



The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

May 7, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion & Fifth Sunday of Easter

“My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me. Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.”

Psalm 31:15-16

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

*Call to Worship (Psalm 31:1-5)

Leader: In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

People: Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

Leader: Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

People: Free me from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O Lord, the God of truth.

*Hymn

“You Are My Refuge, Faithful God”

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Prayer of Confession

Our God, we come to you confessing that we have held back. We have held back our things, our time and even ourselves out of greed. We have held back love and compassion because of fear and pride. Our God, you have overwhelmed us with such good gifts and we have kept them to ourselves. We have been so selfish. Hear our confession. As you call us to a life of surrender and sacrifice help us to let go, help us to trust and help us to serve. As we do, may we find increased joy, contentment and freedom in you, Jesus, and may our lives be a light to the world around us. Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Lord, we thank you for your forgiveness and mercy. May we listen for your guidance in the soft whispers and feel it in the gentle nudges of everyday life. Help us follow your light when we know it comes from you. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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

“Amazing Grace”

arr. by Tomlinson

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

New Testament Reading – Acts 7:55-60

But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of God standing at the right hand of God.” At this they covered their ears, and yelling at the top of their voices they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. Then he fell on his knees and cried out “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

New Testament Reading – 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk—so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to him, the living stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into the spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame. Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,” and, “A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – John 14:1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the light. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” Jesus answered, “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. I tell you the truth anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name and I will do it.

Leader: God’s Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn

"To God Be the Glory"

#634

*Affirmation of Faith – Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Eucharist

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

Darcy & Jackie Gibson

*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

Lord, our Rock and Redeemer, thank you that you are infinitely, consistently, and perfectly wise. You have said that whatever we give is acceptable if we give it eagerly. You have said that we should give according to what we have. Help us to bring our offerings with an eager heart, not as a comparison with others but as an act of worship to you. May we find the comfort we desire in you and the strength we need in your name. May your presence be with us every hour of the day. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Communion Hymn

"Come to the Table of Grace"

#507

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

... "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion will be served in your pews by ushers, or you may use the individual elements that were provided on your way in this morning.

Prayer after Communion

May our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"Seek Ye First" (verse 1 - 2x)

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*Benediction

*The Sending

"Seek Ye First" (verses 2 & 3)

#175

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: "You shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back." —Maya Angelou

Leading us in worship this morning:
Elder Tammi Tully, Worship Leader
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Kevin Sullivan, Liturgist

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You are a royal priesthood, God's own people. Welcome to worship, that we may proclaim the mighty acts of God, who called us into his marvelous light. *(Based on 1 Peter 2:9.)*

(Prayer) Risen Jesus, as spring blossoms around us, may your love blossom in us, that we might share its fragrance and brilliance with others.

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

FLOWERS this week are given by **Patrick and Ryan Sullivan** in honor of **Kevin & Kathy Sullivan's 40th wedding anniversary.**

FLOWERS this week are also given by **Marilyn Wickham** in memory of her husband **Richard Wickham.**

The second **Healthy Congregations workshop** is this Wednesday at 6:00pm in the chapel. The workshops are being led by Mark Montford and Doug Horne of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry

The **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Ed Goff and Harry Bell. The Trustees responsible for counting on May 14 are Joe Cantwell and Tom Little.

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.

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

THOUGHTS ON GIVING *“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” 1 Peter 2:7.* Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called “charisms” and they are used to build God’s kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God’s salvation plan.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That we encourage those who are struggling to find direction in their life and help them discern how they might use their gifts.

The **Per Capita** amount for 2023 has been set at \$43.95 per member.

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 4-23-2023</i>	46 - 42 in sanctuary + Approx. 4 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 4-23-2023	\$1,848.05
General amount needed year-to-date	\$28,101.00
General amount given YTD as of 4-23-2023	\$31,681.50
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 4-23-2023	\$20.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$7,201.54
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 4-23-2023	\$505.00
Kirk Receipts 4-16-23 to 4-22-23	\$1,241.62
Mission giving week of 4-23-2023	\$55.00
Mission giving YTD as of 4-23-2023	\$1,150.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 4-23-2023	\$1,556.40

<i>Sunday 4-30-2023 (Bovina UPC)</i>	
General amount needed each week	\$1,653.00*
General amount given week of 4-30-2023	\$1,149.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$29,754.00
General amount given YTD as of 4-30-2023	\$32,830.50
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$423.62
Fuel Fund given week of 4-30-2023	\$0.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$7,625.16
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 4-30-2023	\$505.00
Kirk Receipts 4-23-23 to 4-29-23	\$1,463.86
Mission giving week of 4-30-2023	\$15.00
Mission giving YTD as of 4-30-2023	\$1,165.50
Apportionment Needed 2023	\$7,163.85
Apportionment received YTD as of 4-30-2023	\$1,556.40

*General amount needed each week is total expenses minus budgeted savings transfers and fuel expenses.

SUNDAY May 7	9:45 am Deacons Meeting 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship with Communion
MONDAY May 8	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY May 9	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 3:00 pm Girl Scouts
WEDNESDAY May 10	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Healthy Congregations Workshop
THURSDAY May 11	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY May 12	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class (Chapel)
SATURDAY May 13	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Store Open 10:15 am Ashtanga Yoga (Chapel) 11:45 am Yin Yoga (Chapel)
SUNDAY May 14	<i>Mother's Day</i> 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship