



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 29, 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

I take literally the statement in the Gospel of John that God loves the world. I believe that the world was created and approved by love, that it subsists, coheres, and endures by love, and that, insofar as it is redeemable, it can be redeemed only by love. I believe that divine love, incarnate and indwelling in the world. summons the world always toward wholeness, which ultimately is reconciliation... with God.

- Wendell Berry, The Art of the Commonplace

You have not chosen one another, but I have chosen you for one another.

- CS Lewis, The Four Loves

Love is not affectionate feeling, but a steady wish for the loved person's ultimate good as far as it can be obtained.

- CS Lewis, The Problem of Pain

# 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

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; 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

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,

and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,

for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,

that glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;

righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Righteousness will go before him

and make his footsteps a way.

- Psalm 85:7-10, 13

#### ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

- 1. All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; him serve with fear, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.
- 2. The Lord ye know is God indeed; without our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
- 3. O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto; praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

- 4. For why? The Lord our God is good, his mercy is forever sure; his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.
- 5. 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.

Words: William Kethe, 1561 Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1551

# **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!

#### ALL MUST BE WELL



- 2. Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well Ours is such a full salvation, All is well Happy still in God confiding Fruitful if in Christ abiding Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding All must be well
- 3. We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well On our Father's love relying Jesus every need supplying Yes in living or in dying All must be well

#### PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dear Jesus, you have not left us alone, but gave us leaders in the church to guide us. Help our leaders to be wise and just, help us to joyfully follow them, and help us all to do your work in this world. Amen.

#### PRAISES AND PETITIONS

Please see page 22 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**

If you are visiting, or have a contact update, please scan the QR code below and fill out the form. Please see announcements on page 23.



#### THE LORD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: GALATIANS 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup> But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God!** 

from doing the things you want to do. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

#### Antiphon:

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

- <sup>1</sup> Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
- <sup>2</sup> I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."
- <sup>3</sup> As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.
- <sup>4</sup> The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

- <sup>5</sup> The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
- <sup>6</sup> The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
- <sup>7</sup> I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
- <sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

- <sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.
- For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

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.

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

#### THE GOSPEL: LUKE 9:51-62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. <sup>53</sup> But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> And they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you

go." 58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." 59 To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." 60 And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." 61 Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." 62 Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord **People: Glory to you, O Lord!** 

#### HEARING THE WORD PREACHED

Sermon Title: "The Face of Love"
Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 13

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Steve Froehlich, Pastor Emeritus

If I speak in human or angelic tongues, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give my body to be burned that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love suffers long, love is kind. Love is not jealous. Love is not boastful or arrogant or rude. Love does not seek its own; it is not irritable or resentful. Love does not rejoice in evil; it rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. <sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

- 1 Corinthians 13

#### 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

#### **EUCHARIST**

#### 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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, 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 mediate 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.

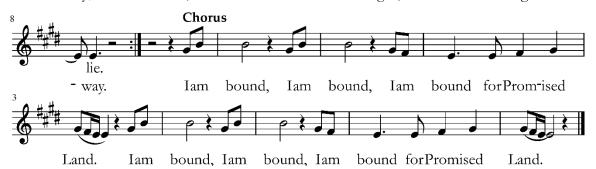
# For Those Struggling with Sin

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.







3. No chilling winds nor poisonous breath Can reach that healthful shore; Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, Are felt and feared no more.

Chorus

#### Chorus

I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound) I am bound for promised land, I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound) I am bound for promised land.

4. When shall I reach that happy place, And be forever blessed? When shall I see my Father's face, And in His bosom rest? Chorus

Words: Samuel Stennett (1787) Music: Christopher Miner (1997)

#### 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

o Pray for missionaries in Northeast India to reach Assam speakers (9.7 million) with the gospel, especially in a way that would create long-term relationships and foster meaningful change.

#### PCA CHURCHES AND PASTORS IN THE NEW YORK STATE PRESBYTERY

o Christ Central Church, Buffalo; Chris Jhu, pastor

#### SISTER CHURCHES IN ITHACA

o Bethel Grove Bible Church; Matthew Raley, lead pastor

#### NEW LIFE ALUMS IN VOCATIONAL MINISTRY

O Bruce Cain, Wycliffe Bible Translators in Southeast Asia

#### GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP

New York State Governor, **Kathy Hochul**; Lieutenant Governor, **Antonio Delgado**; the members of the **Legislature** and the **Judiciary**; 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.
- o The Thomfordes: Pray for Ella as she is beginning her college experience at Stanford.
- o The Williamsons: Praise for their son Daniel's graduation from high school, and pray for wisdom in determining his next steps.
- Angela Brodie: Pray for coworkers and friends

  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.
- 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**

Next Sunday we'll pick back up with our 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.

# Morning Prayer & Pastor Tim's "Office Hours"

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.

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#### May Financial Report

Income

Expense

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

\$100,000

\$100,000

\$97,368

\$84,098

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# Please let us know you worshiped with us today!

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.

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	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.