

**4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez

OPENING PRAYER (BASES ON EZEKIEL 17:22-24)

L: God takes a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar, and plants it on a high mountain

P: in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit and become a noble cedar.

L: Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

P: God welcomes. God loves. God provides.

HYMN OF THE MONTH (SEE INSERT)

“ALL BELONG HERE”

CALL TO CONFESSION

God gathers and prepares us for worship. Let us confess the sins that detract and distract us from God's path.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you are a blessing to all people yet we choose sides and pit “us” against “them.” Forgive our divisiveness. Forgive our exclusion. Forgive the ways we fail to seek and share your abundance. Help us build the Beloved Community you desire for us, where all your children may live in peace. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ has set us free. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God's grace. Respond with love. Amen.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI GTG#538**

“HALLELUJA! WE SING YOUR PRAISES”

Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.

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Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona, di thabile kaofela.

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona, di thabile kaofela. (Repeat)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts and minds for the hearing of your Word, Holy God. Open us to your truth. Humble us to your way. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

MARK 4: 26-34

Then Jesus said, “This is what God's kingdom is like. It's as though someone scatters seed on the ground, then sleeps and wakes night and day. The seed sprouts and grows, but the farmer doesn't know how. The earth produces crops all by itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full head of grain. Whenever the crop is ready, the farmer goes out to cut the grain because it's harvesttime.” He continued, “What's a good image for God's kingdom? What parable can I use to explain it? Consider a mustard seed. When scattered on the ground, it's the smallest of all the seeds on the earth; but when it's planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all vegetable plants. It produces such large branches that the birds in the sky are able to nest in its shade.” With many such parables he continued to give them the word, as much as they were able to hear. He spoke to them only in parables, then explained everything to his disciples when he was alone with them.

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

ANTHEM:

SCRIPTURE READING

1 SAMUEL 15: 34-16:13

Then Samuel went to Ramah, but Saul went up to his home in Gibeah. Samuel never saw Saul again before he died, but he grieved over Saul. However, the Lord regretted making Saul king over Israel. The Lord said to Samuel, “How long are you going to grieve over Saul? I have rejected him as king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and get going. I'm sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem because I have found my next king among his sons.” “How can I do that?” Samuel asked. “When Saul hears of it he'll kill me!” “Take a heifer with you,” the Lord replied, “and say, ‘I have come to make a sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will make clear to you what you should do. You will anoint for me the person I point out to you.” Samuel did what the Lord instructed. When he came to Bethlehem, the city elders came to meet him. They were shaking with fear. “Do you come in peace?” they asked. “Yes,” Samuel answered. “I've come to make a sacrifice to the Lord. Now make yourselves holy, then come with me to the sacrifice.” Samuel made Jesse and his sons holy and

invited them to the sacrifice as well. When they arrived, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, That must be the Lord's anointed right in front. But the Lord said to Samuel, “Have no regard for his appearance or stature, because I haven't selected him. God doesn't look at things like humans do. Humans see only what is visible to the eyes, but the Lord sees into the heart.” Next Jesse called for Abinadab, who presented himself to Samuel, but he said, “The Lord hasn't chosen this one either.” So Jesse presented Shammah, but Samuel said, “No, the Lord hasn't chosen this one.” Jesse presented seven of his sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord hasn't picked any of these.” Then Samuel asked Jesse, “Is that all of your boys?” “There is still the youngest one,” Jesse answered, “but he's out keeping the sheep.” “Send for him,” Samuel told Jesse, “because we can't proceed until he gets here.” So Jesse sent and brought him in. He was reddish brown, had beautiful eyes, and was good-looking. The Lord said, “That's the one. Go anoint him.” So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him right there in front of his brothers. The Lord's spirit came over David from that point forward. Then Samuel left and went to Ramah.

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

SERMON

“HEALING COMES FROM YOU”

Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez

HYMN TO BE ANNOINTED GTG #792 “THERE IS A BLAM IN GILLED”

HYMN GTG #796

“WE COME TO YOU FOR HEALING LORD” (VERSES 1,2,5)

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

Paul reminds us that generosity is a fruit of the Spirit. Let us generously share of the gifts we have been given. Let us present our offerings to God.

RESPOND IN GRACE

OFFERTORY

“WE GIVE THEE WHAT WE HAVE, LORD”

We give Thee what we have, Lord, Oh praise Thy name

We give Thee what we have, Lord, naught to withhold the same.

Oh thank You, lord, for what You've done to give us what we need

We give Thee what we have, Lord, Because we have believed. Amen.

*** DOXOLOGY**

“PRAISE THE LORD WITH THE SOUND OF TRUMPET”

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,

praise the Lord with the harp and lute, praise the Lord with the gentle sounding flute.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,

praise the Lord in the dark of night, praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.

Praise the Lord in the deepest valley, praise the Lord on the highest hill,

praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kin-dom and build your beloved community. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (see backpage)

***LORD'S PRAYER**

HYMN GTG #451

“OPEN THE EYES THAT I MAY SEE” (VERSES 1,2)”

“ABRE MIS OJOS A LA LUZ”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

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

God, bless us. Jesus, walk with us. Holy Spirit, guide us as we enter this new week. May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all, now and always. Amen.

THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

AMEN

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Eternal God, we are lost without you. Protect us from ourselves, our idolatrous ways, the violence we perpetrate, the destruction we fail to prevent. Our power is nothing compared to yours. Therefore, we seek your guidance through Word and worship. We pray for the Spirit to lead us in the path of righteousness. We seek our freedom in Jesus Christ.

God of our ancestors, who worshipped golden idols when distraught, help us to heed the warnings of our biblical narrative. We place idols above you and prioritize self-centered concerns over sacred. We mythologize our nation as a land of the free, refusing to hear your condemnation and critique. Our sorrows multiply when we fail to heed your

Good God of grace, we choose you and return to you today. You have set a table before us, and we gladly accept your welcome. Your portion and your cup fill us as nothing else in this world can. As your guests, we give thanks for your acceptance, your inclusion and your overwhelming love. At your table, may we be freed to love others as you have loved us.

Prince of Peace, our world is broken by violence, our relationships severed by grief. We lament the ways of our world that lead to death. We revel in your path of life. In your presence we know the fullness of joy.

On this Father's Day, we give thanks for men who embody love; the encouragers, coaches, mentors and bleacher-sitting cheerleaders. We honor those who support and provide. We give thanks for the blessing of fathers, fatherhood, and those whose generative lives includes fathering others. We also remember those for whom such holidays are painful, reminding them of loss or suffering endured.

Renew us, Great God, in this moment of worship so we can tread your path, and labor in your field. Grow your kin-dom here on earth. Start with us, we pray.

Hear these prayers of your people, Holy God, and as the Body of Christ, hear us as we pray our Savior's prayer, **"Our Father ..."**.

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EVENTS HAPPENING IN 2024

In person hybrid worship is at 11AM

Zoom link is as follows:

By Computer

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 870 270 865

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Drumming Program will be on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. The next session will be June 17th at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall

Hybrid English Bible Study will be on Thursdays at 11AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Zoom Link bible study

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Join Zoom Meeting

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Spanish Bible Study will be on Wednesdays.

Coffee Hour following worship today.

Next Worship Team Meeting will be August 6th at 9:30AM

Next Session Meeting will be July 29th at 7PM?

Bible Study material review at Stony Point June 20th – 22nd

Enu Builds Art Success Final Showcase come enjoy the evening & celebrate culture and hear what is next on Thursday 6/20 at 6:30PM at Bethany Arts.

You will hear about:

-The 50th anniversary of Hip Hop -Folklore -Brick making workshop -African dance workshop

-Broom making workshop -Fabric weaving workshop -Teen art residency

-Spoken work and writing workshops -Drumming Circle -Line dancing & history

-May movie series -Haverstraw Ferry Project -Quilting and more

Souls for the Polls initiative on Sunday, June 23. 12PM-3PM at Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

The purpose of this initiative is to encourage the faith community, along with the broader community, to participate in early voting for the upcoming primary election.

Memorial Service for Rev. Raquel Welty

June 29th 11:00 am service at FPCO

2:00 pm burial at Mt. Repose

Afterward gathering for lunch at First Presby., Haverstraw

Art & Action in Ossining Sunday June 30th 12:30PM-3:30PM at Trinity Church in Ossining. Ome celebrate art, activism, and community in Ossining

Presbyterian Women 2024 Churchwide Gathering will be August 8-11, 2024 in St. Louis, Missouri. If you are interested in attending, please register at www.2024pwcwg.org

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Prayers and Praise

Please pray for everyone in leadership

Please pray for children/ families

Please pray for the Otu family

Please pray for the Supina/Ruess family

Please pray for the Sevilla family

Please pray for people struggling with cancer for healing

Please pray for people struggling with mental health

Please pray for leaders, people in a position of authority

Please pray for the Denzer Family

Please pray for Heather Blenkinsopp

Please pray for the Carretta family

Please pray for the Yumart family

Please pray for the Sippel family

Please pray for the Quinoy family

Please pray for Joy and Teresa Zeiden

Please pray for Boateng family

Please Pray for Orr family

Please pray for Kiara Taylor's family

Please pray for Bruce and family

Please pray for Bob

Please pray for Curtis

Please pray for the Bonapace family

Please pray for peace in the world

Please pray for Warren's family

Please pray for Passengers and Crew Members of Ships

Please pray for Diana Behan and family.

Praise Songs and Hymns

ALL BELONG HERE

When your not sure who you really are,
when all you feel is the shape of your scars,
and you have more wounds than you can count,
Open your eyes, look all around,
You aren't alone, this is your home.

Chorus:

*Come and remember who you are here.
Do this to remember who I am.
Come and remember you belong here.
All belong here.*

When you don't know how to forgive
When locked doors seem like the only way to live
And you've got more questions than you can count
Open your eyes, look all around
You aren't alone, this is your home. *(Chorus)*

Bridge:

At this table come as you are
Broken and bleeding's ok
At this table eat and be filled
Come and drink in this grace. *(Chorus)*

THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD

Refrain:

*There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged,
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. *(Refrain)*

Don't ever feel discouraged,
for Jesus is your friend,
and if you lack for knowledge,
he'll not refuse to lend. *(Refrain)*

If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus
and say, "He died for all." *(Refrain)*

WE COME TO YOU FOR HEALING LORD

We come to you for healing, Lord,
of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by your Spirit's touch
we may again be whole.

As once you walked through ancient streets
and reached toward those in pain,
we know you come among us still
with power to heal again.

We come to you, O loving Lord,
in our distress and pain,
in trust that through our nights and days
your grace will heal, sustain.

OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE / ABRE MIS OJOS A LA LUZ

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Abre mis ojos a la luz;
tu rostro quiero ver, Jesús;
Pon en mi corazón tu bondad
y dame paz y santidad.
Humildemente acudo a ti,
porque tu tierna voz oí;
Mi guía sé, Espíritu Consolador.

Abre mi oído a tu verdad;
yo quiero oír con claridad
Bellas palabras de dulce amor,
¡oh mi bendito Salvador!
Consagro a ti mi frágil ser;
tu voluntad yo quiero hacer.
Llena mi ser, Espíritu Consolador.