

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Excerpts from “*March of the Priests*”

F. Mendelssohn

*All who are able are invited to stand.

+Latecomers may be seated.

The congregation is encouraged to read those portions that appear in **boldface** type.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by the staff in honor of Barbara Kaifler’s 15 years of faithful service to the First Presbyterian Church of Northport

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Northport

Welcome back! We’ve been worshipping online for over a year and we’re finally back in our Sanctuary. Currently, our services are adapted to ensure one another’s safety as best we know how — especially our young children who aren’t yet able to be vaccinated. When we baptize a child here, we promise to help care for and nurture them. At FPC, we take those promises seriously, so we continue to wear masks and keep some physical distance during worship and all other indoor, all-church activities. We also continue to offer an online option for worship on our YouTube channel. The service will be available online on Sunday afternoon.

You are invited to sing the hymns or hum along if you would like.

I hope this communicates how each one of you matters here and how there is always a place for you at First Pres.

Welcome home!

Rachel

Offering

Offering plates will not be passed in the pews during worship. There are offering plates at the entrances to the sanctuary to receive your offering, or you may give online at www.fpcnorthport.org

Coffee Hour...Without the Coffee!

All are invited to a time of fellowship following the worship service this morning. Bottled water and pre-packaged snacks will be available. Please join us outside on the Memorial Garden patio, or in the Hartt Room in case of rain..

Join us after worship today as we honor and celebrate Barbara Kaifler. Come wish Barbara well on her retirement.

The First Presbyterian Church of Northport



**330 MAIN STREET
NORTHPORT, NEW YORK**

Our Mission Statement

First Presbyterian Church of Northport is a welcoming community that invites all people to learn about and respond to the Word of God as found in the Old and New Testaments. Our mission is to be shaped by, proclaim, and live out the good news of Jesus Christ. We are committed to supporting the spiritual development of our congregation by feeding the spiritually and physically hungry, caring for the sick and lonely, nurturing children, and reaching out to those in need in our local and global communities.

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JULY 25, 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

9th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

July 25, 2021

~We Gather in God's Name~

+PRELUDE Organ Partita on "If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee" No. 1, 2, 4" K. Pirbig
Dr. Brenda Clark

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Rachel Vione

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.

Let us love the LORD our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our might.

Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

Let us recite them to our children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when we lie down and when we rise.

Let us lift up our hearts and voices and worship God together.

*HYMN NO. 15, v. 1 & 6 "All Creatures of Our God and King" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) *I Samuel, II Corinthians 4*

Gracious God, we often forget that You are the ruler of our lives. Instead, we turn our attention elsewhere. We want what others have. We allow the concerns of the world to weigh us down. We become distracted by the activities around us. We forget to keep our focus on You. Forgive us. Strengthen our faith, that we may see Your presence in our lives – the One who loves us completely, the One who offers us abundant forgiveness, the One who never leaves our side. In Your holy name we pray.

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory Be to the Father" Hymn No. 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.**

~We Hear God's Word~

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 6:22-23 (p. 6, pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 1:15-23 (p. 192, pew Bible)

SERMON "Taking the I Out of the Eye" Rev. Rachel Vione

~We Respond As God's People~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) *from the Confession of 1967*

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

*SUNG RESPONSE Hymn No. 1, v. 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!***

RECOGNITION FOR THE SERVICE OF BARBARA KAIFLER

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Barbara Kaifler

Leader: Let us pray...

...And now together we offer our unison prayer of thanksgiving.

People: We thank you Lord, for the gifts of Christian Ministry given in your servant Barbara Kaifler. We celebrate the years of service and rejoice in the blessings so many have received. Give her a sense of fulfillment and completion, a time of refreshment and rest, and new opportunities for living the good news of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

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. Amen.

THE OFFERING

ANTHEM "My Task" E. L. Ashford

Dana Warren, Soloist

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN NO. 546 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" SICILIAN MARINERS