

**15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

(*=**please stand if you are able**)

Prelude (A time for Silence and Reflection)

Welcome

Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez

Opening Prayer

L: Jesus reminds us today that, "You cannot serve God and wealth."

P: Open us to your truth, Lord. Open our hearts to honesty.

L: Let us enter worship humbly, ready to realign our faith according to God's Word.

Opening Hymn GTG #69

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" (verses 1 and 2)

Call to Confession

God is ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Prayer of Confession

Savior God, we are indebted to you and your generosity. But we fail to forgive our debtors. We confiscate and consume far more than our fair share. We neglect the poor and trap people in poverty, claiming that debt forgiveness is unfair. God, liberate us from our spiritual and moral bondage. Grant us a season of jubilee. Reorder our communities so that all may contribute, and all may thrive. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance Pardon

God lightens the load of those overly burdened, supports and strengthens those who have been knocked down.

Claim the forgiveness God so graciously offers. Know the new life Christ has given us.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

***Gloria Patri STF#2037**

"I Sing Praise to your Name"

I give Glory to your name oh Lord

Glory to your name, Oh Lord

For your name is great

And greatly to be praised

Prayer for Illumination

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. As we approach your Word, may we be ready to receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

No healing, only grief; my heart is broken. Listen to the weeping of my people all across the land: "Isn't the Lord in Zion? Is her king no longer there?" Why then did they anger me with their images, with pointless foreign gods? "The harvest is past, the summer has ended, yet we aren't saved." Because my people are crushed, I am crushed; darkness and despair overwhelm me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then have my people not been restored to health? If only my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, I would weep day and night for the wounds of my people.

L: This is the word God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem:

Scripture Reading:

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus also said to the disciples, "A certain rich man heard that his household manager was wasting his estate. He called the manager in and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give me a report of your administration because you can no longer serve as my manager.' "The household manager said to himself, 'What will I do now that my master is firing me as his manager? I'm not strong enough to dig and too proud to beg. I know what I'll do so that, when I am removed from my management position, people will welcome me into their houses. "One by one, the manager sent for each person who owed his master money. He said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He said, 'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil.' The manager said to him, 'Take your contract, sit down quickly, and write four hundred fifty gallons.' Then the manager said to another, 'How much do you owe?' He said, 'One thousand bushels of wheat.' He said, 'Take your contract and write eight hundred.' "The master commended the dishonest manager because he acted cleverly. People who belong to this world are more clever in dealing with their peers than are people who belong to the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to make friends for yourselves so that when it's gone, you will be welcomed into the eternal homes. "Whoever is

faithful with little is also faithful with much, and the one who is dishonest with little is also dishonest with much. If you haven't been faithful with worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? If you haven't been faithful with someone else's property, who will give you your own? No household servant can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be loyal to the one and have contempt for the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"What Do You Think is True?"

Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez

Hymn GTG#792

"There is a Balm in Gilead (verses 1,2)"

Words of Gratitude

Remember that Jesus said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

RESPOND IN GRACE

Offertory

"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;

And we offer up to you the sacrifice of joy.

*** Doxology**

"I Sing Praises to Your Name, oh Lord"

I sing praises to your name, oh Lord

Praises to your name, oh Lord

For your name is great

And greatly to be praised

Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the Good News of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.

Prayers of the People (See insert)

***Lord's Prayer**

Hymn GTG#700

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

Announcements

Benediction

God is Good! **All the time!** All the Time! **God is Good!**

May we leave this house of worship strengthened by the Spirit, renewed by God's Grace and supported by the Body of Christ. May the grace, hope, peace and love of God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us now and always. Amen.

The Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Amen

Postlude

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022



PASTOR
Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez
Email: pastorjeniffer.ossining@gmail.com

MUSIC DIRECTOR
Carol Arrucci

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR
Lindsay Wilkens
Email: presoss@optonline.net

SEXTON
Robert Holmes

MINISTERS
All the Members

***“A multicultural congregation worshipping together
where Jesus Christ is Lord; where men, women, and
children share in leadership; and where the strength
of our fellowship builds bridges to the community.”***

First Presbyterian Church
34 South Highland Avenue
Ossining, NY 10562
Tel. (914) 941-0540
Email: presoss@optonline.net
Facebook: [facebook.com/presoss](https://www.facebook.com/presoss)
Website: www.fpcossining.org

EVENTS HAPPENING IN 2022

- In person Hybrid worship at 11AM
- English Bible Study Thursday's at 11:00AM
- Spanish Bible Study will be Wednesday's at 10:00AM
- Prayer Time on Friday's at 11AM via zoom.
- We will be having coffee and cookies following worship on Sunday September 25th. We hope everyone will join us.
- We will have a Spanish service once a month on the last Sunday of the month with Communion at 1PM. The dates are September 25th, October 30th, November 27th and December 18th.
- During the week the Hispanic group will gather at different homes on Wednesday's at 11AM for Prayer, Revival and Bible Studies. Please see Pastor Jeniffer for more info.
- Mujeres Hispanas Latinas Presbiterianas
Encuentro X "Vivimos de esperanza en esperanza"
14 al 16 de octubre, 2022 – Orlando FL
The Celeste Hotel, Orlando, a Tribute Portfolio Hotel
4105 North Alafaya Trail Orlando, Florida 32826 Tel. (866) 238-4218
<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations>
Event: Mujeres Presbiterianas Hispanas Latinas
- Please submit your picture for the Church directory. If you need more information contact Pastor Jeniffer or Lindsay Wilkens.
- Zoom worship Service at 11:00AM
By Computer/ Por Computadora
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/870270865>
- Meeting ID: 870 270 865
One tap mobile
+16465588656,,870270865# US (New York)
+13126266799,,870270865# US (Chicago)
- By Phone/ Por teléfono
Dial by your location
 - +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
 - +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
 - +1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)
 - +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)
 - +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
 - +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
- Meeting ID: 870 270 865
Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kb17858bXg>

Prayers and Praise

Please pray for Everyone in leadership

Please pray for Keeping Communities Safe

Please pray for Children/ families

Please pray for The Boateng Family

Please pray for The Otu's family

Please pray for The Supina/Ruess family

Please pray for The Sevilla's family

Please pray for Those who harm

Please pray for Peace in the middle of violence

Please pray for The Dyckman's Family

Please pray for The Ozuna Family

Please pray for The Reda's family

Please pray for People struggling with cancer. For healing

Please pray for For the physical and spiritual shape of our nation

Please pray for For leaders, people in a position of authority

Please Pray for Lima family

Please pray for Israel and Palestine

Please Pray for the Denzer Family

Please pray for Heather Blenkinsopp

Prayers of the People

Thank you, God, for this new day; for the morning sun that rises in hope, a hot cup of coffee, the chance to kiss loved ones goodbye on their way to school or work.

Thank you, God, for the purpose and meaning of our lives; for your call to serve and love our neighbors; for the knowledge that we can make a difference through a smile, a gesture, a gift of time, talent or treasure.

Thank you, God, for moments of pause that frame our lives with spiritual meaning; morning meditation or evening devotions when we rest in your presence and recollect, with gratitude, your abundant blessings.

Thank you, God, even for the problems and pain; injustices frustrate and overwhelm, but also call us to collective action and inspire us to right what is wrong. Melt our hearts with compassion, God, for the poor, the oppressed, the marginalized, for all those in need of your saving grace and your liberating love. Mold us as your hands and feet of action. Make us the answers to our prayers.

Finally, hear us, God of mercy, as we lift our heartfelt concerns to you and pray silently for those whose specific burdens weigh heavy on our hearts ...

United as a community of faith and as the Body of Christ, we lift these prayers up to you, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Hear us as we join our hearts and our voices in praying the prayer Christ taught us to pray by saying, "Our Father..."

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

All

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

There Is a Balm in Gilead 792

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul. *Fine*

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but
 2 Don't ev-er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend, and
 3 If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can

then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain. There is a
 if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll not re-fuse to lend. There is a
 tell the love of Je-sus and say, "He died for all." There is a

to Refrain

This African American spiritual offers a long-delayed answer to the prophet Jeremiah's question, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" (Jeremiah 8:22). No earthly remedy can compare with the healing that comes from a sense of God's presence; nothing else can heal "the sin-sick soul."

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)
 (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.