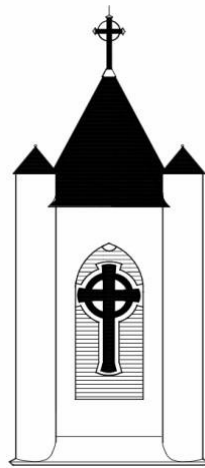


# **First Presbyterian Church**

## **Barre, Vermont**



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### **Sunday Morning Worship**

**May 15, 2022**



## GATHERING

ALL HYMNS ARE FROM "GLORY TO GOD"

### Gathering on Abenaki Lands

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: Give Thanks to the Lord for he is good

**People: His love endures forever**

Leader: Let Israel say..

**People: His love endures forever**

Leader: Let the House of Aaron say

**People: His love endures forever**

Leader: Let those who fear the lord say

**People: His love endures forever**

#### ✧ Opening Hymn 664 **Morning Has Broken**

1. Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's fee pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation; praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

#### Prayer of Confession

You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty, I closed them, for I did not want to see. You asked for my life, that you might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved. Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you, only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in places where it is safe to do so and only for those who make it easy to do so.

#### Words of Forgiveness

This is the good news: when we are in Christ, we are new persons altogether. The old has passed away and the new has come. Let us be assured that in the name of Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia!

#### ✧ Congregational Response **Glory to God**

Believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ you are forgiven. – Thanks be to God!

## LISTENING

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Almighty God,  
through your only Son you overcame death  
and opened to us the light of eternity.  
Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts  
with the presence of your Spirit,  
that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge  
in the reading of the scriptures,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ from a collection of prayers posted on  
the **Worship@North** website. <https://northchurchindy.wordpress.com/>

#### **Scripture**

*Psalm 148:1-14*

*Acts 11:1-18*

#### **Prompting**

Roxanne Casadonte

## RESPONDING

### **Hymn 177**

#### **I Will Come to You (You are Mine)**

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 here.
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.

**Refrain:** 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."

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.

#### **Refrain:**

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!

#### **Refrain:**

### **Prayers of the People**

*Finishing with Lord's Prayer  
(page 35 of purple hymnal)*

### **Reflection Music**

### **Announcements**

✘ **Closing Hymn 306**

**Blessed Be the Ties that Bind**

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
2. Before our "Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
3. We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear. And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
4. When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.
5. From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

**Benediction**

May the strength of God sustain us, may the power of God preserve us, may the hands of God protect us, may the way of God direct us may the love of God go with us this day and forever – Amen.

**Postlude**

✘ Please rise in body or spirit as you are able!

Roxanne Casadonte is preaching today.

Alison Cerutti is making music with us today.

Thank you to Doris Portalupi for serving as our worship leader.

**Prayers** - Each week we pray for a different person or family in our church. This week we invite you to keep Shawn Hebert in your prayers. Gracious Lord, we give thanks for them and their presence in this congregation. Hold them in the palm of your hand and let them feel your love. Give them the wisdom and strength to do your will and the faith and courage to face whatever challenges may arise. As part of being the connectional Presbyterian church or other ministry within the Presbytery of Northern New England in our thoughts and prayers. This week, our prayers are with the PNNE Assembly – May 21 and with our Moderator and Vice Moderator.

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Cathy Jamieson – Finance and Faith Development  
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Diane Nichols-Fleming – Finance  
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Board of Deacons - Sylvia Mitton, Chairperson

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Administrative Assistant – Cindy Hooker  
Choir Director – Peg Lawson  
Custodian – Jennifer Milne  
Elder of the Month – Roxanne Casadonte  
Deacon of the Month – Barb Bernatchy

## May Birthdays

4<sup>th</sup> Cora Guazzoni  
4<sup>th</sup> Robert Loso, Jr.  
7<sup>th</sup> Peg Kiniry  
8<sup>th</sup> Bruce Mitton  
9<sup>th</sup> Nathan Adams  
12<sup>th</sup> Jay Milne  
16<sup>th</sup> Anna Light  
16<sup>th</sup> David Wilkinson  
17<sup>th</sup> Ruby Edgerly-Walsh  
18<sup>th</sup> Lori Cayia  
21<sup>st</sup> Winnie McCormick  
21<sup>st</sup> Pam Cyr  
27<sup>th</sup> Ella Hilton-VanOsdall  
28<sup>th</sup> Sirena Maxfield  
30<sup>th</sup> Logan Gregoire  
30<sup>th</sup> Andrew Loomis

## May Anniversaries

13<sup>th</sup> Carl & Gina Hilton VanOsdall  
17<sup>th</sup> Kim & Patrick Kelty  
20<sup>th</sup> Dan Krymkowski & Rebecca Mueller  
28<sup>th</sup> Sheldon & Jill Bruce  
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