

the Virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**GIVING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS
and OUR PENTECOST OFFERING**

Offertory
 *Doxology (Please keep your mask in place as we sing together.)
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below;
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
 *Prayer of Dedication

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 our thanks and praise.
Leader continues . . . Therefore, with all your creation we sing your praise:
People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.

Leader continues . . . Great is the mystery of our faith, which we now proclaim:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader continues . . . As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

All: 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, forever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

All: Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE**

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*An asterisk indicates that all who are able may stand.

TO OUR VISITORS

We welcome you to our worship. We hope that you will return to worship with us again! We have a nursery lovingly and carefully attended by church members.

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome into membership all who love Jesus Christ, accept him as Lord of all life, and seek to serve him as part of his body in the church. We invite you to speak to one of our elders, greeting you at the door as you leave the worship service.



**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
May 23, 2021**

***"A family of faith in Jesus Christ,
yesterday, today, and tomorrow."***

We are excited that you have joined us in worshipping God today. Whether you are just visiting, looking to stay or have worshipped here your whole life, it is great to worship the Lord together this day!

DAILY LECTIONARY						
Sunday, May 23	Monday, May 24	Tuesday, May 25	Wednesday, May 26	Thursday, May 27	Friday, May 28	Saturday, May 29
Morning: Ps. 104; 150	Morning: Ps. 135; 145	Morning: Ps. 123; 146	Morning: Ps. 15; 147:1-11	Morning: Psalms 36; 147:12-20	Morning: Ps. 130; 148	Morning: Psalms 56; 149
1 st Read: Isaiah 11:1-9	1 st Read: Deut. 4:9-14	1 st Read: Deut. 4:15-24	1 st Read: Deut. 4:25-31	1 st Read: Deut. 4:32-40	1 st Read: Deut. 5:1-22	1 st Read: Deut. 5:22-33
2 nd Read: 1 Cor. 2:1-13	2 nd Read: 2 Cor. 1:1-11	2 nd Read: 2 Cor. 1:12-22	2 nd Read: 2 Cor. 1:23-2:11	2 nd Read: 2 Cor. 3:1-18	2 nd Read: 2 Cor. 4:1-12	2 nd Read: 2 Cor. 4:13-5:10
Gospel: John 14:21-29	Gospel: Luke 14:25-35	Gospel: Luke 15:1-10	Gospel: Luke 15:1-2, 11-32	Gospel: Luke 16:1-9	Gospel: Luke 16:10-17 (18)	Gospel: Luke 16:19-31
Evening: Psalms 29; 33	Evening: Ps. 97; 112	Evening: Psalms 30; 86	Evening: Psalms 48; 4	Evening: Psalms 80; 27	Evening: Ps. 32; 139	Evening: Psalms 118; 111

The Service for the Day of Pentecost

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

May 23, 2021

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 104)

Pastor: Let our whole beings bless the LORD! LORD our God, how fantastic you are! You are clothed in glory and grandeur!

People: LORD, you have done so many things! You made them all so wisely! The earth is full of your creations!

Pastor: Let the LORD's glory last forever! Let the LORD rejoice in all he has made!

People: We will sing to the LORD as long as we live; we will sing praises to our God while we're still alive.

Pastor: Let our praises be pleasing to God; we are rejoicing in the Lord.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

All: Let us worship God!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, sometimes we are like bones in the desert: Our faith is dried up and lifeless. The winds of false teachings and beliefs burn our spirit; the heat of conflicts saps our strength and wears us out. We look for places to hide, for a cool oasis to escape from your judgement. We wander around aimlessly like your children in the desert, looking for direction. Have mercy on us, O God, in our sin and distrust of you. Have mercy on us when we hide from your truth and when we fail to love. Send your Holy Spirit upon us. Fill us with it. Renew us with it. Give us your guidance, give us your direction. Show us the way to go and strengthen us to live out your commands. Translate our desires into commitment and our commitment into action. We pray for the sake of your Son Jesus and in His holy name. Amen. *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: . . . In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

(Please keep your mask in place as we sing together.)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Connie Goodman

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NRSV)

¹The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21 (NRSV)

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes ¹¹Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

SERMON

"Guess Again!"

William Watkins, CLP

*INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical version)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from

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