



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

May 22, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

*“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.”
John 14:1*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

“God is So Good”

***Call to Worship – Unison (Psalm 67)**

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

***Hymn**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

#39

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

*Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Father, Abba, like generations before us, we have failed to keep your word and live in your ways. Your glory shines a light on our humanness and our ability to be faithless. Under the lights of your holy city, illuminate the path to your heavenly throne. Guide us by your Spirit that we may receive the life-giving waters that flow from your heavenly home. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Holy One, you have left your peace with us, that we may hear you and never become troubled by the world around us.

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

"He Is Exalted"

Paris

Prayer for Illumination

Loving companion, you give your people visions, allowing us to believe in your words. We come to you today to keep our word, profess our love and proclaim our faith. Nurture our hearts with your teachings and nurture our minds with your grace. Open our eyes, our ears, our minds and our souls as we listen to your words and the message that is before us this day. Amen.

Gospel Reading – John 14:23-29

Jesus answered him, "If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me does not keep my words; and the word which you hear is not mine but the Father's, who sent me.

"These things I have spoken to you, while I am still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I go to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place, you may believe.

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – Acts 16:9-15

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing beseeching him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." And when he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Setting sail therefore from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is the leading city of the district of Macedonia, and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days; and on the sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to give heed to what was said by Paul. And when she was baptized, with her household, she besought us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD***Hymn***"Praise Ye The Lord Almighty"*

#35

*Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!*

*Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?*

*Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.*

***Heidelberg Catechism**

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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**

God of eternity, enthroned in glory, we come before you bringing our gifts. We humbly submit to your sovereign will. You are the source of all righteousness; we offer ourselves as ambassadors for peace. You are the source of justice; we give of our substance to alleviate hunger and want. You are the means by which all the earth shall prosper; we shall go into all nations and bless your name. In all things we give you our thanks and our praise. 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**

*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” verses 1 & 2
Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

#12

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

***Benediction**

***The Sending**

*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” verses 3 & 4
To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.*

#12

*Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!*

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *“Kindness is like a garden of blessings.” —Sirach 40:17*

Leading us in worship this morning:
Lay Preacher Marsha Muller, Worship Leader
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Darcy Gibson, Liturgist



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On the sabbath, Paul and his companions worshiped with Lydia and the other women (Acts 16:13-14). May God open our hearts today as he did theirs.

(Prayer) Quiet our hearts and minds, dear Jesus. Help us sense the peaceful rhythm of your heartbeat against us.

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: “...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” (John 14:27) Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all he has given you and trust that he has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That the next time worry, anxiety or fear enters our life, make God your first choice and not your last resort.

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

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 5-15-2022</i>	48 - 35 in sanctuary + Approx. 13 virtual
The amount needed each week	\$2,147.35*
The amount given week of 5-15-2022	\$1,784.00
The amount needed year-to-date	\$42,947.00
The amount given YTD as of 5-15-2022	\$39,507.23
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 5-15-2022	\$1,925.00
Kirk Receipts week of 5-8-22 to 5-14-22	\$910.84
Mission giving week of 5-15-2022	\$80.00
Mission giving YTD as of 5-15-2022	\$820.00
Apportionment Needed 2022	\$7,182.00
Apportionment received YTD as of 5-15-2022	\$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 22	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship
MONDAY May 23	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am SPARKS 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 6:00 pm Deacons Soup Preparation
TUESDAY May 24	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY May 25	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 4:00 pm Kirk Meeting 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY May 26	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY May 27	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SATURDAY May 28	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open
SUNDAY May 29	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday & Seventh Sunday of Easter</i> 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship