

Order of Worship for Sunday, August 2, 2020
PENTECOST 9A

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A handwritten message in black ink that says "Happy Birthday!" with a decorative underline under the word "Birthday".

August 7 – Pat Dulieu

A handwritten message in black ink that says "Happy Anniversary" in a cursive script.

August 7 – Nancy & Mario Milizia

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

School Supplies Needed for Refugee Children – Mary’s Place

We are collecting pencils, pencil boxes, and backpacks for children grades K-12.
For more information, contact Barb Hamilton.

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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.

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

Rev. Marie is offering a one hour time of scripture, devotion, fellowship and prayer each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. The link to access the “meeting” and password will be sent in a separate email.

Thank you everyone for your thoughts and prayers for me as I cancelled last week’s session. I am feeling much better now and look forward to resuming our Wednesday evening fellowship sessions. Our sessions the next 3 weeks will continue to focus on the story of Jacob as found in the book of Genesis.

PRESENTING OUR LIVES AND OUR OFFERINGS

In the faithful hands of Christ, our little is multiplied to feed many.

Let us offer our loaves and fishes to the All-Sufficient One who said, “Bring them here to me.”

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*

CALL TO WORSHIP

God meets us in our greatest need and satisfies us with divine presence and provision.
In gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God.

HYMN “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_4EjXIL0IA

**Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, And publish abroad His wonderful name;
The name all victorious of Jesus extol; The kingdom is glorious and rules over all.**

**God ruleth on high, almighty to save; And still He is nigh—His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall sing, Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.**

**“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne,” Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.**

**Then let us adore, and give Him His right, All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above, And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.**

CALL TO CONFESSION¹

Let us confess our sins in the presence of the One who blesses us and meets our need.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

**God of compassion, we are sick. We have wrestled all night with worry instead of resting
in you. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We have
turned away those hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them from
your limitless supply of blessings.**

Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you.

We call upon you, for you will answer us, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS¹

The God of steadfast love is our refuge and Savior.

In Christ, we who are broken are healed, forgiven, filled, and transformed.

Thanks be to God!

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 “Send the Light”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7sgIWymBYU>

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ³

God who hears us, holds us, and helps us, you are our eternal source of blessing.

You are our endless source of provision.

In your compassion, you see our need; you heal our sickness and satisfy our hunger.

Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

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

For our sisters and brothers called by your name throughout the world,

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

Bless your church and help us move forward in mission with you.

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

For the healing and preservation of your creation in heaven and on earth,

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

For the need of the nations—wisdom for leaders, vindication and relief for the oppressed—

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

For those who are hungry, ill, vulnerable, or seeking refuge from adversaries and injustice,

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

For all who need you, near and far, especially those we name now, aloud and in our hearts. . .

From Nancy Milizia:

Prayers for Allen B. a friend. He is the 83 year old father of a very close friend and former neighbor of ours. He will have a biopsy this week for lesions on his liver and pancreas.

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

Prayers for Carolyn Wilson who suffered a major stroke and is in Strong. She is expected to be discharged in a few days. Prayers for daughter Jennifer Wilson who lives with Carolyn. Also prayers for daughter Carolee.

For Judy Finch who was moved to St. John's and is now in hospice care.

For RNS 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.

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

For those who have preceded us and in whose steps we follow,
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Wondrously show us your steadfast love, that we may behold your face in righteousness and be satisfied when we awake, beholding your likeness; through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

The Prayer for Illumination, Scripture, Sermon and Communion can be viewed by clicking on the link below. THE PASSWORD is: hpBAq\$99

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/zspYDZzU1khIWdLR2U7FVIAfFKDlaaa8hnQfr_BYxfJOoTeRGjT2-98ViSyC7bY?startTime=1596327121000

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION³

All-knowing God, you have satisfied our hunger at sunset and held us close through nights of wrestling. Now let the day break with your blessing. Awaken and illumine us by your Word that we may behold your likeness. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:1-21

At that time Herod the ruler heard reports about Jesus; ²and he said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist; he has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him."

³For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, ⁴because John had been telling him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." ⁵Though Herod wanted to put him to death, he feared the crowd, because they regarded him as a prophet.

⁶But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company, and she pleased Herod ⁷so much that he promised on oath to grant her whatever she might ask.

⁸Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter."

⁹The king was grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he commanded it to be given; ¹⁰he sent and had John beheaded in the prison. ¹¹The head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, who brought it to her mother.

¹²His disciples came and took the body and buried it; then they went and told Jesus.

¹³Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

SERMON

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Come – be empowered as the followers of Christ

To take what seems to be small and ineffective

To take what seems to be of no use for such great challenges of today

Come, take and eat. Jesus is waiting for you at His table.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving¹

The God of crossings and healings be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, lift your hearts to the One who travels every journey with you.

We lift them to the God who gives us rest when we are weary.

People of God, offer your praise and thanks to the God who feeds the hungry.

It is our greatest joy to sing to the One who fills our emptiness with grace and joy.

God of Imagination, standing at the edge of chaos, you took all the goodness in your heart, and shaped it into the glory of creation. Looking up, you placed the moon, stars, and planets into the cradle of the sky. You took the dust of the earth, blessing it, and forming us into your image of hope and grace. We were filled with the abundance of your constant love, but we longed for the empty promises of sin and death, breaking your heart as we followed after them.

Prophets came to tell the truth of your everlasting covenant, but we turned our backs on them.

So, to put an end to your great sorrow, you sent Jesus to us, bringing us all the gifts you had stored up for us.

So, with those who stand at the edge of grace, and with those who have crossed over to your peace, we join our voices with all who forever sing to your glory:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God who listens to our prayers. All creation beholds your face in righteousness.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who feeds us with grace and wonder.

Hosanna in the highest!

You are Holy, Redeemer of the lost, and Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, is your true blessing and hope for us. When he could have deserted us, as we continued to stumble through sin, he was filled with compassion, and came to be with us in our pain.

When he could have kept silent in response to our fears and doubts, he told stories of your love and grace.

When he could have detoured around our violence and anger, he walked straight into death, so we might be saved.

As we remember all the gifts he shared with us,

as we tell of his healings and feedings for all, we speak of that faith which is often a mystery:

Christ died, compassion for us in his heart;

Christ rose, blessing God forever;

Christ will come, so that we are never sent away.

As we gather at the edge of your kingdom, coming once again to the Table, we pray you would pour out your Spirit of reconciliation upon us, and on the gifts of the bread and the cup.

You feed us with this meal, not that we might become gluttons, but so we might become servants in your kingdom of holiness.

Where we see only crumbs on the Table, you see enough leftovers for us to take to feed a hungry world.

Where we see only the last few drops in the cup, you see enough grace for us to fill the empty hearts of your children forgotten and alone in the world.

And when we come to the edge of eternity, all of our struggles over, all our pain left behind, we will gather around your Table of grace, joining with all who will forever sing of your love, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

The Words of Institution

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat.

This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,

Shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,

Do this in remembrance of me.

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup,

You proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

THE GIFTS OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

Jesus said: I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

PRAYER FOR AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

Holy God, at this table you have you have filled us with the word and the bread of life of your Son Jesus Christ. Fill us with his Spirit of service and self-forgetting love, that through us, he may come near to all people. Amen.

HYMN “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FlIAJHoO1FA>

**Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, Traveling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration For Thy gospel’s joyful sound;
May the fruits of Thy salvation In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful To the truth may we be found.**

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Christ himself, who hold you in his hands, has blessed you, broken you, and given you as his gift to the world.

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.

GO NOW IN PEACE by Natalie Sleeth

<https://vimeo.com/267126569>

MORNING PRAYER³

God of daybreak, thank you for holding me through the night and awakening me to behold your likeness in this brand-new day. Go with me now as I walk with you. Show me the world and its people through your eyes of compassion. Bless me, break me, and move through me to heal and feed those who hunger for you. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER³

O God, tonight I lay my failures, anxieties, struggles, and unfinished business at your feet. Hold me, bless me, and change me as I rest in you. Amen.

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

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

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