

The Three Voices Congregation
MOUNT VERNON, VERONA FIRST & COCHRAN
MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

Organist: Norma Palamara
Guest Speaker: Roger Williams
September 18, 2022

PRELUDE: "If Thou Art Near" by J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will be using the blue hymnal today.

Our liturgist this morning is Phil Marmelstein

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Adapted from Psalm 113*)

One: Praise God, all who have come to worship. Praise that Holy name!

All: Blessed be God's from this time on and forevermore.

One: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised.

All: The glory of God is high above the heavens.

One: Who is like God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

All: God raises us all, poor and rich, and seats us at the same table.

One: God gives us all a home, making us part of one family.

All: Praise God!

OPENING PRAYER (*unison*)

Lord God, we come to sing Your praises and to strengthen our faith. Help us to leave behind us for a time the day-to-day trivia of our lives, and help us to fix our eyes upon Jesus. Give us, we pray, a clear concept of who He is, an accurate understanding

of what He can do, and a firm commitment to follow His example and His words and to embrace Jesus as both Savior and Lord. In His name, we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: #487 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Come, before the Lord with an accounting of how you have used all the blessings you have received from the Lord’s hand.

All: Lord, we quake at the thought that You know our every deed, our selfishness, our sin.

One: Come, before the Lord in confession and in repentance.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Lord, we confess we have often lived for ourselves alone, squandering what we have received by Your grace, with no thought for the needs of others. We are prone to abusing any power we may have over the lives of others. Forgive us we pray. May our confession not be in words alone, O Christ, but in working for true justice and peace. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: God forgives the repentant and raises those bowed down. In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you,

And also with you.

Please remain seated as the peace is passed

ANTHEM: “It is No Secret What God Can Do” by Stuart Hamblen
Karen Schmidt and Linda Marafioti

A TIME WITH JAKE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Prepare our minds, O God, to hear your Word, move our hearts to embrace what we hear, and strengthen our will to follow Your way. This we pray through Christ, our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE 1 Timothy 6:17-19; Luke 16:1-13
Karen Schmidt is our reader today.

SERMON: “The Sure Thing” **Roger Williams**

HYMN: #343 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

SHARING OUR JOYS and CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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**

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY #592

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

God of grace, we do not rest upon our works. Your love alone saves us. Your love alone equips us to live lives of gratitude and service. We, Your grateful people, offer You these gifts today as tokens of the gratitude we feel we have been given. Use us and the gifts as You will. Amen.

THE SENDING/BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL HYMN: #391 “Take My Life”

POSTLUDE: “Toccata” by Robert W. Thygerson

Note: Regular type - Minister speaks **Bold type - people speak**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNER: The Coordinating Council of the Presbytery of Utica

As we continue in-person worship, all covid protocols will be followed. 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 (Brenda), (our sponsored child in Guatemala), Jack Tweedy, Linda and John Marafioti, Edith Lohr, Janice Freer, Joyce Sieniecki, Karen Bronson, Susan Holmes, Dan Bodine, Jim Moffit, Mary Phipps, Scott Ward, Dalton Priervo, Tom & Jacqie Santora, Dorothy Clark, Linda Finnerty, Patty Reap, Rick Meier, Casey Faber, Tim Kharnak, Carol Dygert, Randy Haines, and Paul Lanz.

Remember our members who are unable to get out on a regular basis in prayer, with phone calls, and/or greeting cards: Gene Hallagan, Violet Trost, Ginny Elliott, Jack Schuyler, Pete & Eileen Froass.

WORSHIP SERVICE

September—Cochran Memorial

October—Verona First

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES—September

19 Vinny Marsala

25 Kathy and Gary Sherwood

26 Paul and Ashley Lanz

ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets Sunday at 8:45. They are studying Lifestyles of Faith. Everyone is welcome.

SESSION will meet Monday, September 19, at Verona First. The Three Voices Session will meet at 6:00 with each Session meeting after if needed.

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.

Please mail your offerings to your church mailing address, and thank you for your continued support of your Three Voices ministry!

Verona First Presbyterian, Box 114, Verona, NY 13478

Cochran Memorial, 11 State Street, Oneida Castle, NY 13421

Mount Vernon Presbyterian, Box 534, Vernon, NY 13476

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: checks to Holy Family Food Pantry, 4343 Peterboro Road, Vernon, 13476, with the notation FOOD PANTRY or to

Town of Verona Food Pantry, 6600 Germany Rd., Durhamville, NY 13054

Please bring your food donations to worship and place them in the baskets at either church. They can also be dropped off at the Verona Post Office or the Verona First United Methodist Church or at the Blessing Box by the Verona Fire Department.

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.

PARKINSON'S AWARENESS WALK--The Presbyterian Homes Foundation will hold its 20th Annual Parkinson's Awareness Walk on Saturday, October 1. The PAW will begin in the front circle of the Presbyterian Home at 10:00am. Arrival by 9:00am in order to park and register is requested. Three Voices will have a group of walkers attending; come join the crew!! Sign up on the form at Cochran during September to donate and, if you are able, walk the campus of the Presbyterian Home, PRC, The Meadows & Preswick Glen with us. The funds from the event are 100% allocated to improving the quality, accessibility and depth of their Parkinson support programs.

BOOK CLUB will be reading "An Invisible Thread" by Laura Schroff. They will meet Tuesday, September 27, at Verona First, to discuss the book.

STONE SOUP will serve a meal Thursday, September 29, at Verona First. They will serve from 4:30 to 6:00. Everyone is welcome.

WORSHIP TEAM will meet Thursday, October 6, at 6:00 pm, at Verona First.

VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS and LOWVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH have partnered to bring you a 15 AND UNDER YOUTH FISHING DERBY Saturday September 24, at the DEC Demonstration Area ponds, 7319 NY-812, Lowville, NY 13367 NO ENTRY FEE REQUIRED! PRIZES FOR EVERY YOUTH!! HOT DOGS, CHIPS, DRINKS, AND TREATS PROVIDED DON'T HAVE A FISHING POLE? NO WORRIES, WE HAVE EQUIPMENT TO LOAN OUT Signups begin at 9 am, lines in the water 10 am fishing ends at 1 All youth must be accompanied by an adult. IT'S FREE FISHING DAY SO ADULTS CAN HELP THE KIDS, NO LICENSES NECESSARY.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.threevoicespresbyterian.org
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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.

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