

The Three Voices Presbyterian Church
Peg Ward: Parish Associate
Organist: Norma Palamara
May 5, 2024

PRELUDE: "Ave Verum" by Mozart

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Welcome to worship this morning! Please pay attention to the important announcements in your bulletin and if you have any questions, please call any of the Elders or Deacons listed in your bulletin.

We will be using the BLUE hymnal today

***Please stand if you are able**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

(inspired by Psalm 98, Acts 10:44-48, John 15:9-17)

The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:

Let our joy be complete!

Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song:

Love one another!

Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song:

No longer servants but friends!

Come, let our worship make a joyful noise,

Rejoicing in the friendship of God.

Amen.

MORNING PRAYER (In Unison)

Lord, we are gathered here today as one body, because you chose to call us your friends. We come from all walks of life. We have had our share of good days and bad days. In the world's eye, we aren't good enough or worthy enough to have this bond; but in your sight, we are exactly who you need. Despite all the drama, we made it here to worship and praise your name. May the love we experience today in worship restore us, revive

us, refresh us. God, use our broken selves as tools of hope and love on this day. Lord, we love you. Thank you for loving us and calling us your friends. It's in your name, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN: #403 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***CONFESSION:**

Loving and merciful One, we thank you for the community in which you have placed us, for the brothers and sisters with whom we walk this pilgrim journey.

Yet, we confess that we fail to love as you love.

We push aside those whom we believe are the least in your Kingdom.

We fail to see your Kingdom in parables because we fail to see your Kingdom in each other.

Form in us a new vision of community in which there is neither East nor West, neither South nor North.

We pray for the sake of your Kingdom that both is and is not yet. Amen.

Posted in Hearing the Parables with the Early Church on the Baylor University

website. <http://www.baylor.edu/christianethics/parablesstudyguide2.pdf>.

Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/06/prayer-loving-others.html>.

***A time of silent confession**

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI #579**

ANTHEM: “Love One Another”

Performed by Alex Palese, vocalist

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE JOHN 15: 9-17

Karen Schmidt is our reader today.

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

MEDITATION

Pastor Peg Ward

***APOSTLE’S CREED: P 14 (Traditional)**

***HYMN: #343 “Called As Partners in Christ’s Service”**

OFFERTORY

***Doxology #592**

HOLY COMMUNION

**Please follow the liturgy on page 13 in the Blue Hymnal
We will speak all parts except “Holy, Holy Holy Lord”**

***HYMN: #367 “Jesu, Jesu Fill Us With Your Love”**

***BENEDICTION**

As Christ has loved you, so love one another,
and abide always in God's love,
that your joy may be complete.

May God provide for you in Christ's name.

May Jesus call you friends.

And may the Holy Spirit confirm the truth within you and
make your joy complete.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

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Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/04/benediction-easter-6-b.html>.

POSTLUDE: "Lift Up Your Songs of Praise"
By Camille Saint-Saens, arr. by Stewart Landon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

With confidentiality in mind, we are now using PRAYER REQUEST forms for folks to ask for prayer concerns, joys and challenges. Please limit your request to the FIRST NAME of the person and a brief explanation of the reason for prayers.

PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNER: First Presbyterian Church, Ilion

We will continue to mail and broadcast the full service for those who are unable to attend. For On-Line Video of this Service visit:

Three Voices Web Page and Facebook Page

Posted Sunday afternoons

PRAYER REQUESTS—Nayeli, our sponsored child in Guatemala and Leul, our sponsored child in Ethiopia, Linda and John Marafioti, Edith Lohr, Dalton Priervo, Dorothy and Neil Clark, Patty Reap, Tim Waterman, Kerry Boyce, Bob Stanton, John Wellman, Deb Rifenburg, Chad K., Betsy Sadlon, and Carol Dygert.

Remember our members who are unable to get out on a regular basis in prayer, with phone calls, and/or greeting cards: Ginny Elliott, Joyce Sieniecki, Jack Schuyler

WORSHIP SERVICE

May—Oneida Castle

June—Verona

MAY BIRTHDAYS

11 Janice Freer

11 Joyce Sieniecki

TITHES AND OFFERINGS—

As we continue to follow COVID policies we will place our collection plates at the front and rear of the sanctuary. Please leave your offering in them as you enter or exit. We will dedicate these gifts during the worship service.

Now that the Three Voices Presbyterian Church merger is official, we have transitioned from three individual checking accounts to one. Please write checks to THREE VOICES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Our official address for the Three Voices Presbyterian Church is PO Box 114, Verona, New York 13478.

MISSION—Please continue to support our food outreach mission:

Karing Kitchen: checks to The First Methodist Church, 116 W Grove Street, Oneida, 13421, with the notation KARING KITCHEN

Vernon Food Pantry: make checks payable to the HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY and mail to Spirit of Hope, 121 St. Joseph's Place, Oneida, NY, 13421

Verona Area Food Pantry donations may be made out to Verona Food Pantry, PO Box 75, Verona 13478. Please bring all food donations to either church or the Verona Post Office. Donations are also needed at the Blessing Box in the parking lot of the Verona Fire Department.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - We are now reviewing the book "Walking In The Dust Of Rabbi Jesus" by Lois Tverberg and meet at 8:45 a.m.

WOMEN/DEACONS will meet Tuesday, May 7, at 10:00, in Verona.

SESSION will meet Wednesday, May 8, at 6:00, at Oneida Castle.

ECLIPSE GLASSES: DEADLINE TODAY

FIELD TRIP! During our visit from Lynn Fox of Clear Path for Veterans last November, we were invited to visit the facility. Arrangements have been made for us to do so on Wednesday, May 15th. We are expected at the facility at 11:30 for a tour followed by lunch where we will mingle with the veterans. There is no charge for lunch. However, a donation box is available for contributions. Car pooling will be available. Please let Pastor Peg know if you are interested in this trip by May 7th. Reservations are needed. Phone 315 480 4174.

BOOK CLUB is reading “The Educated” by Tara Westover. They will meet Tuesday, May 14, at 10:00, in Verona, to discuss the book. Everyone is welcome.

MEN’S BREAKFAST will be Saturday, May 18, at 9:30, at the Corner Diner in Sherrill.

BOTTLE AND CAN RETURN--You may drop your redeemable bottles and cans off at the return centers at the Northside Shopping Center in Oneida or GreenWorld on Erie Boulevard in Rome. Simply tell them that you are donating to the Town of Verona Food Pantry. You don’t even need to wait for them to count your donation! So far we have had over \$225. In donations.

DEVOTION MATERIAL--The Upper Room and These Days are available at both churches in the fellowship room. If you are unable to get to the church and would like copies of these devotions, please let Irma know and I will arrange to have one delivered to you.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

www.threevoicespresbyterian.org

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THREE VOICES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WE CARE...In an effort to insure that we are informed of illnesses, absences, and significant happenings in the lives of our congregation, we need everyone's assistance. If you are aware of someone who is ill, in the hospital, or simply in need of our assistance, **PLEASE** contact an elder or a deacon.

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