

***Three Voices Congregation Church***

*Peg Ward, Parish Associate*

*Mike Jaquays, Guest Speaker, Liturgist*

*Norma Palamara, Organist*

***Sept. 29, 2024***

**PRELUDE: "Antiphon" by Harold K. Meeks**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Welcome to worship this morning! Please pay attention to the important announcements in your bulletin and if you have any questions, please call any of the Elders or Deacons listed in your bulletin.

*We will be using the purple hymnal today*

Regular print: Speaker

**Bold print: All**

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP: (from Psalm 19: 7-11)**

The law of the Lord is perfect;

it gives new strength.

**The commands of the Lord are trustworthy,  
giving wisdom to those who lack it.**

The laws of the Lord are right,

and those who obey them are happy.

**The commands of the Lord are just  
and give understanding to the mind.**

Reverence for the Lord is good;

it will continue forever.

**The judgments of the Lord are just;  
they are always fair.**

They are more desirable than the finest gold;

they are sweeter than the purest honey.

**They give knowledge to me, your servant;**

**I am rewarded for obeying them.**

**MORNING PRAYER (in unison):**

**Good morning, God! We have awakened to another day to gather together and feel the strength in our own shared faith within the**

**peace and respite of your house. We know that you are here with us, Lord, as we empower each other through the sharing of your Good News. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #465 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION: (From Jas 5: 15-16)**

We are told that if it is God’s will, prayer made in faith will heal the sick; the Lord will restore them to health, and the sins they have committed will be forgiven. So then, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you will be healed. The prayer of a good person has a powerful effect.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison):**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*Time of Silent Reflection*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: ( From Jas 5: 19-20)**

People of Three Voices, we cannot do life alone. We all face challenges, and we all go through them together, and with the Lord’s guidance and sometimes forgiveness when we stray. And if any of you wander away from the truth and another one brings you back again, remember this: whoever turns a sinner back from the wrong way will save that sinner's soul from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins. **Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE: #291 “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you,  
**And also with you.**

**ANTHEM: "Let There Be Light"**

A duet performed by Jan and Pat Moore

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:**

Almighty God, open our ears, our minds, our hearts and our souls as we hear your Word. Help us to help each other to truly connect with those words of scripture, told by the people who were there by your side. In your loving name we pray, **Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 9: 38-50**

**Our Reader: Jess Prievo**

**MESSAGE: "Strength and Peace in Numbers" Mike Jaquays**

**\*HYMN #645 "Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above"**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed (Traditional)**

**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; on the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He shall come again 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.**

**\*BRINGING OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD**

**\*DOXOLOGY #606**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord, we thank you for all the gifts given; please accept them by Your

grace and use them for Your Kingdom. Accept the offering of our lives and time as well. **Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory  
Forever and ever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #275 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" vs. 1-2**

**\*BENEDICTION:** Heavenly Father, it is time once again to leave your house. Just as we share your message with each other here, help us to be a beacon of hope to others in our communities, to show them our own example of how you would want us to live and how you would want us to minister to others. You are indeed a mighty fortress, almighty God, never failing us and always empowering us. **Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE: #275 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" vs. 3-4**

**POSTLUDE: "Postlude in D Minor" by Stephen Heller**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**With confidentiality in mind, we are now using PRAYER REQUEST forms for folks to ask for prayer concerns, joys and challenges. Please limit your request to the FIRST NAME of the person and a brief explanation of the reason for prayers.**

**PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNER—Three Steeples United Church, Paris**

**We will continue to mail and broadcast the full service for those who are unable to attend. For On-Line Video of this Service visit: Three Voices Web Page and Facebook Page**  
*Posted Sunday afternoons*

**PRAYER REQUESTS—Nayeli, our sponsored child in Guatemala and Leul, our sponsored child in Ethiopia, Linda and John Marafioti, Edith Lohr, Dalton Prievo, Dorothy and Neil Clark, Patty Reap, Tim Waterman, Kerry Boyce, Bob Stanton, John Wellman, Deb Rifenburg, Chad K., Carol Dygert, Nathan, and the people of Rome and our sister church, First Presbyterian Church of Rome, following the devastating tornado.**

**Remember our members who are unable to get out on a regular basis in prayer, with phone calls, and/or greeting cards: Ginny Elliott, Joyce Sieniecki, Jack Schuyler**

## **WORSHIP SERVICE**

**October—Verona**

**November—Oneida Castle**

## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAY**

**5 Joan Drummond**

### **TITHES AND OFFERINGS—**

As we continue to follow COVID policies we will place our collection plates at the front and rear of the sanctuary. Please leave your offering in them as you enter or exit. We will dedicate these gifts during the worship service.

Now that the Three Voices Presbyterian Church merger is official, we have transitioned from three individual checking accounts to one. Please write checks to **THREE VOICES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**. Our official address for the Three Voices Presbyterian Church is PO Box 114, Verona, New York 13478.

**MISSION—**Please continue to support our food outreach mission:

**Karing Kitchen:** checks to The First Methodist Church, 116 W Grove Street, Oneida, 13421, with the notation **KARING KITCHEN**

**Vernon Food Pantry:** make checks payable to the **HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY** and mail to Spirit of Hope, 121 St. Josephs's Place, Oneida, NY, 13421

**Verona Area Food Pantry** donations may be made out to Verona Food Pantry, PO Box 75, Verona 13478. Please bring all food donations to either church or the Verona Post Office.

Donations are also needed at the **Blessing Box** in the parking lot of the Verona Fire Department.

**ROME--**We have all been praying for our sister church family, the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Rome. Our session decided that during September instead of the traditional Peacemaking Offering, we will collect individual donations to support the restoration efforts following the loss of the worship space in Rome. The session will also vote at their September meeting to make a donation from our church budget. Please note "Rome Restoration " on checks donated for that purpose.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY will meet at 8:30.**

**WOMEN/DEACONS will meet Tuesday, October 1, at 10:00, in Verona.**

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet Thursday, October 3, at 6:00, in Verona.**

**BLOOD MOBILE**

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church—Community Blood Drive**

**Thursday, October 3, 12:00 to 5:00**

**Treat yourself: Give blood for a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email, PLUS, automatically be entered for a chance to win a \$5,000 gift card, there will be three lucky winners!**

**Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter keyword StPetersVerona**

**Multiply your life-saving impact by signing up for a Power Red donation or by encouraging a friend to sign up with you!**

**BOTTLE AND CAN RETURN--You may drop your redeemable bottles and cans off at the return centers at the Northside Shopping Center in Oneida or GreenWorld on Erie Boulevard in Rome. Simply tell them that you are donating to the Town of Verona Food Pantry. You don't even need to wait for them to count your donation! So far we have had over \$450 in donations.**

**DEVOTION MATERIAL--The Upper Room and These Days are available at both churches in the fellowship room. If you are unable to get to the church and would like copies of these devotions, please let Irma know and I will arrange to have one delivered to you.**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE:**

**[www.threevoicespresbyterian.org](http://www.threevoicespresbyterian.org)**

**9/29/24**

## **THREE VOICES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**WE CARE...**In an effort to insure that we are informed of illnesses, absences, and significant happenings in the lives of our congregation, we need everyone's assistance. If you are aware of someone who is ill, in the hospital, or simply in need of our assistance, **PLEASE** contact an elder or a deacon.

### **PARISH ASSOCIATE**

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### **SESSION 1-year term**

**Gary Onyan**

**Michael Jaquays**

**Cornelius Faber**

**Don Lanz**

**Rebecca Marsala**

**Brent Collins 6-month term**

### **DEACONS 1-year term**

**Linda Bailey**

**Karen Schmidt**

**Linda Marafioti**

**Barbara Pekola**

**Kevin Bailey**

**Treasurer—Jessica Priervo**

**Secretary—Irma Jaquays**

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**Gary Sherwood**

**Gary Onyan**