

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

August 6, 2017 10:00 A. M.

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Tower Bells

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

The Gathering

(The Worship Service begins with the prelude. Let us silently prepare our hearts and allow others the same opportunity.)

Prelude Improvisation on Simple Gifts Alice Jordan

***Call To Worship**

One: We are here

All: in the name of Jesus Christ,

One: to worship the God who gave us life and who sustains our every breath,

All: and to praise the Spirit who enlivens our hearts and enlightens our minds.

One: Great is our God, who deserves our greatest praise,

All: God is awesome beyond all our imagining.

One: Each generation shall pass on the good news to the next,

All: and shall publicly celebrate God's saving actions. Let us worship God!

***Hymn** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" No. 482

Litany of Confession *(Please Be Seated)*

One: When we feel controlled by time limits and appointments,

All: slow us down, O God, help us to stop and take time to appreciate life.

One: When demands of friendship and relationships are intense,

All: slow us down, O God, give us the time we need to linger with our friends, open our hearts to listen and to laugh with them.

One: When the news from print and screen is of violence, fear, and terror,

All: slow us down, O God, help us to see the good news within the bad, the hint of hope in the darkness, and the good news that goes on unnoticed.

One: When our faith life is troubled and confusing,

All: slow us down, O God, empower us to take the necessary time for prayer, reflection, and the time to simply "be." In the name of Christ we open ourselves to you; amen.

Personal Prayer of Confession (In Silence)

The Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri** (No. 579)

***The Peace**

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

(Greet those about you, sharing signs of peace and reconciliation)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21 (Blue Bible p. 549; Black Bible p. 581)

A Time For Children "Jesus Loves Me" (No. 304) as children & leaders leave for Sunday School

New Testament Lesson Matthew 14: 13-21 (Blue Bible p. 15; Black Bible p. 16)

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Communion Meditation: "For What Do You Hunger" The Rev. Peter J. Kelley

***Hymn** "As We Gather at Your Table" No. 2268

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in the living God, who forms the past, present and future; who is the giver of gifts: the universe, our lives, and each new day. We believe in Jesus Christ, God’s greatest gift to us, who teaches us, and sets us free to be ourselves in his light.

Sharing Christ’s victory in life and death, we are able to live and die without fear. We believe in the Holy Spirit of God, present with us now, and always, who can be experienced in prayer, in forgiveness, in worship, in mission, in the fellowship of the Church, in humor, and in all that we do in life. In all of life we know that God is with us. In this we believe and rejoice! Amen.

(Source unknown)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem Rain Down on Me Ruth Elaine Schram

***Doxology (#592) and Prayer of Dedication**

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

The Words of Institution

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.

Prayers and Lord’s Prayer

Sung Response: “Let Us Be Bread” **No. 2260**

Distribution of the Elements

Sharing Bread and Cup (Please hold until all are served; the bread is gluten free & grape juice is in the cups)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN GOD’S NAME

***Hymn** “We All Are One in Mission” **No. 2243**

Charge and Benediction

***Postlude** The Church’s One Foundation **Hustad**

*(Those who are able may stand.)

- Liturgist: David Moore
- Music Team: Kim Palermo-Bogardus and Mary Mraz
- Ushers: Herb Adler and Ed Koster
- Greeters: Alex and Ericka McKenzie
- Communion Servers: Linda Fasbach, Mike Mraz, John Orgass, Ed and Eddie Ward, Doris Skrezec

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL THIS MORNING are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Her Mom, Ruth Hering by Roberta Hering.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- TODAY 11:00 PM Fellowship Time
- 7:00 PM Sunset Devotions
- MON., 5:30 PM Zumba meets in CE Bldg.
- 7:00 PM AA Meets in the 1836 Manse
- TUES. 10:00 AM Prayer Group meets in the 1836 Manse
- 12:30 PM AA Meets in the 1836 Manse
- 6:00 PM Tuesday Community Supper
- WED., 7:30 PM AA Meeting

FRI., 6:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous
SAT., 10:00 AM AA Meeting
SUN., 9:00 AM Bible Study – Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b;
Romans 10: 5-15; Matthew 14: 22-33
10:00 AM Worship Service

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated next on September 3rd.

First Sunday for Food – please remember those in need by bringing non-perishable food to church with you on the First Sunday of each month.

Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of Southold! Our identity can be seen in our most recent vision statement: *“We rejoice in the variety of talents, experience, and concerns each individual brings to this congregation through the Holy Spirit. We will gain strength from this diversity as we strive to be nurturing, relevant, and vibrant disciples of Jesus Christ.”* If you would like more information about our church, please indicate this in the Attendance Registration. Rev. Kelley or one of the members of the Church Growth Committee will be glad to speak with you.

In Times Of illness or need, please inform the Church Staff. It is not safe to assume that they will hear of it any other way. Privacy laws make it difficult for us to “find you” in hospitals; in the event of a hospitalization, please give the information to Jan or Carol in the office (765-2597).

SAVE THE DATE September 17 – 2:00 pm – 6 pm. Our “Annual Picnic” will be held at South Harbor Beach. Games, Good Food and Fellowship will help you have a last summer fling. Sign-up sheet is on the Bulletin Board in the C. E. Building.

The Giving Tree is growing new leaves!

These leaves will help us to give Back-to-School supplies to a local child in need. You can take a leaf off the tree, buy a "back- to school" item and return it by August 22nd. Let's help a child begin the school year well prepared.

Thank you!

Rain Down on Me
Ruth Elaine Schram

Rain down on me Your love and mercy, rain down on me Your grace. Cleanse and renew my barren spirit in this quiet place.

While I worship in the beauty of Your holiness,
rain down on me and I will be blessed.

Rain down on me Your understanding as I confess my sin, comfort and heal my broken heart and make me whole again.

Let me know the wonder of forgiveness full and free!
Rain down on me, rain down on me.

Lord I feel Your power as it washes over me,
gently purifying me once more, once more.
Nothing separates me from You when I'm on my knees,
so in gratitude, I bow before You, Lord. O, Lord,

Rain down on my Your joy and pleasure; cover, enfold, baptize.
Lift me above this barren desert, perfect in Your eyes.
Welcome me into Your presence where I long to be.
Rain down on me, rain down on me, rain down on me,
rain down on me.