

# **First Presbyterian Church**

**19 Seminary Street  
Barre, Vermont**



**Sunday Morning Worship**

**September 25, 2022  
26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Ordinary Time**

## GATHERING

*Today's hymns are from the purple Glory to God hymnal.*

### Gathering on Abenaki Lands

**Prelude** - Jesus bleibet meine Freude, BWV 147, J.S.Bach

**Responsive Call to Worship:** (from Psalm 65)

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer.

**Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.**

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

**You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.**

The meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain.

**They shout and sing together for joy; LET US WORSHIP GOD!**

✠ **Opening Hymn #375**                      **Shall We Gather at the River**

1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

#### **Refrain:**

**Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

2. On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray. We will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. **Refrain**
3. Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. **Refrain**
4. Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. **Refrain**

**Prayer of Confession :**

God of grace, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow each day more into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living and loving, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. AMEN

**Words of Assurance:**

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! – AMEN

**Congregational Response # 581    Gloria Patri**

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.

**LISTENING**

**Prayer for Illumination:**

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. AMEN

**Scriptures**                      Psalm 33:13-22  
    John 15:1-17

**Prompting**

## RESPONDING

### ✠ Hymn #182 **I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest: lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that lifegiving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun: and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

### Announcements

**Prayers of the People** *Finishing with the Lord's Prayer*

**Reflection Music** - Kanon in D-Dur, J. Pachelbel

### ✠ Closing Hymn # 744 **Arise, Your Light Is Come**

1. Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show fourth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.
2. Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.
3. Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.
4. Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

### Benediction

**Postlude** - Allegro-la Primavera A. Vivaldi

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

Chris Fuhrmeister is preaching today.

Today Sylvia Mitton is our worship leader.

Alison Cerutti and Janet Fuhrmeister will be making special music today.

**Prayers** – Each week we pray for a different person or family in our church. This week we invite you to keep Sally and Tom Koch and family 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, each week we ask to keep one of Presbytery's participants in our thoughts and prayers. This week, our prayers are for the Retired Pastors.

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### **Pulpit Supply for October**

The following individuals will be preaching in October.

October 2 - Rev. Carol Ann Barker

October 9 – Rev. Deadra Ashton

October 16 – Rev. Debbie Ingram

October 23 – Rev. Susan McKnight

October 30 – Rev. Skye Murray

We give thanks for their willingness to serve.

### **Our Church Session (Board) & Deacons**

Chris Fuhrmeister, Clerk – Personnel and Worship

Roxanne Casadonte - Outreach

Dotty Ricks – Outreach

Lee Aura Bonamico - Outreach

Cathy Jamieson – Finance and Faith Development

Peg Lawson – Worship & Fellowship

Diane Nichols-Fleming – Finance

Jim Nichols-Fleming – Outreach and Personnel

Dan Krymkowski - Worship

Board of Deacons - Sylvia Mitton, Chairperson

## **OUR CHURCH**

Treasurer – Kathy Adams  
Pianist / Organist – Alison Cerutti / Dan Krymkowski  
Administrative Assistant – Cindy Hooker  
Choir Director – Peg Lawson  
Custodian – Jennifer Milne  
Elder of the Month – Chris Fuhrmeister  
Deacon of the Month – Lucy Hallock

### **September Birthdays**

9<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Bouchard  
9<sup>th</sup> Hope Loso  
13<sup>th</sup> Jill Bruce  
13<sup>th</sup> Linda Emmons  
14<sup>th</sup> Scott Frey  
15<sup>th</sup> Debra Kerin  
17<sup>th</sup> Alyce Collins  
17<sup>th</sup> Jeanette Walker  
18<sup>th</sup> Rebecca Mueller  
22<sup>nd</sup> Noel Hellinger  
26<sup>th</sup> Benjamin Edgerly-Walsh

### **September Anniversaries**

6<sup>th</sup> Angela & Damien Leighty  
10<sup>th</sup> Allan & Pauline Taylor  
23<sup>rd</sup> Jen & Thomas Reneu

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