

*Pebble Hill
Presbyterian Church*



Worship for October 2, 2022

Worship for Sunday, October 2, 2022
World Communion Sunday
Worship 10AM

Meditation (in preparation for worship)

"I go to church every Sunday, which is like going to the gas station once a week and really, really filling up."

Anne Lamott
in *Bird by Bird*

"The apostles said to the Lord, 'Make our faith greater.' "

Luke 17:5

"I cannot embrace the world, but God can."

Henri Nouwen
in *Genesee Diary*

Prelude

Welcome

We are so glad you are here! If you are new or visiting, please sign the guest pad in the pews so that we may get to know you better and send you our e-newsletter. Please join us for refreshments during our Fellowship Hour after the service.

Please stand if you are able. **Congregation reads the bold print.*

***Call to Worship** Psalm 37: 1-4 (from today's Psalter)

Aminy Audi

Please Stand for the Call to Worship.

Do not fret because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.

***Hymn #450**

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, God, for our faith has been shallow. We put our trust in wealth and comfort. We worry about being good instead of accepting your forgiveness. Our hope has faltered, too. We are anxious and impatient. We give up on ourselves and drag others into despair. Our love is weak. We have not loved you with our whole heart nor our neighbor as ourselves. God, we need your help! Do not deal with us as we deserve. Create in us a new heart and a new spirit. Show us a better way...

A Time of Silence

[Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession—confessing your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from knowing life as God's beloved child.]

Collect:

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (*#2193 Sing the Faith*)

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit to this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love. Send us power. Send us grace.

Declaration of Pardon

Rev. Stuart Hayes

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Through Christ God restores us to Faith, Hope, and Love.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Passing the Peace

Please share the passing of the peace with each other.

***Gloria:** O for a Thousand Tongues v.1

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

Children's Story: Does God Have a Big Toe?

by Marc Gellman

***Hymn #327** From All that Dwell Below the Skies

(teacher and students leave for their class)

Scripture:

Luke 17:5-10

Aminy Audi

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

A Few Words about Scripture

Rev. Stuart Hayes

Anthem

O Taste and See

R V Williams

***Doxology:** O for a Thousand Tongues v. 4

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Announcements

Moment for Mission

David Hitchcock

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Invitation to Communion

***Hymn #321**

The Church's One Foundation v. 1-4

Wesley

Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

and also with you

Lift up your hearts

we lift them up to the Lord

Give thanks for God is good

God's Love is Everlasting

O God of everlasting love....taught friends and followers to pray, saying...

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, 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.

The Bread and Cup

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. And, even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for You are with me, Your rod and Your staff they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Hymn #372

O for a World

Azmon

Benediction

Postlude



Welcome to our worship at Pebble Hill!

If you are with us for the first time, we hope that you find our worship meaningful and our fellowship inviting.

Please reach out to Rev. Stuart Hayes or Nancy Byrne to learn more about Pebble Hill Church.

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Please keep in your prayers this week:

- ❖ We pray for Pastor Elizabeth as she begins her new life in retirement.
- ❖ We pray for Martha Ely who has covid.
- ❖ We pray for Jean Snow as she settles in at Brookdale, Manlius.
- ❖ We pray for all caregivers.
- ❖ We pray for Janine's close friend who was diagnosed with cancer.
- ❖ We pray for New Jerusalem and Eastern Farmworkers as they assist those in need in our communities.
- ❖ We pray for the victims of floods and storms throughout the world and also for those affected by Hurricane Ian.
- ❖ We pray for the people of Ukraine. We pray for a peaceful resolution of the war.
- ❖ We pray for all those experiencing famine throughout the world.
- ❖ We pray for this country; may it find peace from all the discord.
- ❖ We pray for the Elders and Deacons of this church. We pray for Pastor Stuart and for all the staff. We pray for the PNC.

Announcements

From the Finance Office

If you make a cash donation for a specific purpose on a Sunday morning, please make sure the donation is in an envelope with your intended purpose identified. Otherwise, cash donations are applied to our general operating fund.



A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. In the Cayuga- Syracuse Presbytery, individual churches retain 37.5% of the offering to engage in peacemaking activities. The remaining 62.5% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. We will receive the offering today, Sunday, October 2nd.

From the Witness to Racial Reconciliation Team

We will continue our study of the history of racism starting on Wednesday, October 5th and go for about 6 weeks. Our topic for this segment is the Jim Crow era which stretched from after Reconstruction to the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 60s. It is a period of time many of us experienced as children and that our parents grew up in. As such, it has much to teach us about why the struggle against racism has been so difficult.

We will be continuing on Zoom as it has proven an effective way to explore this topic. Our sessions will run from 7pm to 8:30 pm on Wednesday evenings. Each segment will focus on particular aspects of the Jim Crow era and contain about an hour's worth of content and about half an hour of small and large group discussions about that content. Feel free to join whenever you can! There will also be suggestions of video and/or written info to check out before each session if that is possible.

On October 5th, we will be exploring how African Americans were denied their newly granted voting rights which they had taken full advantage of during Reconstruction. Stripping them of the power of the vote was an essential plank of putting them back 'in their place' and has echoes in the problems we are still encountering with voting rights.

Suggested video to watch before: PBS: The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow: (55:33)

Announcing a Special Forum on Sunday, October 9th

We are pleased to announce that Reverend Linda Briggs from ACTS will be joining us for Sunday Forum on October 9th. She is the lead organizer of ACTS (Alliance of Communities Transforming Syracuse). Pebble Hill has been a long-term member of this organization whose vision for itself states: "ACTS is a powerful, civically engaged community of people of faith & conscience working to collectively transform our society and bring about a beloved community of justice, equity, and solidarity."

Lennie Turner has been our representative on their board for a few years now and being more supportive of ACTS always arises when we discuss how Pebble Hill might be more actively engaged with community issues. This Forum will be a great opportunity to learn more about this vital organization and how we might expand our efforts with them.



As we are all aware, drought, flood, war and the disruptions caused by Covid have resulted in widespread food insecurity, famine and starvation. We have the opportunity to help those in need by supporting CROP as a walker or sponsor. The walk is Sunday, October 16. Speak with David Hitchcock for details.

From Pastor Elizabeth:

Dear Pebble Hill Family,

Words cannot express the love and gratitude that I have for all of you. You made my last Sunday so special! Thank you for being in worship, for the lovely potluck reception, the gracious gift of cash for my journey. Thank you to all who labored to make Sunday possible. Most of all, thank you for just being who you are. Loving and kind. Funny and accepting. You have supported me throughout my ministry here, making this a time that will be a very special memory for me. None of us expected the way these past three years would evolve the way they did. Yet, with God's guidance, we have come through it stronger and wiser. It has been such an honor to be your pastor during these times. I wouldn't have wanted to be anywhere else. I have grown to love all of you deeply. May you continue to feel God's blessings in all of your lives. May the peace of Christ always surround you.

Pastor Elizabeth

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This Week at Pebble Hill 10/2-10/8

Sunday	6:00 pm	The Master's Touch Chorale Rehearsal – Forum
Monday	7:00 pm	PNC Meeting - Forum
Tuesday	9:00 am	IFW Mexican Consulate – Commons, Atrium, Forum
	9:30 am	Bluebirds – Fellowship Hall
	6:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting - Zoom
	7:00 pm	Syracuse Chorale – Fellowship Hall
Wednesday:	9:00 am	IFW Mexican Consulate – Commons, Atrium, Forum
	2:00 pm	Nottingham Service – The Nottingham
	4:30 pm	Bluebirds – Fellowship Hall
	4:30 pm	Alzheimer's Group – Conference Room, Lounge
	5:30 pm	Property Meeting – Music Room
Thursday:	9:00 am	IFW Mexican Consulate – Commons, Atrium, Forum
	9:30 am	Bluebirds – Fellowship Hall
	4:30 pm	Bluebirds – Fellowship Hall
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice – Choir Loft
Friday	9:00 am	IFW Mexican Consulate – Commons, Atrium, Forum
	9:30 am	Bluebirds – Fellowship Hall
Saturday	9:00 am	Bluebirds – Forum

Thank you to today's ministry assistants:

Craig and Kevin Cobb – Ushers

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*Doris Gorman, Carolyn Layburn, Jackie Talcik,
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Communion Preparer

Carol Ganotis

Rev. Stuart Hayes – Bridge Pastor

Bette Kahler – Director of Music

Aminy Audi– Liturgist

THANKS TO THOSE WHO ARE LIVE STREAMING THIS MORNING'S SERVICE.

