

Order of Worship for Sunday, May 17, 2020
EASTER 6A

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are still collecting **sneakers and socks for Friendship Childrens Center**. We need sizes 8 to 13 for sneaks and socks to fit 3 yrs. to 10 yrs. These can be dropped off at JCPC and placed in a box that is under the bench near the front door. You can also drop off sneaks and socks at Hamiltons on Goodburlet Rd. Monetary donations can be sent to JCPC labeled Sneakers / Socks. Bless you for your support. The Mission Team.

UPDATE – CHURCH MAILING ADDRESS

Please use the PO Box when sending mail to the church:

*John Calvin Presbyterian Church
Attn: Financial Secretary
P.O. Box 103
Henrietta, NY 14467*

The **Pentecost Offering** will be taken on Pentecost Sunday May 31. Please mail in your contributions if you would like to participate.

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By participating in the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come – children, youth and young adults.

40% of the Pentecost Offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Please feel free to email **prayer joys and concerns** to Rev. Marie at myhansel@yahoo.com and they will be shared with the congregation as a whole so we may continue to support one another. If you wish to share a prayer concern only with Rev. Marie that request will be honored.

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Barb Marsh's e-mail address is listed incorrectly in the church directory.
It is: bunkisangels@yahoo.com

Session meets this Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

There will be no services of worship held at John Calvin Presbyterian church until further notice. We will keep you informed as additional information is available. A sub-committee of session made up of John Stever, Jody Day, and Ellen Best (clerk) are working on recommendations for session consideration.

Rev. Marie will share worship resources each week and encourages you to take time either alone or with family and friends to consider God's word.

PSALM 66

¹Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; ²sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

³Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

⁴All the earth worships you;

they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name." *Selah*

⁵Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

⁶He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.

There we rejoiced in him, ⁷who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let the rebellious not exalt themselves. *Selah*

⁸Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,

⁹who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

¹¹You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

¹²you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

¹³I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows,

¹⁴those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

¹⁵I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. *Selah*

¹⁶Come and hear, all you who fear God,

and I will tell what he has done for me.

¹⁷I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

¹⁸If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

¹⁹But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

²⁰Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

PRELUDE A Psalm of David: 66:16-20

<https://vimeo.com/252064721>

Let us worship God.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** ¹

Come to worship, people of God, with praises on your lips.

**Even when we are feeling isolated and fearful,
we can glorify the One who holds our hands in our loneliness.**

Come into the presence of the One who makes holy every place, every space, holy and sacred.

**Even where we continue to stay safe in our homes,
the doors of grace are flung wide open for us.**

Come and hear the stories of the One who loves you.

**In living rooms, on laptops and devices, we will sing our songs and tell those tales of the
peace and of the hope which is ours.**

OPENING PRAYER ²

**Loving God, in whom we live and move and have our being, help us to choose life in you,
that we may keep the commands of Jesus, follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and
witness to the hope that is within us, sharing Christ's love in the world. Amen.**

***HYMN** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Click on this link if you would like music to sing along.

(WHEN YOU ARE READY, CLICK ON THE BACK ARROW TO RETURN TO THE WORSHIP GUIDE.)

<https://vimeo.com/419014516>

**God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people power Thy power,
Crown Thine ancient church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! The hosts of evil round us Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.**

**Cure Thy children's warring madness, Bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.**

**Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces, Pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, That we fail not them nor Thee!
That we fail not them nor Thee!**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**²

Brothers and sisters, God not only asks us to repent, but also assures us of forgiveness. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the one who is steadfast love.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**² (Unison)

Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the water of life that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior.

Silence is kept.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Responsive)

Sisters and brothers, God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***GRATEFUL RESPONSE** “Gloria Patri”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUBxpypSblw>

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE (Responsive) (based on James 3)

Jesus came to bring peace among us. Let us sow the seeds for peace in our world by sharing the peace of Christ with one another, stranger and friend alike.

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Perhaps you could take some time today to send an email, make a phone call, send a card to someone who would appreciate knowing that they are not alone.

ANTHEM

The Hallelujah Chorus-2020 G. F. Handel

<https://vimeo.com/411011801>

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION² (Unison)

Come Holy Spirit, our helper and advocate: Open our hearts and minds this day, entice us with your presence. Spark us with a word of life—a message that we may share with others as we seek to live Christ’s love in the world. All this we ask in the name of God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us. Amen.

Acts 17:22-31

²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.'

What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the

John 14:15-21

¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

SERMON "Never Forgotten, Never Alone."

Father Michael Renninger, Pastor of St. Mary's Church in Richmond, Virginia, preaches a sermon from John [14:15-21](#) called, "Never Forgotten, Never Alone." It begins with his trip to Normandy, France, and the grave of an American soldier who died during the D-Day invasion. After all these years, people are still visiting his grave and honoring his sacrifice. What about us? Will anyone remember us?

<https://vimeo.com/215091208>

***HYMN** "You Are Mine" by David Haas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sgm9kTNQmc>

[Verse 1],

I will come to you in the silence; I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear My voice, I claim you as My choice
Be still, and know I am near.

[Verse 2]

I am hope for all who are hopeless; I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night I will be your light
Come and rest in Me.

[Chorus]

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow Me. I will bring you home.
I love you and you are mine.

[Verse 3]

I am strength for all the despairing; Healing for the ones who dwell in shame
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free
And all will know My name

[Chorus]

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow Me. I will bring you home.
I love you and you are mine.

[Verse 4]

I am the Word that leads all to freedom. I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain
Stand up, now, walk, and live.

[Chorus]

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow Me. I will bring you home.
I love you and you are mine.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE² (Responsive)

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Let us give thanks to God who listens and gives heed to our prayers.

We praise and we bless you, our true and loving God.

We pray for all who search for you: may they find their way in you. Bless us with lips that sing your praise and lives that tell the stories of all that you have done for us. Open our eyes to find you among us as we share your love with others.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are oppressed by governments or institutions: for those whose voices are not heard or believed, those with no one on their side. Bless us with a joy for justice and the strength to persevere as we work toward your coming realm.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who hunger, and those who worry each day how they will care for their families. Bless us all with meaningful work and fill us with good things, as we love and care for each other and find our sustenance in you.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer the violence and scars of war, for all soldiers and their families, and all who live and serve in war-torn places. Give them courage in the face of fear; in times of trouble, do not let their feet slip. Bless us with your vision of peace, for you have made us one family by giving life and breath to all.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember before you all who have died, and pray for all who will die today, that they may know your peace. Bless us with the gift of faith, that we may know you and love you, and enjoy life eternal shared with you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sins)

**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 sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

PRESENTING OUR LIVES AND OUR OFFERINGS ²

God, the divine giver, gifts us with life and breath and all that is. In gratitude, let us offer our gifts in return for the goodness and grace of God in Christ.

Please mail your offering to the address below each week to support the ministry of the church.

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***RESPONSE #34** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

<https://vimeo.com/404078427>

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ² (Unison)

O loving God, we give you thanks that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to keep your commands. Bless these gifts and use them to reveal to all tribes, nations, and peoples your love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***HYMN** "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sM0ApThiuMI>

REFRAIN

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

**Kneels at the feet of his friends, Silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.**

REFRAIN

Neighbors are wealthy and poor, Varied in color and race,
Neighbors are nearby and far away.

REFRAIN

These are the ones we should serve. These are the ones we should love.
All are neighbors to us and you.

REFRAIN

Kneel at the feet of our friends, Silently washing their feet,
This is the way we should live with you.

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***CHARGE & BEDICTION**

Sisters and brothers, God has heard you and given heed to your prayers.
Therefore, go in peace to serve Christ, and always be eager to do what is good.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, The love of God And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and abide with you always. Amen.

POSTLUDE – Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Richmond's First Baptist Church

<https://vimeo.com/331674665>

Morning Prayer²

I give thanks for the gift of life and breath that is mine today in Christ. Make me eager to do good and to resist evil, and grant me the wisdom to recognize the difference. Fill me with your assurance in all I say and do that I may share the hope that is within me in gentleness and reverence of Christ. Amen.

Evening Prayer²

O God, in whom I live and move and have my being, year hear me when I cry and listen to my prayer; you set my feet on steady ground, you never leave me alone. As I rest in you tonight, sanctify my heart in Christ, and fill me with your strength, that I may rise to love and serve you and greet another day. Amen.

¹*Lectionary Liturgies Blogspot, Thom M. Shuman*

²*Feasting on the Word Worship Companion-Liturgies for Year 1 – Volume 1, edited by Kimberly Bracken Long; Westminster John Knox Press*