



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

May 15, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

"I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth." Genesis 9:13

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"God is So Good"

*Call to Worship

Praise God with clapping hands; praise God with hands comforting a child.

Praise God with silent hearts; praise God with hearts broken for the world.

Praise God with electric guitars; praise God with soft piano chords.

Praise God with bebop and hip-hop; praise God with rhythms that don't stop.

Praise God with a hallelujah chorus; praise God with a Gregorian chant.

Praise God with dancing steps; praise God with feet walking for justice.

*Hymn

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" verses 1 & 3

#267

Come, Christians, join to Sing Alleluia, Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King Alleluia Amen

Let all with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice.

Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia, Amen!

Praise yet, our Christ again. Alleluia, Amen!

Life will not end the strain Alleluia, Amen!

On heavens blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,

Singing for evermore: Alleluia Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we come this morning with so much on our hearts and minds. Forgive us! Quiet in us any voice but your own. We confess to you the sins committed and the sin of failing to act when we could have. You know our hearts! We humbly acknowledge our careless and foolish behavior that has ignored or injured any of your children. Take away the blinders that keep us from seeing those you told us to love. They may be homeless, alone, sick or hungry, or in prison. Your promises are for all your people. We ask your forgiveness, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

God has made covenant with people. Let your hearts be lifted with such news! The Lord has sacrificed for us, out of Love for us. Give thanks for this precious gift and live into the example that Christ has set. Let us forgive others as we have been forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Choral Response**

“Gloria Patri”

#581

*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.*

***Sharing the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Anthem

“For As Much As You Do”

Dosso

Prayer for Illumination (Sung)

“Open My Eyes”

#451

**Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou has 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.
Amen.**

Old Testament Reading – Exodus 20:7-17

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Let’s Make a Deal”

Elder Judith A. Gage

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

#1

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

***The Shorter Catechism (1729)**

Are there more Gods than one?

There is but one only, the living and true God.

How many Persons are there in the Godhead?

There are three Persons in the Godhead: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

What are the decrees of God?

The decrees of God are his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

How doth God execute his decrees?

God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

Presentation of Gifts & Offerings

Call to the Offering

Offerings may be made online at <https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering> or by USPS mail service.

Offertory

***Choral Response** *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* **#606**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

We sing our thanks and praise to you, O God. Bless these gifts, we pray, so others may know the abundant life you offer in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer Hymn

“Sanctuary”

#701

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

... “forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors”

***Hymn**

“Standing On the Promises of God” verse 1 & refrain

#838

*Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.*

(continued)

*Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

***Benediction**

***The Sending**

"Give Thanks"

#647

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.*

*And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks. Give thanks.*

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *"The foolish fear death as the greatest of evils; the wise desire it as a rest after labors and the end of ills."* —St. Ambrose

Leading us in worship this morning:
Elder Judith A. Gage, Worship Leader
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Tammi Tully, Liturgist



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The psalmist calls all creation — sun and water, trees and mountains, animals and people — to praise the Lord (Psalm 148). And so we shall. Welcome!

(Prayer) Hallelujah! we worship you, God! Thank you for showing goodness to us and for working through us to bless others.

Your **tithes and offerings** may be made online via PayPal, click the donate button at <https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering>, or by regular USPS mail (4 Clinton Street, Delhi, NY 13753).

For the time that we are without a full-time pastor, members of Session will be taking turns in serving as a go-to person if a pastoral need arises. For the month of May, it will be Kathy Sullivan who will serve as the contact person. Carolyn Massey will serve in June.

The May-June Courier and our **Devotional booklets** (Upper Room and Daily Bread) are available outside the office and in the new narthex. Please take one for your daily devotions!

The last Sunday of every month is a BOUNTIFUL GIVING SUNDAY. The Delhi Food Pantry is accepting **non-perishable food items**. You can also donate via <https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering> or give cash or check donations designated for the food bank. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church. Checks may also be mailed via regular mail to the church at 4 Clinton Street, Delhi NY 13753.

THOUGHTS ON GIVING: *"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (John 13:34)* "As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know, or someone that doesn't look like you.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we have the courage to love someone that we don't like, we don't know or doesn't look like us.

The **Per Capita** amount for 2022 has been set at \$42.00 per member.

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 5-8-2022</i>	46 - 37 in sanctuary + Approx. 9 virtual
The amount needed each week	\$2,147.35*
The amount given week of 5-8-2022	\$1,215.00
The amount needed year-to-date	\$40,799.65
The amount given YTD as of 5-8-2022	\$37,723.23
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 5-8-2022	\$1,925.00
Kirk Receipts week of 5-1-22 to 5-7-22	\$959.91
Mission giving week of 5-8-2022	\$15.00
Mission giving YTD as of 5-8-2022	\$740.00
Apportionment Needed 2022	\$7,182.00
Apportionment received YTD as of 5-8-2022	\$1,695.58

*The amount needed each week is total expenses minus budgeted savings transfers.

Thank you for everything you are doing to keep yourself and others safe as we worship and fellowship together virtually and in person!

SUNDAY May 15	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship
MONDAY May 16	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am SPARKS 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 6:30 pm MWS Committee Meeting
TUESDAY May 17	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY May 18	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Trustees Meeting
THURSDAY May 19	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY May 20	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SATURDAY May 21	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SUNDAY May 22	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship