

Order of Worship for Sunday, August 23, 2020  
PENTECOST 12A

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A handwritten message in black ink that says "Happy Birthday!" with a small heart above the 'y' in "Happy".A handwritten message in black ink that says "Happy Anniversary" in a cursive script.

August 24 – Rita Crombe and August 28 – Suzanne Minemier

## MISSION OPPORTUNITY

**School Supplies Needed for Refugee Children – Mary’s Place**

**This giving opportunity is currently suspended until children are able to attend school.**

## Walk to End Alzheimers – Saturday, October 10

Ellen Best will be the JCPC team captain for the Walk to End Alzheimers again this year. Our team name is John Calvin Presbyterian Church for anyone who would like to register and/or donate to this worthy cause. The walk will be Sat. Oct. 10th in our own neighborhoods however we want to set it up this year. That allows for small groups instead of a large gathering. Plan at this time is that anyone who would like to walk can meet at the church, 10:00 AM and we will walk through the surrounding neighborhood for as short or long as people would like. Once we know who is walking, we can determine the course, especially if the weather makes a difference. It was quite rainy last year!

## PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

Please feel free to email prayer joys and concerns to Rev. Marie at [myhansel@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

## FELLOWSHIP & DEVOTION WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

The link to access the “meeting” and password will be sent in a separate email.

## PRESENTING OUR LIVES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Freely we have received, freely let us give. With joyous and generous hearts, let us offer to God a portion of what God has entrusted to us.

Offering Prayer of Dedication: Receive these gifts, gracious God, bless them and distribute them in ways that reveal to the world your loving kindness and steadfast love. In a season of great upheaval and much uncertainty, may the giving of our resources and the sharing of our lives bring hope, comfort and relief to those most in need of good news. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

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

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

**PRELUDE** As the Deer/Fairest Lord Jesus

<https://vimeo.com/413159849>

**CALL TO WORSHIP** <sup>1</sup>

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

Our joy comes from the heart of God,  
**who transforms us into open-handed givers of hope.**

Our grace comes from God's compassion,  
**who breaks the bond which tie us to sin and death.**

Blessed be the Lord our God!

**Who reveals to us the One who brings us new life**

**HYMN "Fairest Lord Jesus"**

<https://vimeo.com/261155184>

**Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

**Beautiful Savior! Lord of the Nations! Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration Now and forever more be Thine!  
Now and forever more be Thine!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** <sup>1</sup>

**When fear would enslave us, you set us free by your faith in us;  
When the currents of hopelessness would sweep us away, you cradle us in your promises;  
When evil would exercise power, you transform us into members of the one Body, so we can overcome its efforts.**

**You are always on our side, All Watchful God.**

**Through the mouths of children and youth, you teach the foolish the wisdom of your grace;  
Through the gentle lives of those harmed by hate, you open our locked hearts to embrace the broken.**

**You are always by our side, Heart of Compassion.**

**Reluctant to let go of all our gifts, you touch us with generosity's grace.  
Hesitant as to what we might do for others, you teach us the skill set of compassion and service.  
Dwelling with loneliness, you nudge us to welcome the last and the least.**

**You are always at our side, Spirit of Change.**

**Amen.**

## **HYMN “Jesus Loves Me”**

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**Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! This I know, As He loved so long ago,  
Taking children on His knee, Saying, “Let them come to Me.”  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**<sup>1</sup>

We are so much like Peter, Jesus tells us what it will take to follow him, and we want to argue. Jesus shows us the way to the Kingdom, and we seek a smoother path. Let us put down all that keeps us from following Jesus, as we confess our sins to God.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**<sup>1</sup>

**We confess our struggle to be transformed into disciples, God of mystery. The desires of the world would shape us into people you would not recognize.**

**The demands of our society pull us away from your heart. Our culture values the rich, the powerful, the successful, but you are on the side of the weak, the poor, the outcast, the oppressed.**

**Forgive us Merciful God, for looking for you in the wrong places. Reawaken us with your voice that calls us to service; revive our weary hearts with your vision of creation; refresh our fatigued spirits that we might boldly proclaim Jesus as our Lord and as our Savior, and go forth to serve your people in Christ’s name.**

*Silence is kept.*

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

It's too easy to think like the world, that money will give us happiness, that power will earn us grace. But Paul reminds us that if we think like Christ, and live like servants, we will find true freedom.

**Not only our minds, but our hearts and spirits will be transformed into the likeness of Christ, enabling us to be faithful disciples. 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**

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 "O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer"**

<https://vimeo.com/243252089>

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**<sup>4</sup>

**God of revelation, mere flesh and blood cannot reveal divine truth; only your Spirit can give that gift. Be in my breath and voice, be in our ears and understanding, that through these words your Word may be known. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE**

### **Matthew 16:13-20**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

<sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

<sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

<sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

## **SERMON**

**"Who do YOU say that I am?"**

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## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from "A Brief Statement of Faith" of the Presbyterian Church USA)*

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** <sup>4</sup>

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

*Prayers for Carolyn Wilson who had surgery last Wednesday to clear the blockage that caused her stroke. She remains in Strong as she is having a difficult recovery. Prayers for daughter Jennifer Wilson who lives with Carolyn. Also prayers for daughter Carolee.*

*For RNS and all of the area schools as they prepare for the new school year.*

*For the session of JCPC as plans are underway to resume in person worship beginning Sunday, September 6.*

*For Nancy Milizia's Aunt Marty who has lung cancer and is now in hospice care at home.*

*Prayers for Cindy Freeman who had a close encounter with a tree root while walking her dog in the woods. She fell hard on both knees and now has bursitis in one knee.*

*Prayer of joy and thanksgiving for Carl Dellefave's successful surgery and good news that no further cancer was found. Prayers for continued healing.*

*For Judy Finch who is now in hospice care at St. John's and who is experiencing some improvement in her health.*

*For the people of Beirut, Lebanon who experienced the August 4 explosion that killed at least 160 people and injured 6,000 others leaving many homeless.*

*For the people of California who have lost their homes in the wildfires and for those fighting the blaze.*

*For those who are ill with Covid-19, for those who are in the healing professions ministering to their needs, for those who grieve.*

God of all, thank you for hearing these prayers: For the human family with whom we share this world—those closest to us and those whose names we will never know—

We give you thanks and ask your help in living into our identity as your children.

We especially pray for. . .

For the world we share with all creation—the plants and animals we see each day and the wilderness we have never seen—We give you thanks and ask your help in living into our identity as stewards of your earth.

For joys and concerns that occupy our thoughts today, we give you thanks and ask that you be at our side, guiding us to recognize that our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Give us faith, Almighty God, to keep focused on our Savior, following the Way, loving you and our neighbors, until the One we worship comes again. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to say when we pray,

### **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.

### **\*HYMN** "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

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**God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again, 'neath his wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again; if life's perils should confound you,  
God will put his arms around you; God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again, keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
Smite death's threatening wave before you; God be with you till we meet again.**

### **CHARGE**

*I wanted the final hymn to be "Fight the Good Fight" but was not able to find a video, so below are the words (sing them if you would like) that will serve as a charge for each of us as we follow the path that Christ sets before us in our day-to-day lives.*

**Fight the good fight with all thy might; CHRIST IS THY STRENGTH AND CHRIST THY RIGHT;  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be Thy joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race through God's good grace, Lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face;  
Life with its way before us lies, CHRIST IS THE PATH, AND CHRIST THE PRIZE.**

**Cast care aside, lead on thy guide; God's boundless mercy will provide;  
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove CHRIST IS ITS LIFE, and CHRIST ITS LOVE.**

**Faint not nor fear, God's arms are near; God changeth not, and thou art dear;  
Only believe, and thou shalt see that CHRIST IS ALL IN ALL TO THEE.**

## **BENEDICTION**

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 “Fight the Good Fight”

<https://vimeo.com/148167350>

## **MORNING PRAYER**<sup>3</sup>

Today, O God, help me receive your revelation that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. It is in his name that I pray.  
Amen.

## **EVENING PRAYER**<sup>3</sup>

Holy God, for anything I did this day that was pleasing to you,  
I give you thanks and pray that you use me to your glory;  
for anything I did this day that was displeasing to you,  
I ask your forgiveness and pray that you redeem me for your glory.  
Amen.

<sup>1</sup>*Playing Hopscotch in Heaven Lectionary Liturgies for RCL Year A, Thom M. Shuman, Bearers of Hope and Wonder, 2013*

<sup>2</sup>*Book of Common Worship for the Presbyterian Church USA, Westminster/John Knox Press, Louisville, KY, 1993*

<sup>3</sup>*Feasting on the Word Worship Companion-Liturgies for Year A – Volume 2, edited by Kimberly Bracken Long; Westminster John Knox Press*

<sup>4</sup>*Presbyterian Outlook, liturgy written by Jill Duffield*