

**16<sup>th</sup> 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: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**P: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long ... who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**

L: who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

**P: the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

L: The Lord watches over the strangers; God upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.

**P: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!**

**Opening Hymn GTG #69**

**“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” (verses 1 and 2)**

**Call to Confession**

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the father, so we too might walk in newness of life. Let us then confess our sin to our God, who has made us, who knows us, and who loves us. Let us pray:

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, giver of all that is good, we recognize that you are the source of all that is. The breath of life is a gift from your generous hand. The food we eat is grown in the world you sustain. The community that supports us is called into being by your saving activity. Everything we have is a gift from you. So why do we treat life as though you are parsimonious with us? Why do we believe we must hoard our blessings? It is our sin that makes us live as though we don’t trust your goodness. So forgive us, we pray. Teach us again what it is to rely upon you. Remind us that we are always in your loving care. Fill us with grace and goodwill, that our hearts might overflow from the fullness of your love...**

**Silent Confession**

**Declaration of forgiveness**

L By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one might boast.

**P: For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.**

L: Believe the promise of the Gospel:

**P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*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**

Almighty, eternal God, silence within us every voice but your own. Prepare our hearts to receive your lively word. May your spirit open our minds to receive your inspiration. And having heard your word, may we be doers of the word and not hearers only, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Scripture Reading**

Genesis 1: 1-13

When God began to create<sup>[a]</sup> the heavens and the earth— the earth was without shape or form, it was dark over the deep sea, and God’s wind swept over the waters— God said, “Let there be light.” And so light appeared. God saw how good the light was. God separated the light from the darkness. God named the light Day and the darkness Night. There was evening and there was morning: the first day. God said, “Let there be a dome in the middle of the waters to separate the waters from each other.” God made the dome and separated the waters under the dome from the waters above the dome. And it happened in that way. God named the dome Sky. There was evening and there was morning: the second day. God said, “Let the waters under the sky come together into one place so that the dry land can appear.” And that’s what happened. God named the dry land Earth, and he named the gathered waters Seas. God saw how good it was. God said, “Let the earth grow plant life: plants yielding seeds and fruit trees bearing fruit with seeds inside it, each according to its kind throughout the earth.” And that’s what happened. The earth produced plant life: plants yielding seeds, each according to its kind, and trees bearing fruit with seeds inside it, each according to its kind. God saw how good it was. There was evening and there was morning: the third day.

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

**Anthem:**

**Scripture Reading:**

Genesis 1: 14-31

God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night. They will mark events, sacred seasons, days, and years. They will be lights in the dome of the sky to shine on the earth.” And that’s what happened. God made the stars and two great lights: the larger light to rule over the day and the smaller light to rule over the night. God put them in the dome of the sky to shine on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw how good it was. There was evening and there was morning: the fourth day. God said, “Let the waters swarm with living things, and let birds fly above the earth up in the dome of the sky.” God created the great sea animals and all the tiny living things that swarm in the waters, each according to its kind, and all the winged birds, each according to its kind. God saw how good it was. Then God blessed them: “Be fertile and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth.” There was evening and there was morning: the fifth day. God said, “Let the earth produce every kind of living thing: livestock, crawling things, and wildlife.” And that’s what happened. God made every kind of wildlife, every kind of livestock, and every kind of creature that crawls on the ground. God saw how good it was. Then God said, “Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth.” God created humanity in God’s own image, in the divine image God created them, male and female God created them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and master it. Take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, and everything crawling on the ground.” Then God said, “I now give to you all the plants on the earth that yield seeds and all the trees whose fruit produces its seeds within it. These will be your food. To all wildlife, to all the birds in the sky, and to everything crawling on the ground—to everything that breathes—I give all the green grasses for food.” And that’s what happened. God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good. There was evening and there was morning: the sixth day.

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

**Sermon**

“Everything is about Relationships”

Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez

**Hymn GTG#19**

**“God of Great and God of Small”**

**Words of Gratitude**

All that we have, all that we are is from God. Remembering the abundant life that God has offered us, let us dedicate a portion to return to God, the giver of all. The offering will now be received.

**Offertory**

**RESPOND IN GRACE**

**“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

Eternal God, from the abundance of your creation we have all we need. You have blessed us richly. Bless us again by receiving these gifts, multiplying them and using them, that we might see your kingdom at work among us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayers of the People** (See backpage)

**\*Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn GTG#23**

**“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”**

**Announcements**

**Benediction**

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

The bridging of the chasm is too much for us to do. The good news of the Gospel is that Christ has already bridged the abyss of our sin to bring us into God’s loving embrace. What remains is for us live in the fullness of our humanity to the glory of God. Now may the love, grace, and communion of the triune God be and abide with us all, for this day and forevermore. Amen.

**The Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

**People: And also with you**

**Amen**

**Postlude**

## Prayers of the People

Holy God, you have invited us into your presence, calling us to prayer for ourselves and one another. In Jesus Christ, the great high priest, you have given us an intercessor. It is with the assurance that Christ himself gives us that we draw near to you, knowing we will be heard, knowing that you will listen, knowing that you want to hear our prayers.

We pray for your world, believing that you who created it and sustain it by your spirit, love it still. Where there continues to be violence and bloodshed, year after year, we pray your presence and peace. We pray for all victims of violence, particularly gun violence. For leaders striving for peace and justice, we pray your blessing and your sustenance.

We pray for those whom society has forgotten. We pray for those whom we have forgotten: for those experiencing homelessness, the sick, the outcast and marginalized, those who suffer from mental and emotional illness. Open our eyes week after week and disturb us to action in order that we might live lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. Let us not be complacent. Stir our compassion.

We pray for ourselves, merciful God. Where we harbor secret fears, we pray you will grant us relief. Where we are anxious over matters within our control and without, we ask for peace. Where we too are plagued by the same demons we identify in others, we ask for healing. Where we have allowed lesser gods to usurp your claim upon us and our lives, we pray for forgiveness.

We pray for those whose troubles are known only to you, O God, that you would guide us to offer a hand of grace in your name to them.

We pray for your church, O God. For the church universal, the Presbyterian church, and our congregation, we ask your blessing. Call us once more and give us a vision to be a light to all people. Make us the community of faith you would have us be.

We make these and all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray together, "Our Father...".

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



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***"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."***

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## 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 today. 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 today, October 30<sup>th</sup>, November 27<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 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.

### **-PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST FALL GATHERING**

**FRI, OCTOBER 14 – SAT, OCTOBER 15 - ZOOM MEETING**

**FRIDAY, OCT. 14 – 1 PM – CT MEETING 3:30 PM – GATHERING OPENS FOR ALL WOMEN**

**SAT., OCT 15 – 9 AM – GATHERING OPENS FOR ALL WOMEN**

+++Registration Fee of \$5.00. You will receive Program Book and Zoom instructions via email on Wednesday, October 12. Deadline to register is Sat, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Make check out to PWSNE. Send form and check to Virginia Champlin, Registrar; 4381 Wabash Road, Geneva, NY 14456.

### **- 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**

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## **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

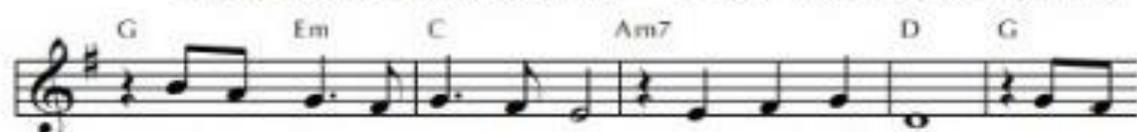
Please pray for Heather Blenkinsopp

## 69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



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.



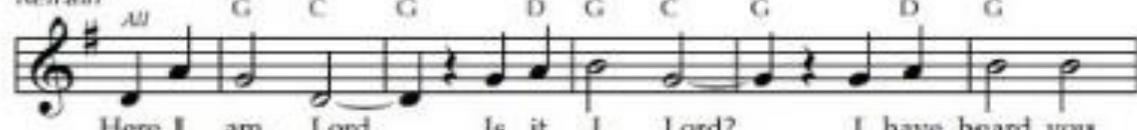
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



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*

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.

# God of Great and God of Small 19



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,  
 2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,  
 3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,  
 4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,  
 God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,  
 God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,  
 God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

## Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

Although it uses remarkably simple language, this text affirms a great mystery: beyond all our powers of explanation, God holds together all the opposites that seem to pull us in one direction or another. Yet God is present to them all and also to us; for that we give praise.

# God, You Spin the Whirling Planets 23

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D) (G)  
 E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>



1 God, you spin the whirl-ing plan - ets, fill the seas and  
 2 You have called us to be faith - ful in our life and  
 3 God, your word is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to

(D) (A) (D) (Bm) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D)  
 E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> Cm A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>



spread the plain, mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blos-soms, call forth  
 min - is - try. We re - spond in grate-ful wor-ship joined in  
 life made new. Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's

(G) (D) (A) (D) (G) (D) (A)  
 A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>



sun - shine, wind, and rain. We, cre - at - ed in your im - age,  
 one com - mu - ni - ty. When we blur your gra - cious im - age,  
 work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all dis - tor - tion.

(D) (Bm) (F#m) (G) (A) (D) (G)  
 E<sup>b</sup> Cm Gm A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>



would a true re - flec - tion be of your jus - tice,  
 fo - cus us and make us whole. Healed and strength - ened  
 Pol - ish us with lov - ing care. Thus, new crea - tures

(D) (G) (A) (D) (G) (Em) (D) (A) (D)  
 E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> Fm E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>



grace, and mer - cy and the truth that makes us free.  
 as your peo - ple, we move on - ward toward your goal.  
 in your im - age, we'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.

This text was written for the 1979 National Meeting of United Presbyterian Women, whose theme, "In the Image of God," is variously considered here as reflection, focus, distortion, and polishing for clarity. The words are well set to an anonymous 19th-century American tune.