*Closing Song #435

"We All Are One in Mission"

*Benediction

The love of God the Father, the faithful creator, the peace of Christ, the wounded healer, the joy of the challenging Spirit, the hope of the Three in One surround and encourage you today, tonight, and forever. **Amen.**

Postlude

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" arr. by James Mansfield

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 21st

10:00 am

Worship

11:15 am

Fellowship Hour

7:30 pm

A.A. & Al Anon Meetings

Tuesday, August 23rd

10:00 am

Free Panera

Wednesday, August 24th

7:00 pm

Worship Committee Meeting

Friday, August 26th

7:00 pm

A.A. Meeting

Saturday, August 27th

5-6:30 pm

Community Dinner (Chicken salad sandwiches)

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

AV: Steve Simpson Greeter: Karen Tripp

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HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME. YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.



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 August 21st, 2022, 10am 11th Sunday after Pentecost *Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus", arr. by Melody Bober

Welcome & Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

God, our Rock, our refuge, our resting place, we come to you. Out of another busy week of work, out of our struggles to be meaningful in our world, out of our desire to meet you and know you as the center of our being, we come to you, O unmovable Rock of our security. Amen.

*Opening Hymn (insert)

"Open Our Eyes"

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen**

*Gloria Patri #579

"Glory Be to the Father"

*Passing the Peace

Moment for All Ages

Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts— a spring of hope for a thirsty world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture (insert)

2 Corinthians 5:11-6:10

Sermon

"Sufficient Grace: Ministry of Reconciliation"

Hymn of Response #368

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

Offering *Doxology

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

God of all peoples and God of all places, we present these offerings, that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them we offer our varied ministries, that each of us may be a part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

God of all kindness, you gave your only Son, because you loved the world so much. We pray for the peace of the world. Move among us by your Spirit, break down barriers of fear, suspicion, and hatred. Heal the human family of its divisions and unite it in the bonds of justice and peace.

We pray for our country. Enrich our common life; strengthen the forces of truth and goodness; teach us to share prosperity, that those whose lives are impoverished may pass from need and despair to dignity and joy.

We pray for those who suffer. Surround them with your love, support them with your strength, console them with your comfort, and give them hope and courage beyond themselves.

We pray for our families, for those whom we love. Protect them at home; support them in times of difficulty and anxiety, that they may grow together in mutual love and understanding, and rest content in one another. We pray for the Church. Keep us true to the gospel and responsive to the gifts and needs of all. Make known your saving power in Jesus Christ, by the witness of our faith, our worship, and our life...

The Ministry of Reconciliation

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade people, but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for the one who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

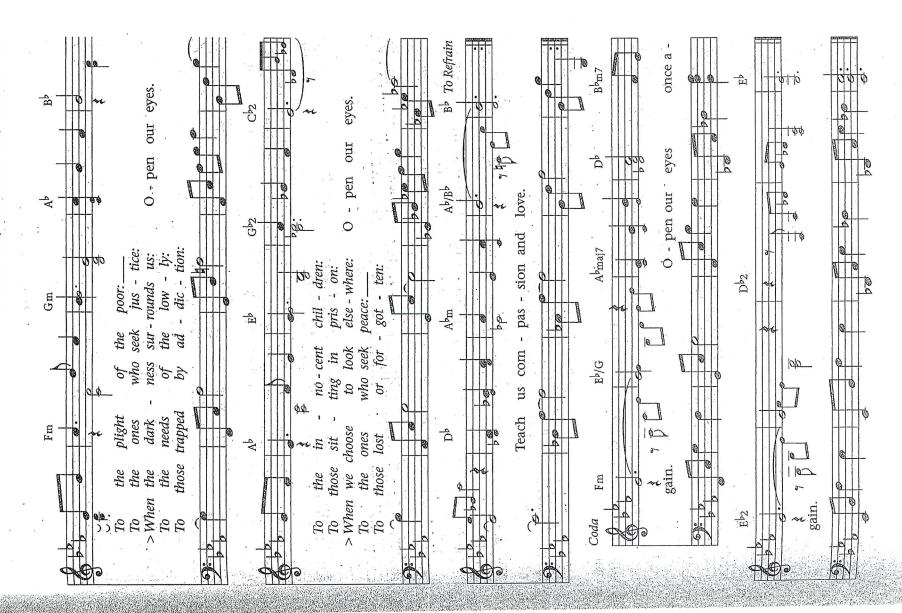
6 As we work together with him, we entreat you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ² For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

Look, now is the acceptable time; look, now is the day of salvation! 3 We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, 4 but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: in great endurance, afflictions, hardships, calamities, 5 beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ in purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, 7 truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; 8 in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors and yet are true, 9 as unknown and yet are well known, as dying and look—we are alive, as punished and yet not killed, 10 as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing and yet possessing everything.



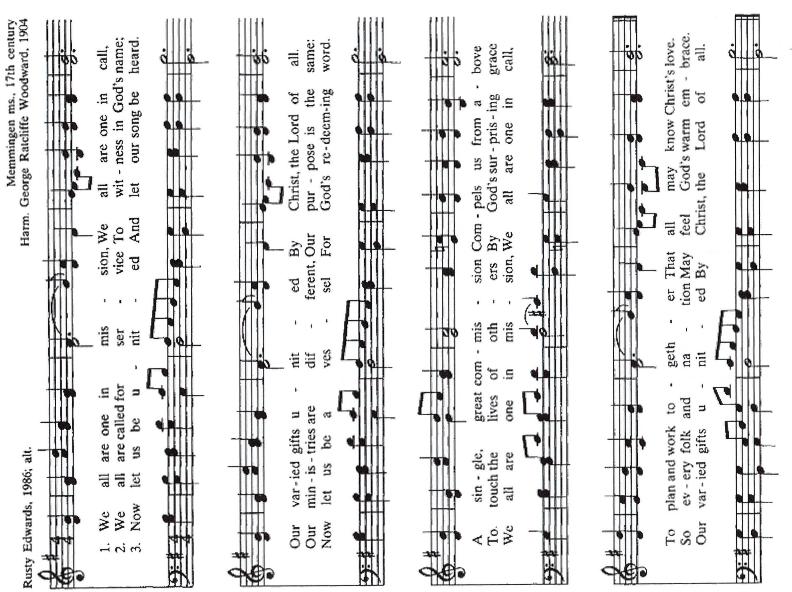
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