

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
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: O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**P: Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;**

L: Who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors; in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the Lord;

**P: Who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent.**

**Hymn of the Month** GTG# 519

**“You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”**

**Call to Confession**

We worship a God who stands more ready to forgive than we are to confess our sin. Our Creator, who is merciful and just, has promised to cleanse us of all unrighteousness. Beloved, with such assurance, we do not need to fear confession. Let us profess our sin, first together then in silence, to our God, who has made us, who knows us, and who loves us. Let us pray:

**Prayer of Confession**

**You have told us what is good, O God. Your hopes for us are clear. And yet we live as though it is unclear what you would have us do. We live as though we were not the recipients of grace upon grace. We have withheld what is not our own. We have judged where it was not our place. We have sinned by what we have done and what we have failed to do. We know that we have sinned. We seek your forgiveness and your reconciliation and strength that we may follow in the way you would have us go. Cleanse us and guide us. We make this and all our prayers in reliance upon our faithful savior, Jesus Christ.**

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of pardon**

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**He gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.**

Believe the promise of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**\*Gloria Patri**

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria! Yesterday, today and forever, Gloria  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**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.

**Scripture Reading**

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord is saying: Arise, lay out the lawsuit before the mountains; let the hills hear your voice! Hear, mountains, the lawsuit of the Lord! Hear, eternal foundations of the earth! The Lord has a lawsuit against his people; with Israel he will argue. “My people, what did I ever do to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! I brought you up out of the land of Egypt; I redeemed you from the house of slavery. I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam before you. My people, remember what Moab’s King Balak had planned, and how Balaam, Beor’s son, answered him! Remember everything from Shittim to Gilgal, that you might learn to recognize the righteous acts of the Lord!” With what should I approach the Lord and bow down before God on high? Should I come before him with entirely burned offerings, with year-old calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with many torrents of oil? Should I give my oldest child for my crime; the fruit of my body for the sin of my spirit? He has told you, human one, what is good and what the Lord requires from you: to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God.

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

**Anthem:**

**Scripture Reading:**

Matthew 5:1-12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up a mountain. He sat down and his disciples came to him. He taught them, saying: “Happy are people who are hopeless, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs. “Happy are people who grieve, because they will be made glad. “Happy are people who are humble, because they will inherit the earth. “Happy are people who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness, because they will be fed until they are full. “Happy are people who show mercy, because they will receive mercy. “Happy are people who have pure hearts, because they will see God. “Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God’s children. “Happy are people whose lives are harassed because they are righteous, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs. “Happy are you when people insult you and harass you and speak all kinds of bad and false things about you, all because of me. Be full of joy and be glad, because you have a great reward in heaven. In the same way, people harassed the prophets who came before you.

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

**Sermon**

“What We Need to Do?”

Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez

**Hymn GTG#175**

**“Seek Ye First”**

**Words of Gratitude**

The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof. From God’s good creation, we have all that we need, indeed, we have more than we need. Let us worship God, then, by returning our tithes and offerings as tokens of our commitment to love and serve the Lord.

**RESPOND IN GRACE**

**Offertory GTG#693**

**“Though I May Speak” (verses 1 & 2)**

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

**\* Doxology GTG#693**

**“Though I May Speak” (verse 3)**

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.

**Prayer of Dedication**

Holy God, we have received from your gracious hand abundance upon abundance, grace upon grace. Accept these offerings, we pray, and bless them and multiply them, that through these gifts we might see your kingdom at work among us. We pray all these things through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayers of the People** (See [backpage](#))

**\*Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn GTG #70**

**“What Does the Lord Require of You”**

**Announcements**

**Benediction**

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

Go now, in the power of God’s spirit, to seek blessing in the places God would give it, to be the blessing God would give to the world, and in so doing, to be blessed. And may the grace, fellowship and communion of the triune God be and abide with us all.

**The Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

**People: And also with you**

**Amen**

**Postlude**

### Prayers of the People

Eternal God, you have laid before us a path of wholeness. You have called us to genuine community, to love and to care for one another. You give us the gift of fellowship that we might help and support one another. All creation reflects the overflowing of your love. There is no prayer that we may offer that is not already close to your heart, so we offer these prayers knowing that you will hear them, with hope that in saying these things aloud, our hearts would be renewed in love for all you have made.

We pray for leaders new in their roles, and for leaders who have led us for a long time. Grant all who serve the people discernment, patience and wisdom that they may seek solutions rather than the gratification of individual wishes and the building of egos and political capital.

We pray for your good earth, O God. Where we have contributed to the ravishing of your creation, we pray forgiveness and awareness. Give us the desire to live wisely as good stewards taking only what we need rather than blindly, foolishly squandering what is not ours to begin with.

We pray for those caught in the bind of economic hardship. We pray for those suffering unemployment and underemployment. We pray for those waiting in fear to see what their future will hold. Ease our anxiety, O Lord, and remind us of the care with which we are held.

We pray for our own community. If we are blind to the station of our neighbors, needle our consciences and stir us to action. Where we may be of service, lead us, O God, and give us the strength to follow. Open our eyes to people experiencing homelessness, to people living with addiction, to those who suffer from mental and emotional illness, to those who are outcast and suffering. We pray for victims of violence, and gun violence in particular. Help us to bring your shalom.

To that end, we pray for your church, O God. Strengthen the ties that bind us one to the other. Speak your word to us and through us that we may give hope to a hurting world. We pray for the Presbyterian Church, and we pray for our own congregation. Make us in the image of your kingdom and help us to follow your way.

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

### Prayers and Praise

Please pray for Everyone in leadership

Please pray for Children/ families

Please pray for the Otu's family

Please pray for the Supina/Ruess family

Please pray for the Sevilla's family

Please pray for people struggling with cancer for healing

Please pray for leaders, people in a position of authority

Please pray for Israel, Palestine and Ukraine

Please Pray for the Denzer Family

Please pray for Heather Blenkinsopp

Please pray for Raquel Welty

Please pray for Theresa

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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 2023**

- 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.
- Session Meeting Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7PM via zoom
- Annual Congregational Meeting will take place February 5<sup>th</sup> following worship. This will be a hybrid service.
- Session Meeting Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7PM via zoom

-Zoom worship Service at 11:00AM

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# THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF OSSINING

We need to have 18 members present to have this important meeting. In this meeting we will:

- Receive reports from committee chairs
- Look at our financial picture and check out the budget for this year
- Thank the Deacons and Session members and elect new officers
- Have our one-minute Corporation meeting

Here are the existing **Session members**, listed by class:

2023	2024	2025
Sara Lima	Rich Ellison	Tom Clemmens
Elizabeth Otu	Bob Supina	

Here are the existing **Deacons**, listed by class:

2023	2024	2025
David Njie	Jonathan Oh	Nancy MacIntyre
Kyle Craig		Lisa Clemmens

Then, we will reward ourselves by feasting in our beautiful Fellowship Hall.  
It will be pot luck - - so bring something yummy if you want to.

## **Praise Songs and Hymns**

### **You Are My Strength When I Am Weak;**

You are my strength when I am weak;  
you are the treasure that I seek;  
you are my all in all.

When I fall down, you pick me up;  
when I am dry, you fill my cup;  
you are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!  
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### **Seek Ye First**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
seek, and you shall find;  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

3 You shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Allelu, alleluia!

### **What Does the Lord Require of You?**

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Justice, kindness,  
walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice and love kindness  
and walk humbly with your God.