

The Presque Isle Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
June 25th - 2023

Prelude

Barbara Merryman

Welcoming Music

You Are Welcome Here

Words of Welcome

Jennifer Gillis-White

Introit

Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary

Call to Worship¹

One: In the words of Paul, "I urge you to offer your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice to God."

All: Lord, help us worship you with our eyes and our ears; with our mouths and our hands. Because we are rooted in Christ, we give our whole selves to you.

One: Be transformed from the inside out by renewing your mind.

All: Renew our thoughts as we grow in knowledge - that we may sharpen our focus on you.

One: You will be able to discern what God wills and whatever God finds good, pleasing, and complete.

All: Help us to please you in our worship, in our service, in our educational endeavors, and in our daily lives.

Opening Prayer²

O God, send your gracious Spirit on us. Make us ready and willing to offer ourselves to your holy work. In our worship today, may we be transformed through the renewal of our minds and may we strive to grow more deeply rooted in your Son, the Living Christ. Amen.

Opening Hymn

The Servant Song

Prayer of Confession

Holy Creator, you have blessed us with talents and gifts to share with the world, but we confess that many times we hide these from others. Due to fear or doubts, too often we dim our flame and stand watching in the background. Help us recognize the amazing gifts we each hold, and help us find the ways we can be a living sacrifice to your word. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, the grace of God proclaims that all are forgiven. Remember that our spiritual gifts, talents, and skills, are given to us from God; therefore, do not hide what you have been blessed with. Work together to become the body of Christ, and do so in honor of the Holy Spirit.

Two-Minute Message

Melissa Vance

Children's Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

¹ Adapted from Romans 12:1-2 by SVMC Instructors and board members John Hess (So. PA District) and Joe Detrick (Atlantic Northeast District). <https://www.etown.edu/programs/svmc/files/SVMCSunday-Worship.pdf>

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Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect. Because of the grace that God gave me, I can say to each one of you: don't think of yourself more highly than you ought to think. Instead, be reasonable since God has measured out a portion of faith to each one of you. We have many parts in one body, but the parts don't all have the same function. In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other. We have different gifts that are consistent with God's grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, you should prophesy in proportion to your faith. If your gift is service, devote yourself to serving. If your gift is teaching, devote yourself to teaching. If your gift is encouragement, devote yourself to encouraging. The one giving should do it with no strings attached. The leader should lead with passion. The one showing mercy should be cheerful.

Reflection

Spiritual Gifts

Jennifer Gillis-White

Reflective Music

Barbara Merryman

Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our **Creator***, 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

**Please use whatever name is most familiar/comfortable when you pray to God.*

Closing Hymn

We Are Your People

Community News and Announcements

Benediction and Response

God Be With You

*God be with you till we meet again;
By good counsel guide, uphold you.
With a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.*