



The "Red Door" Church
First United Presbyterian Church
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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
10 AM - Sunday, August 3, 2025

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The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Walton-Leavitt, Pastor

THE LITURGY

Order of Worship

*** - You are invited to stand.**

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SENTENCES OF MEDITATION

Turning toward all that is holy, looking to the things that are above, being rich in God --
none of these marks of a life lived for Christ come easily in a culture bent on malice
and all kinds of greed.
~Jill Duffield

PRELUDE

O Church Arise

K Getty/S Townsend

GATHERING

WELCOME, everyone, to this time of worship. We are delighted to have you with us this morning! We are here to praise God and to enjoy one another's fellowship as we serve both God and our neighbor.

In-person worship is in the Sanctuary. Face masks available.

OR, join us online or by phone using Google Meet.

Every Sunday -- Same Link: meet.google.com/viu-hpxa-mjg

By Phone: +1 301-857-2390 // PIN: 931 769 968#

For Joys & Concerns: Please send a note in the CHAT box.

As always -- all are welcome. Invite a friend to join us!

See Calendar at end of the worship portion of this bulletin.

Let us now prepare our hearts for worship by listening to the Introit.

INTROIT (G833)

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

A Peace/G Matheson

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive reading*)

Liturgist

Leader: Sisters and brothers, we have been raised with Christ to new life,
freed from every fear, and granted every grace.

People: With songs of praise, let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

Call to Confession

Already assured that forgiveness is ours in Jesus Christ,
let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
that we might receive mercy and amend our lives.

Prayer of Confession

Let us pray.

**Holy God, you lavish us with good gifts,
yet we persist in seeking after that which robs us of abundant life.
We hold fast to our anxieties and give in to our greed;
we desire the very things that harm us.
Forgive us, purify us – and sustain us by the strength of your Holy Spirit,
we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

If God is for us, who is against us?

In Jesus Christ you have been set free. Know that you are forgiven - and be at peace.

All are invited to sing Hymn No. 395 – <i>Blessed Jesus, at Your Word</i>

* GTG No. 395 *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* T Clausnitzer/J R Ahle

**Blessed Jesus, at your word we have come again to hear you;
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred and in glowing faith be near you.
By your gospel true and holy, teach us, Lord, to love you solely.**

**All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till your Spirit breaks our night, filling us with light unclouded.
All good thoughts and all good living come but by your gracious giving.**

**Glorious Lord, yourself impart, Light of Light, from God proceeding.
Touch our lips and ears and heart; help us by your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your church now raises;
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.**

WORD

Please join me in reading our Prayer of Illumination. [PAUSE] <i>Let us pray...</i>

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *(in unison)* Liturgist
**God, remind us that we have been raised with Christ. Inspire us to be rich
in you through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 12:13-21 *(page 74/NT in pew Bibles)* Liturgist

This is the Word of the Lord. [PAUSE] <u>ALL:</u> Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION based Colossians 3:1-11 *(page 201/NT in Bibles)*

* GTG Hymn No. 716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* Edwards/Wood

**God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

**Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.**

**Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.**

EUCCHARIST (Thanksgiving)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Expecting Births: Kimmy & Ryan Alsheimer (*Pastor of ORPC*) twins due in November.

Health & wholeness: Dottie (*Linda's sister*); Eliana (*Joan & Stan's daughter*); Mike (*Jo Ann's husband*); Harold (*Nadine's brother*); Bob B (*Fran's brother*); Teresa (*Morell's friend*); Tracy (*Elaine B's friend*); Alys/Loretta (*Larry's friends*); Antoinette (*Barb's friend*); Stuart/Allen (*Brandie's relatives*); Emma (*Jan's friend*); Bobby/Alfred/Billy & Son/ Shirley/ Michael (*Paul R's friends/ relatives*); Tim/Grady/ Joel/ Peg/Tina/Paul (*Jones' friends/ relatives*); Grace (*Goble's grand-child*)

Homebound/Rehab/Managed Care: Judy C (*and Dick, her primary caregiver*)

Grieving: All those who are missing loved ones.

Traveling mercies for all those on the move this season – near and far.

In Presbytery: Margaretville-New Kingston Presbyterian Church; Pastor Shirley Davis, and the Session

In our community and country:

Hate Speech: Change hearts of those who promote hate -- and comfort victims of it.

Violence in our country: Pray for victims, perpetrators – and solutions.

In the World: Prayers for *shalom* – peace, justice, and healing in the world.

Lives torn apart by hostilities: Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, Sudan and places in conflict.

Climate change concerns and disasters, past and pending...

World Council of Churches Prayer Cycle: Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts*) (*Glory pg. 35*)

[A time of silence may follow each intercession.]

Let us pray.

God of heaven and earth,

in your wisdom you made the whole creation -- and called it good.

You have lavished your creatures with beauty

and sustained us with your grace.

Even so, we are distracted and seduced

and wreak havoc on the world you made.

Humbly, then, we come to you in prayer for comfort and healing and peace...

For those who declare war, those who wage it, and those who suffer from it . . .

For your church, that we may overcome divisions

and live in the unity given to us in Christ . . .

For your creation, that the earth's wounds may be healed –
and we may become better caretakers . . .

For those who fight despair -- struggle with addiction -- or live without hope . . .

For those who are ill -- and all who care for them . . .

For the secret burdens of our hearts that we lay before you now. . .

Grateful for your mercy, we entrust these and all our lives and prayers to you.

In Jesus' name and by the power of your Holy Spirit we are bold to pray:

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.



*** GLORY TO GOD** (*GTG No. 582, vs. 1*)

Vasile

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

MOMENT for MISSION: World Central Kitchen (WCK)

Rebecca LaBarr

August's monthly mission emphasis is World Central Kitchen which supports communities in times of crisis. Please mark all donations with *World Central Kitchen* on the memo line.

Checks may be made payable to *First United Presbyterian*.

Tour WCK field kitchen at <https://wck.org/en-us/news/tour-field-kitchen-florida-milton>

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

God pours out blessings upon us,
not so we can hoard them or take pride in what we have
but that we might share our goods with the same generous spirit.
With joy, let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

OFFERTORY (Fran, Elaine, Linda) *Dona Nobis Pacem*

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Tithe and Offering Options:

Sanctuary: Offering plates are near the exit doors.

- U.S. Post to FUPC at 2 Walling Ave., Oneonta, NY 13820
- QR Code (*Quick Response Code*): This is our unique code →
- Vanco Mobile Faith app can be downloaded on your Smartphone. Type in "Oneonta" to find our church.
- Computer: Use this link to access our online giving portal without the Smartphone Vanco app: [FUPC Donation Page](#)
- Bill Pay: Use your bank's online bill pay system
- Electronic funds transfer: Set up from your savings or checking account



PRAYER of DEDICATION of our GIFTS

Let us pray.

All we have -- and all we are -- comes from you, O God,
our Father, our Mother, our Creator, our Sovereign.

If we were to give thanks until the end of time,
we could not repay your benevolence and grace.

Take these meager offerings, we pray -- and increase our generosity,
that everything we say and do might show forth your irrepressible love.

We come in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. And let all the people say; **Amen.**

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with You!

People: And also with you!

Leader: All are invited to exchange signs of Christ's peace and reconciling love.



*** GTG No. 498 (vs. 1 & 4) *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* Stuemple/Wood**

**Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore,
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forever more.**

**Refrain: By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

**By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger,
words that tell your love and care. (Refrain)**

***AFFIRMATION of FAITH (GTG pg. 35)**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CONVERSATION with ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE and WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We are about to observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

We have before us an ordinary table and everyday elements of bread and wine.

What makes these elements special -- what makes them sacred --
is that they remind us of our Lord Jesus Christ,
his life here on earth and his life in us today!

Friends: this is the joyful feast of the people of God!
 People will come from east and west, and from north and south,
 and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

This is our Lord's Table. Our Savior invites all those who trust in him
 to share in the feast that he has prepared.

We come to this sacred table -- not because we must -- but because we may.

We come to testify not that we are righteous,
 but that we sincerely love our Lord Jesus Christ --
 and desire to be his true disciples.

We come, not because we are strong -- but because we are weak;

Not because we have any claim on heaven's rewards --
 but because in our frailty and shortcomings,
 we all stand in constant need of heaven's mercy and help;

We come, not to express an opinion -- but to seek a Presence and pray for a Spirit.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,
 he took the bread -- blessed and broke it -- and gave it to them.
 Then their eyes were opened -- and they recognized him.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you made us in your image to live with one another in love.
 You gave us the breath of life and freedom to choose your way...
 Through long generations you have been faithful and kind to all your children.

We praise you, most holy God,
 for sending your only Son to live among us -- sharing our joy and sorrow.

He told your story -- healed the sick -- and was a friend of sinners.
 Obeying you -- he took up his cross -- and died that we might live.
 We praise you that he overcame death and is risen to rule the world.

We trust him to overcome every power that can hurt or divide us,
 and believe that when he comes in glory, we will celebrate victory with him.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,
 we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us,
 and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name,
 that we may be one in ministry in every place.

As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.
 And let all the people say: **Amen!**

The presider lifts and breaks the bread, saying words of scripture:

Jesus said: I am the bread of life.

John 6:35; 15:5

The presider pours and/or lifts the cup, saying words of scripture):

Jesus said: I am the vine, you are the branches.

Come to me and never be hungry -- believe in me and never thirst.

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION*When the Bread is passed, hold it so all may eat together.**In giving the bread, the server may say:*1 The bread of heaven. **Amen.**2 The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.***When the Cup is passed, drink as you receive it.**In giving the cup, the server may say:*1 The cup of salvation. **Amen.**2 The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.***When conclude, the pastor says:*

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you renew your covenant with God.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood
may abide in him and he in us,
that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.And let all the people of God say: **Amen!****SENDING***** BLESSING AND CHARGE**May the God who gives us every good gift
bless you and keep you in the mind of Christ,
by the power of the Spirit who sustains us all.Since you have been raised with Christ -- seek the things that are of God,
and go forth to live lives worthy of your calling.**POSTLUDE***Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus**G Duffield Jr/A Gebel***TODAY**Lectionary: Hos 11:1-11 or Eccl 1:2,12-14; Ps 107:1-9,43 or 49:1-12; Col 3:1-11; Lk 12:13-21**10 AM Morning Worship including Sacrament of Holy Communion.**

If online / phone, please have elements near you -- preferably bread and juice or wine.

11:00 AM - Hospitality Time in social hall (*weekly*)**THIS WEEK****Summer Food Program** runs Monday thru Friday 'til
August 22 with lunches (made at FUPC) delivered to
Greater Plains School & Wilber Park Pool for children
thru 18 years. Adult lunches delivered to 78 Water
Street. Volunteer for Kitchen Crew: 8:30 – 10:30 AM
and/or Delivery Crew: 10:30 AM – 12 noonFor more info, contact Rebecca M. at 607-353-2198 or matthews@charitiesccdo.org**Thursday – 5:00 PM – Session** meets in Room 14.**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES****SUNDAYS 10:00 AM – FUPC****10:00 AM – ORPC****11:00 AM – Quakers****TUESDAYS 5:30 PM – ORPC Bible****7:00 PM – AA Big Book****FRIDAYS 6:30 PM AA (men's group)**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 or Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 or Psalm 33:12-22;
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

10 AM - Morning Worship. Liturgist: TBA

Oliver Wilson's Eagle Scout Project is to put new signs on the Walling Ave. side and at the driveway entrance with landscaping around them. This project requires donations to obtain the materials to create and install the signs. Please mark all donations with *Eagle Scout Project*. Make checks payable to *FUPC*. Unused funds remain with our church.

Please notify Pastor Walton-Leavitt at 607-242-8184 (cell) or cynuff@aya.yale.edu
OR Carol Sprague, Office Administrator, at 607-432-7520 or reddoorchurch@stny.rr.com
in case of illness or need of pastoral care.

Moment for Mission: Times of Crisis with World Central Kitchen

Sunday, August 3, 2025 offered by Rebecca LaBarr

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WCK responds to natural disasters, man-made crises, and humanitarian emergencies around the world. They are a team of food first responders, mobilizing with the urgency of now to get meals to the people who need them most. Deploying their model of quick action, leveraging local resources, and adapting in real time, they know that a nourishing meal in a time of crisis is so much more than a plate of food — it's hope, it's dignity, and it's a sign that someone cares.

Last year here at FUPC we focused our Mission efforts for WCK after Hurricane Helene caused devastating floods in western North Carolina. And then again in Florida.

In January 2025, they responded to the devastating fires in Southern California providing meals and relief to affected families and first responders.

In May this year as wildfires force evacuations across Manitoba, Canada WCK was there serving meals at the Billy Mosienko Arena, now a shelter for displaced families.

Now World Central Kitchen's Relief Team is in Central Texas supporting the communities impacted by catastrophic flooding in the Hill Country where, on July 4th the Guadalupe River rose more than 26 feet in just 45 minutes. Working alongside local chefs and community leaders, they are providing meals and water to first responders and impacted families.

Despite significant restrictions on humanitarian aid entering Gaza, WCK teams have delivered over 130 million meals by land, sea, and air. They have set up four large-capacity Field Kitchens in southern and central Gaza and established a network of Palestinian-led, WCK-supported Community Kitchens that provide thousands of meals every day. With the help of local partners, they are expanding food distribution efforts to the north, where the growing influx of returning families is increasing the demand for assistance.

Let us find it in our hearts to support WCK in their efforts to help those in crisis here and around the world. Food Is a Universal Human Right. Please give generously.

Thank you for marking monetary donations: World Central Kitchen.
Checks may be made payable to *FUPC* with *WCK* on the memo line.