25

¹² "You shall have a designated area outside the camp to which you shall go. ¹³ With your tools you shall have a trowel; when you relieve yourself outside, you shall dig a hole with it and then cover up your excrement. ¹⁴ Because the LORD your God travels along with your camp, to save you and to hand over your enemies to you, therefore your camp must be holy, so that he may not see anything indecent among you and turn away from you.

¹⁵ "You shall not return to their owners slaves who have escaped to you from their owners. ¹⁶ They shall reside with you, in your midst, in any place they choose in any one of your towns, wherever they please; you shall not oppress them.

¹⁷ "None of the daughters of Israel shall serve in an illicit shrine; none of the sons of Israel shall serve in an illicit shrine. ¹⁸ You shall not bring the fee of a prostitute or the wages of a dog into the house of the LORD your God in payment for any vow, for both of these are abhorrent to the LORD your God.

¹⁹ "You shall not charge interest on loans to another Israelite, interest on money, interest on provisions, interest on anything that is lent. ²⁰ On loans to a foreigner you may charge interest, but on loans to another Israelite you may not charge interest, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all your undertakings in the land that you are about to enter and possess.

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Old Testament Reading (cont.)

²¹ "If you make a vow to the LORD your God, do not postpone fulfilling it, for the LORD your God will surely require it of you, and you would incur guilt. ²² But if you refrain from vowing, you will not incur guilt. ²³ Whatever your lips utter you must diligently perform, just as you have freely vowed to the LORD your God with your own mouth.

²⁴ "If you go into your neighbor's vineyard, you may eat your fill of grapes, as many as you wish, but you shall not put any in a container.

²⁵ "If you go into your neighbor's standing grain, you may pluck the ears with your hand, but you shall not put a sickle to your neighbor's standing grain.

Moment for All Ages

Collect (Responsive)

Who can believe the good news that witnesses tell us?
How shall we listen with hearts that are hardened and jealous?
Come now to hear
All that the Spirit makes clear,
Offering pardon and wellness.

**When God's forgiveness is showered on people
repenting,
Surely our doubts and our skeptical views are
relenting.
Hope in the light,
Using your God-given sight,
Now in your word so believing.**

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 2

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

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Epistle Reading (cont.)

⁵ For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth. ⁸ I desire, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument, ⁹ also that the women should dress themselves in moderate clothing with reverence and self-control, not with their hair braided or with gold, pearls, or expensive clothes, ¹⁰ but with good works, as is proper for women who profess reverence for God. ¹¹ Let a woman learn in silence with full submission. ¹² I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she is to keep silent. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve, ¹⁴ and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵ Yet she will be saved through childbearing, provided they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:17-20

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Sermon

“God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response #327

O Word of God Incarnate

Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

*Offertory Prayer of Dedication (unison)

All we have is from you, O God. All that we enjoy is the rich bounty of your love poured out on us. In Christ, we have witnessed your care; in Christ, we have learned to share. In joy, we worship you with our gifts and present ourselves for your blessing. Send your Spirit once more to empower our service, in Christ’s name. Amen.

Intimations

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE GOD

* Hymn #838 GTG

Standing on the Promises

You can’t sing Standing on the Promises when you are sitting on the premises.

* Charge

I Corinthians 16:33; II Timothy 2:1,

Ephesians 6:10; I Thessalonians 5:13-22; I Peter 2:17

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

* Benediction

Postlude

“Marche Royale” by Jean-Baptiste Lully
arr. by Hal Hopson

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

AV: Bill Martz

Greeters & Fellowship Hour:

Karen Tripp & Barb Cromwell

O Word of God Incarnate

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William Walsham How, 1867
As in *Psalter Hymnal*, 1987

Neuvermehrtes Meiningsches Gesangbuch, 1693
Adapt. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2. The church from You, dear Sav - ior, Re - ceived this gift di - vine,
3. O make Your church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of pur - est gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
And still that light is lift - ed On all the earth to shine.
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light, as of old;

We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
O teach Your wan - dering pil - grims By this our path to trace.

A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
A - mid the rocks and quick - sands, Still guides, O Christ, to You.
Till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, We see You face to face.

838 Standing on the Promises

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
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Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of “stand” and “promise(s),” the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (see no. 553).

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God,