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# Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

August 25, 2019

10:00am

11th Sunday After Pentecost

## DRAWN INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

**Welcome and Greeting**

*(Please complete Prayer Concerns)*

### **Gathering Prayer:**

God of healing and reconciliation, you free us from our burdens and promise us safety and refuge. Help us to trust in your power, that we may praise you without qualification and rejoice in the power of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Prelude:**

#### **Call to Worship:** *based on Jeremiah 1:4-10*

God says, "Before you were a glimmer in your mama's eye, I had plans for you."

**We are a consecrated people, anointed and appointed for ministry.**

But I said, "Lord, I don't know what to say, for I am only a child."

**God says, "Fear not! I will give you the right words, because I have chosen YOU."**

**We are God's children; let us worship God!**

**\*Opening Song of Praise:** "I the Lord of Sea and Sky/Here I Am, Lord" #69  
(Prayer Concerns Collected)

## AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

### **\*Call to Confession**

Our God is compassionate and merciful, knowing us with an intimacy we cannot comprehend. There is nothing we have done, or left undone, that is not already known by God. This gives us confidence, to be fully ourselves, that we can be fully forgiven. Let us confess our sin.

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

**Unison**

**God of Life, you promise us a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving. But we forget, and yield to fear. We trust in the tangible rewards of this world, and neglect your promises. We confess that we are**

**a divided people; we encourage separations and widen rifts in our families, our communities, and in the world. Open us to your healing. Free us from all that distances us from your presence. Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with courage; through Jesus Christ who comes to save. Amen.**

**\*Time of Silent Confession**

**\*Declaration of Forgiveness**

Promising forgiveness and the sustenance we need to amend our lives, God rejoices in our longing for wholeness.

**We give thanks that we have been known and forgiven, set free to live the resurrected life of faith.**

**\* Gloria:** "Halle, Halle, Halle" #591

**Our Faithful Response:** "We Cannot Measure How You Heal" #797

**LISTENING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Lessons:**

**Jeremiah 1:4-10**

**4** Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, **5** "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

**6** Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." **7** But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. **8** Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

**9** Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. **10** See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

**Luke 13:10-17**

<sup>10</sup>Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

<sup>14</sup>But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup>When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

**Sermon:** "Set Free"

**The Rev. Leslie Latham**

### **RESPONDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**\*Affirmation of Faith:**

**Unison**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Invitation to the Offering:**

Friends, let us love not only in our words but also in our deeds through the tithes and offerings that we give today.

**Offertory:****\*Praising God's Goodness – Doxology**

#606

**\*Prayer of Dedication:****Unison**

**Loving God, we rejoice that our lives are already consecrated by you. Inspired by the knowledge of your love, giving thanks for the gifts you offer us each day, we pray that these offerings and our lives may further your kingdom on earth. Amen.**

**ABIDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD****\*Hymn of Sending:** "What Does the Lord Require of You?"

#70

**\*Benediction:****\*Postlude:**

\* Those who are able, please stand

**WORSHIP AIDS:**

**Large Print Bulletins, Hymnals & Hearing Devices – available from ushers. Children's Sanctuary - at the rear of the church**

**Baby Changing Tables - in both rest rooms of Church School Building.**

**Deacon's Prayer Chain - To activate Prayer Chain call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319.**

**New Prayer Concerns or Joys**

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**Prayer Concerns or Joys Last Week:** Shirley Hagle, Inga, Bonnie Bringhurst, Kathy, and Family of Ruth Gebera.

**Continuing Prayers:** Scott Greenawalt, Pat & Bob Erisman, Kris Yettra, Judy Geerkin, Paul Card, Nadia, Doris Carlson, Bonnie Bringhurst, Marlene Tyrrell, Deal Kowsky, and Bonnie Zimmer.

**Prayers and caring for our homebound:** Marge Klinger; Georgia Anson; Fay Tag; Doris Carlson; Alice Weber; Bob Palfi; Lillian Simon; Joy Welch; Wilma Bender; Margaret McBride; Peggy Hess, and Sue Strasser.

*Because God's love is for all - everyone is always welcome.  
We pray that God may bless you with peace, inspiration, and strength. We are a community, seeking to learn what it means to follow Jesus. No matter what you may be going through, no matter where you may be on your faith journey – you are most welcome here! If you would like more information, please call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319*

**LITURGIST:** Nancy Bassett

**GREETER:** Janet Schurr

**USHERS:** Team 1

**STEPHEN MINISTERS:** are always available to provide confidential support in times of need. Simply call Janet Haacker @ 694-4290.

**REMINDER:** Please call Pastor Leslie @ 490-0420 or Judy in the office @ 692-1319 if you or a loved one are ill, hospitalized or in need of a visit.

**“Early Autumn Sale” and Luncheon: Wednesday, September 4**

Circle II Women's Group will hold their “Early Autumn Sale” and luncheon on Wednesday, September 4 from 10am-1:00pm. Lunch will be served from 11am-12:30pm featuring Chicken Salad Plate, fresh baked pie, and a beverage for a cost of \$6.00. Come and shop the Mini-Boutique, Thrift Shop, and Plant Place and relax and have a delicious lunch. Proceeds to benefit local charities. Take-out is available for \$6.50.

**Rally Day: Sunday, September 8 at 9:30am in the Parlor**

Hope you all had a fun summer and are ready to come back to Sunday School. There are a lot of fun activities planned for this year. Come and check it out! A healthy snack will be available.

**Music for Meals - Marla Maertin Tribute Concert: Sunday, September 8 at 5pm**

Both the choir and Hearts4Worship will be playing music for this concert at 1<sup>st</sup> Pres Church, along with other local musical groups. This should be a wonderful event and we're excited to share our music. Proceeds will benefit the North Tonawanda Inter-faith Food Panty and the Good Shepherd Food Panty.

**Church Women United Annual Meeting & Luncheon:** Mark your calendars for Friday, September 13 at 12 noon at our church in Fellowship Hall. See Donna Bliston for questions.

**Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering: Saturday, September 21 at 10am**

Please join the PW Women at their Fall luncheon and meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Springville. The speakers are Sherry Pomeroy, PHD, RN and Elizabeth A. Ingold from Ingold Law Firm where the topics will include wills, Advance Directives, Health Care Proxy, Health Care Advocate, and Funeral Planning, etc. The cost for lunch is \$7.00. Any questions, please contact Jane Crossan.

**Adult Sunday School: Sunday, September 22 at 9:45am**

Regular Class will begin on September 22 at our usual time of 9:45am. If you wish, feel free to join with the "younger classes" on Sept 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30a in the parlor. Your "class leader" will be away on Sept 15<sup>th</sup> but is looking forward to another year of great discussions & spiritual insights! We welcome all "new adults" to our journey in understanding God's Word for us today!

**Clerk On The Go Outreach: Sunday, September 22 at 12pm**

Our church is hosting this event right after worship on September 22. Staff from the Erie County Clerk's office will be here to present information about Enhanced Driver's Licenses, Real ID Program, passport applications, etc. This event is free and open to the public, so tell your family and friends. Flyer is posted in the Narthex.

**Homecoming Sunday Potluck: Sunday, September 29 at 12:15pm**

On our fifth Sundays, we like to do something a little different. On September 29, we'll celebrate Homecoming Sunday, a time to welcome (back) folks who have been part of our community for a long time, a little time, "haven't been here in a while but it's my home" time, "I've been meaning to stop back" time. We'll gather for worship with communion--like we do it on Christmas Eve--and after worship, we'll gather for a potluck dinner. If the weather's amenable, we hope we can worship in the courtyard one more time! So bring your favorite homey dish to share, your place settings, your friends and family, and let's celebrate Homecoming in God's Kingdom. See you there.

**Sub Sandwich Luncheon: Sunday, October 6 at 12:15pm**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 6 at 12:15pm. The Deacons are sponsoring a Sub Sandwich Luncheon right after worship. Bring a can tomato soup or chicken noodle soup or a box of macaroni and cheese for donation to the Tonawanda School Holiday Party. Monetary donations are also welcome. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

## August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>25</b> Worship 10a	<b>26</b> AA 9a  TOPS 6:30p	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Circle II 9a	<b>29</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p  <b>H4W 6:30p</b> <b>Choir 7:30p</b>	<b>30</b> UFO 7p	<b>31</b>

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<b>1</b> Worship 10a	<b>2</b> Office Closed  AA 9a  TOPS 6:30p	<b>3</b> Deacons 1p	<b>4</b> “Early Autumn Sale” 10:00a-1:30p	<b>5</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p  <b>Worship Team 6p</b>  <b>H4W 6:30p</b> <b>Choir 7:30p</b>	<b>6</b> UFO 7p	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Rally Day Sunday School 9:30a  Worship 11a  Music for Meals 5p	<b>9</b> AA 9a  TOPS 6:30p	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Circle II 9a	<b>12</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p  <b>H4W 6:30p</b> <b>Choir 7:30p</b>	<b>13</b> Church Women United Annual Meeting 12p Fellowship Hall  UFO 7p	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Sunday School 9:30a  Worship 11a	<b>16</b> AA 9a  TOPS 6:30p  <b>CE Mtg 6p</b> <b>Session 7p</b>	<b>17</b> Memory Lane 10:30am-2:30pm	<b>18</b> Circle II 9a  Healing Service 6:30p	<b>19</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p  <b>H4W 6:30p</b> <b>Choir 7:30p</b>	<b>20</b> UFO 7p	<b>21</b> PW Fall Gathering 10a 1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Church in Springville
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