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# Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

August 5, 2018

10:00am

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**We Welcome Aaron Tham as our Musician**

## **DRAWN INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

### **Welcome and Greeting**

*(Please complete Prayer Concerns)*

### **Gathering Prayer:**

Loving God, as you fed your people in the wilderness, use our gifts, time, and talents as the manna to meet the hungers of the world in which we live. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

### **Prelude:**

### **Call to Worship:**

The bread of heaven, the food of life, awaits us here.

**We are hungry and longing for God's abundance.**

The promise of deep forgiveness surrounds us here.

**We are lost and yearning to be found.**

God waits to pour out the gifts of the Spirit,

**That we might live the life of faith.**

**Come, let us worship God!**

**\*Opening Song of Praise:** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" #446  
(Prayer Concerns Collected)

## **AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE**

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

God has given us a sign showing that love is stronger than death. The sign of the cross points to our exodus from bondage to sin. Let us repent, seek God's forgiveness, and enter into new life in Christ.

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

Eternal God, you desire truth in our very beings. We treat others unjustly, but do not admit our sin against you.

**Put a new and right spirit within us.**

We are outraged when someone else is unjust, but do not admit our own guilt.

**Put a new and right spirit within us.**

We demand punishment for others, but do not admit our own fear of punishment.

**Put a new and right spirit within us.**

O God, teach us again that you desire honest hearts.

**Forgive us, O God; put a new and right spirit within us, and open our lips to proclaim your praise. Amen.**

*\*Time of Silent Confession*

**\*Declaration of Forgiveness**

Unison

**The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again and again and again. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**\*Gloria Patri:** "Halle, Halle, Halle"

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## LISTENING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Lessons:**

*John 6:24-35*

<sup>24</sup>So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. <sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my

Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup>They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

### *Ephesians 4:1-16*

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." <sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

**Sermon:** "Gifts & Blessings"

**The Rev. Leslie Latham**

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

**\*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed**

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.**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

The worship God blesses is honest and personal, a broken and contrite heart. When we give of ourselves to God, our hearts are changed for good. Let us present tithes and offerings.

### **Offertory:**

**\*Praising God's Goodness:** Doxology #592

**\*Prayer of Dedication:** Unison

**Receive, O God, the fruits of our labor and with these gifts accept the offering of our lives. Unite us with Christ that we may share in his ministry and glorify you. Amen.**

### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**\*Hymn before Communion:** "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" #504

### **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

"The Lord's Supper for the Season of Pentecost" (Insert)

### **Prayers of the People 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.**

### **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

(The congregation will walk down the center aisle, take the bread, dip it into the cup and eat.)

**\*Prayer after Communion** Unison

## ABIDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

**\*Hymn of Sending:** "God is Here"

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**\*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

1. Rev. Frank Wright – recent passing
2. Marge Klinger – patient at McCauley Residence
3. Fred Rexford – diagnosed with Lyme Disease

**Prayer Concerns or Joys Last Week:** John Faux (medical tests on Tuesday), Kris Yettra (having medical tests this week), and Judy Geerkin (recovering from skin cancer surgery).

**Continuing Prayers:** Alvin Marohn; Rick C.; Gail Schurr; Kathy Evans; Gerry Tyrrell; Father Michael Ubeler; Scott Greenawalt; Irving & Alice Hils; Joan Cantonese; Holly Mazurek; Marge Klinger; Ruth Gebera; Wilma Bender; Wally Frech; Rosemary Taber; Jack Greenawalt; Willie Day; Mike Crowell; Larry Rayner; Jackie Rexford; Michael Grant; Paul Rayner; Anthony Dragone; Adehlia Kowsky; Peggy Hess; Russ McClure; Mike Klinger; Bob Erisman; Kris Yettra ; Judy Geerkin; Anna Dobrowski; David Haines; and Lauren Mauer.

**Prayers and caring for our homebound:** Lillian Manning; Marge Klinger; Georgia Anson; Fay Tag; Doris Carlson; J. Robert Weber; Ruth Weber; Richard Weber; Alice Weber; Bob Palfi; Lillian Simon; Joy Welch; Wilma Bender; Margaret McBride; 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:** Janet Haacker

**GREETERS:** Marlene Tyrrell

**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.

**We would like to thank Aaron Tham for sharing his gifts with us today.**

**Congratulations to Teresa and David Harrington on the birth of their baby, Adam Cooper born on July 21, 2018 weighing 7lbs-1ounce and 19-3/4 inches tall. Proud big brother is Nathan Harrington and Aunt and Uncle are Laura and Alvin Marohn. Welcome to our church family.**

**Mission and Outreach Committee would like to thank Circle II for their donation of ice cream and cones for the Marla Maertin Memorial Concert. Thank you to all who helped make this event a success.**

**Service of Blessing and Healing:** Wednesday, August 15 @ 6:30pm First Presbyterian Church 149 Broad Street, Tonawanda, will hold an evening service devoted to healing and wholeness, which will include communion. This is a "come as you are" service, open and welcoming to all who seek wholeness for their lives, Presbyterian or otherwise. Please join us in the sanctuary.

**Outdoor Worship August 19:** We will worship outdoors, weather permitting. We are expecting nice weather, so bring a chair. We will also provide chairs outside for those who aren't able to bring a chair.

**Memory Lane Respite Program:** Our program will begin on August 21 from 10:30am-2:30pm. There are opportunities to help in volunteering or donating items. There is a tote in the Narthex with a list of items that are being requested. Monetary donations are also much appreciated – check can be made payable to the church and write "Memory Lane" in the memo line. For more information, contact the respite committee: Kathy Greenawalt, Janet Haacker, Marilee Mathias, Pastor Leslie Latham or Judy Winters.

**Display Case:** If you are interested in displaying something that you collect or you have some treasures that you would like to share with our church family, please contact the church office.

August 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>5</b> Worship 10a/Communion	<b>6</b> AA 9a TOPS 6:30p	<b>7</b> Deacons 1p	<b>8</b> Circle II 9a	<b>9</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness Class 6:30p <b>Worship Mtg 3p</b>	<b>10</b> UFO 7P	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Worship 10a  Baptism of Gianna Gately  Guest: Stephen Piotrowski at the Piano	<b>13</b> AA 9a TOPS 6:30p	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Circle II 9a  Healing Service 6:30p	<b>16</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness Class 6:30p	<b>17</b> UFO 7P	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> H4W Warm-up 8:30a Worship 10a Outdoor Worship	<b>20</b> AA 9a TOPS 6:30p  CE Mtg Session 7p	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Circle II 9a	<b>23</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness Class 6:30p	<b>24</b> UFO 7P	<b>25</b>
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September 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> Worship 10a	<b>3</b> Labor Day AA 9a Girl Scouts 6p TOPS 6:30p	<b>4</b> Deacons 1p	<b>5</b> Circle II "Early Autumn Sale" 10a-1:30p	<b>6</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness Class 6:30p	<b>7</b> UFO 7P	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Rally Day 9:30am  Sunday School 9:30a  Worship/Communion 11a	<b>10</b> AA 9a Girl Scouts 6p TOPS 6:30p	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Circle II 9a	<b>13</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness Class 6:30p  <b>Worship Mtg 3p</b>	<b>14</b> UFO 7P	<b>15</b>