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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 22, 2025

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us for worship today. We welcome you into our fellowship as together we gather in the presence of God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

If you are a visitor, please take a moment to scan the QR code below and fill out the form.

We want to acknowledge your presence today with a note of thanks. Please let us know if there is a way we may be of help or encouragement to you today.

If you have any prayer requests or concerns, questions about your faith or the Christian life, if you have updates to your contact information, or if there is anything you need to communicate, please note those remarks on the form.



On the front: IHS monogram. IHS are the first three letters of the name Jesus in Greek: IHSYS. Thus, IHS is a monogram for Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP MEDITATIONS

Thus does the apostle, being constrained to it by his adversaries, magnify his office, which shows that though men should by no means be proud of any authority they are possessed of, yet at certain times and upon certain occasions it may become needful to assert it.

-Matthew Henry, 18th c.

I do not, as Peter and Paul, issue commandments unto you. They were apostles; I am but a condemned man: they were free, while I am, even until now, a servant. But when I suffer, I shall be the freedman of Jesus, and shall rise again emancipated in Him. And now, being a prisoner, I learn not to desire anything worldly or vain.

-Ignatius of Antioch, Epistle to the Romans, 100 A. D.

For our sins, says the Apostle, we had pierced ourselves with ten thousand evils, and had deserved the gravest punishment; and the Law not only did not deliver us, but it even condemned us, making sin more manifest, without the power to release us from it, or to stay the anger of God. But the Son of God made this impossibility possible for he remitted our sins, He restored us from enmity to the condition of friends, He freely bestowed on us numberless other blessings.

-St. John Chrysostom, 4th c.

These words, *who gave himself for our sins*, were intended to convey to the Galatians a doctrine of vast importance; that no other satisfactions can lawfully be brought into comparison with that sacrifice of himself which Christ offered to the Father; that Christ, therefore, and in him alone, atonement for sin and perfect righteousness, must be sought; and the manner in which we are redeemed by him ought to excite our highest admiration.

-John Calvin, 16th c.

ADVENT + CHRISTMAS + EPIPHANY + LENT + EASTER + PENTECOST

Pentecost Season, sometimes called Trinity Season, the Time of the Church, or Ordinary Time, is the long season that follows Pentecost until the end of the church year and the beginning of Advent. During this season we celebrate the Holy Spirit, the mission of the Church, and the growth that the church experiences guided by the Spirit. The symbols of the season are any Trinity symbol, images of the Apostles or Saints, symbols of the church, or symbols of Christ. The liturgical color for the season is green, symbolizing the new growth of the Church that the Spirit brings.

THE WORSHIP OF ALMIGHTY GOD

GREETING

In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

COLLECT

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP

Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;

you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again;

from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.

You will increase my greatness

and comfort me again.

I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God;

I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.

My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you;

my soul also, which you have redeemed.

And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long,

for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to do me hurt.

- Psalm 71:20-24

THAT MAN IS BLESSED WHO FEARING GOD

1. That man is blest who, fearing God,
from sin restrains his feet,
who will not stand with wicked men,
who shuns the scorners' seat.

2. Yea, blest is he who makes God's law
his portion and delight,
and meditates upon that law
with gladness day and night.

3. That man is nourished like a tree
set by the rivers' side;
its leaf is green, its fruit is sure,
and thus his works abide.

4. The wicked like the driven chaff
are swept from off the land;
they shall not gather with the just,
nor in the judgment stand.

5. The Lord will guard the righteous well,
their way to him is known;
the way of sinners, far from God,
shall surely be o'erthrown.

Words: Psalm 1, The Psalter, 1912; alt. 1961
Music: William Croft, 1708

CONFESSING OUR SINS

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If we say we have not sinned,
we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

-1 John 1:8-10

Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have erred and strayed from your way like lost sheep,
We have followed too much the ways and desires of our own hearts,
We have offended against your holy laws,
We have not done the things that we ought to have done,
And we have done the things that we ought not to have done.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
Spare those who confess their faults,
Restore those who repent and are sorry for their sins,
According to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord,
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
That we, hereafter, will live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Continue your confession of sins in silent prayer

RECEIVING ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Glory to God in the highest!
And peace to his people on earth!

WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR

1. Wonderful merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh You rescue the souls of men

Chorus

**You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh our hearts always hunger for**

2. Counselor Comforter Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way
Oh we hopelessly lost the way
Chorus

3. Almighty infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh we're falling before Your throne
Chorus

Words and Music: Dawn Rodgers, Eric Wyse

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dear God, you blessed the first Christians with friendship, love, and kindness for each other, causing their little church to grow. Help us to be like them in loving and helping each other and worshiping you. Help us to be a light to Ithaca and bring people to our church. We love you. Amen.

PRAISES AND PETITIONS

Please see page 18 for additional prayers this week.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

All children may come forward for a brief lesson and prayer by Pastor Tim.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

While the children are being dismissed, we will have a brief time of welcome and greeting. You are welcome to “pass the peace of Christ” to one another.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE LORD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: GALATIANS 1:1-5

Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—²and all the brothers who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 3; ANTIPHON: V. 8

Antiphon:

**Salvation belongs to the Lord;
your blessing be on your people!**

¹ O Lord, how many are my foes!

Many are rising against me;

² many are saying of my soul,

“There is no salvation for him in God.”

**Salvation belongs to the Lord;
your blessing be on your people!**

³ But you, O Lord, are a shield about me,
my glory, and the lifter of my head.

⁴ I cried aloud to the Lord,
and he answered me from his holy hill.

**Salvation belongs to the Lord;
your blessing be on your people!**

⁵ I lay down and slept;

I woke again, for the Lord sustained me.

⁶ I will not be afraid of many thousands of people
who have set themselves against me all around.

**Salvation belongs to the Lord;
your blessing be on your people!**

⁷ Arise, O Lord!

Save me, O my God!

For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;
you break the teeth of the wicked.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

**Salvation belongs to the Lord;
your blessing be on your people!**

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-23

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

HEARING THE WORD PREACHED

Sermon Title: “The Apostolic Message of Freedom”

Sermon Text: Galatians 1:1-5

Sermon Series: *Exposition of Galatians, I*

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Timothy R. LeCroy

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' 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 Spirit,
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 sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERING

New Life is supported by the generous gifts of our church members and friends. If you are visiting, you are not expected to give, but if the Lord has blessed you today and you would like to support our ministry, it would be most appreciated. If you don't have cash or check, you can also give on-line at www.newlifeithaca.org/giving/

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

-2 Cor. 9:6-7

OFFERTORY

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

EUCCHARIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is proper and right to do so.

Truly it is proper, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the Church on earth, we praise and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER

THE ACCLAMATION

For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of Faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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,

For ever and ever.

Amen.

THE INVITATION

New Life Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who trust in Jesus Christ to receive Holy Communion with us.

-If this does not describe you, you are invited to come forward, crossing your arms in front of your chest when you reach the front, to receive a blessing from the pastor.

DISTRIBUTION

The congregation will come forward row-by-row, forming two lines in the center aisle. Cup your hands together to receive the bread, then proceed outwardly to the wine tray. There is juice in the very center and wine on the outside. Then use the outside aisle to return to your seat and wait until we eat and drink together.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

We partake together of the most holy body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

After the communion the pastor prays a prayer of blessing.

Prayers for Those Not Communing

New Life Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who trust in Jesus to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use the time to meditate on one of the following prayers:

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I recognize that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

For Those Struggling with Sin

If you are a baptized believer in Christ who is struggling with sin, you should still come forward for communion. As it says in our Larger Catechism 172:

One who doubteth of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation to the sacrament of the Lord's supper, may have true interest in Christ, though he be not yet assured thereof; and in God's account hath it, if he be duly affected with the apprehension of the want of it, and unfeignedly desires to be found in Christ, and to depart from iniquity: in which case (because promises are made, and this sacrament is appointed, *for the relief even of weak and doubting Christians*) he is to bewail his unbelief, and labour to have his doubts resolved; and, so doing, he may and *ought to come to the Lord's supper, that he may be further strengthened.*

ACCORDING TO THY GRACIOUS WORD

1. Ac-cord - ing to Thy gra - cious word, in meek hu-mil - i - ty,

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This will I do, my dy - ing Lord, I will re - mem - ber Thee.

2. Thy body, broken for my sake,
my bread from heav'n shall be;
thy testamental cup I take,
and thus remember thee.

3. Gethsemane can I forget?
Or there thy conflict see,
thine agony and bloody sweat,
and not remember thee?

4. When to the cross I turn mine eyes,
and rest on Calvary,
O Lamb of God, my sacrifice,
I must remember thee.

5. Remember thee, and all thy pains,
and all thy love to me:
when thou shalt in thy kingdom come,
Jesus, remember me.

Words: James Montgomery, 1825
Music: Hugh Wilson, 1824

BENEDICTION

The Pastor pronounces a blessing upon the congregation from Scripture.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Words: Thomas Ken

Music: Louis Bourgeoise, 16th c.

DECLARATION OF PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Go in peace.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD

- **Pray** for the **church and missionaries** working in **Hungary**, especially **Will and Julia Dickerson's team** and the **university students** they have been ministering to. **Pray** for **God to unite believers** in teaching the lost in a secular world.

PCA CHURCHES AND PASTORS IN THE NEW YORK STATE PRESBYTERY

- **Hope Presbyterian Church, Ballston Spa; Nate Thompson**, senior pastor, and **James Farinacci**, pastor of congregational care

SISTER CHURCHES IN ITHACA

- **West Hill Community Church; Justin Pepicelli**, pastor

NEW LIFE ALUMS IN VOCATIONAL MINISTRY

- **Whitney and Sage Buckner, A Rocha -- Vancouver**, British Columbia

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP

- **Ithaca Mayor Robert Cantelmo**; the **Common Council** and the **Administration Committee**; **City Manager Deb Mohlenhoff**; and local governments in **Tompkins County** and **surrounding villages and townships**; that they may govern with wisdom according to your word that we may all live quiet and peaceable lives.

NEW LIFE CHURCH

- **Alice: Pray** for her younger **sister Andi**, who has been diagnosed with a **heart condition**. **Pray** that **both sisters** will have **peace of mind** that overcomes **their fear**.
- **The Thomfordes: Pray** for **Ella** as she headed to **Stanford** to begin her **college experience** last week.
- **The Williamsons: Praise** for their son **Daniel's graduation from high school**, and **pray** for **wisdom** in determining his **next steps**.
- **Angela Brodie: Praise** that her **team of translators** made their final check of **Psalm 150**, thereby **completing their work on the Psalms**. **Pray** for the team as they **begin making recordings** of the Psalms.
- **New Life Alums Kyle and Marita Wilson: Give thanks** for **improved health** after many **years of struggles**. **Pray** that they would **continue to be healthy and thrive** in Terre Haute.
- **Steve & Sheryl Froehlich: Pray** for **Sheryl's mom** as she **transitions** to a **memory care facility**, and for **Sheryl** as her body is battling **lyme disease**.
- **Pray** for all **New Life alums** working for the federal government, that they would retain their jobs and funding during this time. **Pray** also for those working at Cornell who may be affected by the related hiring freezes and budget cuts.

If you do not wish to have praises and requests shared during the worship service printed in the bulletin for the next three weeks, please inform Angela Brodie in an email (angelabrodie@gmail.com).

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New Sermon Series on Galatians

Today we are starting a sermon series on Paul's letter to the Galatians that will continue through the Fall. Come ready to hear weekly about God's irresistible and unconditional grace!

Summer Cookouts

We will have two cookouts after church in July and August. The first one is on July 13. The church will supply the fire, buns, condiments, and utensils. Please bring meat for yourself and a side or dessert to share.

General Assembly this Week

Pastor Tim will be joining others from around the world in Chattanooga for our denomination's General Assembly this week. Please pray for the work of the Assembly, that we would be "eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," (Eph. 4:3).

Morning Prayer & Pastor Tim's "Office Hours" – No Prayer this Week

Join us on Tuesdays at 7:45AM for a short time of prayer. We will be using the traditional form for the Daily Office, which has confession of sin, psalms, scripture readings, and intercessory prayer; and our time together should last about 20 minutes. Immediately following Morning Prayer on Tuesdays, Pastor Tim will be available at the church for consultation or conversation. Please feel free to stop by.

May Financial Report

	Actual	Budgeted	Net
Income	\$13,455	\$20,000	-\$6,545
Expense	\$15,468	\$20,000	\$4,533

Year to date

	Actual	Budgeted	Net
Income	\$97,368	\$100,000	-\$2,633
Expense	\$84,098	\$100,000	\$15,902

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We would like to acknowledge your presence with us today. You will not be added to any mailing lists without your permission and we will not share your information with anyone. Please fill this out and place it in the offering when it comes by.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Mobile Number: _____

Prayer Requests: _____

- ☐ I am an out-of-town visitor.
- ☐ I reside locally and I am visiting New Life Church today.
- ☐ I would like more information about New Life. Please have someone contact me.
- ☐ Please send me more information about: _____
- ☐ I would like to meet the pastor for coffee.

Other comments: _____