

**The liturgical color is white,
for joy and festivities.**

Prelude "Reflection" Alfred V. Fedak
Amy Bender

Welcome Rev. Mikayla Doepker

Call to Worship

L: God is in our midst, forming us to be God's own people.

P: Though the way may be difficult, God will be with us.

L: We need not fear.

P: In the Lord we will take our refuge, for God is our strength.

L: Come to the Lord who will surround you with God's own righteousness.

P: Lord, open our hearts and our spirits so that we may faithfully follow you. Amen.
(Courtesy of Ministry Matters)

Opening Prayer

O God of all creation, become for us once again the solid foundation upon which we build our daily lives. We gather before you, this first day of the week, to align our lives to the strong teaching and life of Jesus Christ, our Cornerstone. Receive our praise and thanksgiving as expressions of faith and love. We come to you, O Lord, as people who desire to learn and serve like Christ. We are ready to receive your blessing and direction today. Amen.

(Courtesy of Ministry Matters)

***Hymn #529** "How Firm a Foundation"

Time of Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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. Amen.

Children are invited to meet in the Narthex in the back of the Sanctuary to go to Sunday school.

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

Anthem 9:00 "From Darkness to Light" Michael Helman
Canticle Bells

11:00 "Hold On to the Rock" Pepper Choplin
Chancel Choir; Ruth Aplin, soloist

Serving & Giving Emphasis

Offertory 9:00 "Morning Has Broken" Sondra K. Tucker

11:00 "Footsteps" Craig Courtney

***Doxology #94**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn #558**

"We Are the Church"

Hymn History: This hymn was written by Richard Avery and Donald Marsh. The two collaborated on over 150 songs. They worked together at the First Presbyterian Church in Port Jervis, New York. Richard was the Senior Minister and Donald the Choirmaster and Creative Arts Director. They spent thirty summers at Ghost Ranch, a Presbyterian Education and Retreat Center in New Mexico. Richard was born in California in 1934 and died in 2020 in New Mexico. Donald was born in Akron, Ohio in 1923 and died in New Mexico in 2010. Donald founded the Presby Players (theater group), a joint venture of the church and the community of Port Jervis. Donald wrote a new musical each year for the annual Thanksgiving weekend Holiday Fair.

Scripture I Peter 2: 2 - 10

Sermon Like Living Stones Rev. Mikayla Doepker

Celebration of Holy Communion

***Hymn #620** "One Bread, One Body"

***Benediction**

***Benediction Sung Response** "Go Now In Peace"

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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Postlude

"Psalm of Joy"

George Blake

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With God, all things are possible. You can't give up hope
by Mike, Jake, Ruthie, and Louie Cosmo

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to celebrate an anniversary, or offer them to the Glory of God,
please contact Kathy Fellows at 440-255-5899.

Join us for Fellowship Time in the Gallery!



May 7, 2023
Traditional Worship

To catch up on activities, missions, and events read our Weekly Update which is located in the Narthex and the Information Hub.

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