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May 21, 2017

6th Sunday of Easter

REV. MATTHEW MEANS, PASTOR
MR. KENNETH FRIESE, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
MRS. DIANE STAROST, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MUSIC
MS. TINA CODY, DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S AND
YOUTH MINISTRIES

GATHERING

Prelude Improvisation *Ken Friese*

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission—PW Mission

Kathy Porter

Introit

“Come Christians, Join to Sing”
Sanctuary Choir

R. Huff

Call to Worship

Minister: Come, O Holy Spirit.

People: Come as Holy Fire and burn in us.

Minister: Come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within.

People: Come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness.

Minister: Come as Holy Power and enable our weakness.

People: Come as Holy Life and dwell within us.

Minister: Convict us, convert us, and consecrate us.

**People: Set us free from the service of ourselves to be
your servants to the world.**

Minister: Inspired by the presence of the Holy Spirit,
let us worship God together.

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn No. 401

“Here in This Place”

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and merciful God, your Word is given to us as a gift, but we use it to judge one another as different and unacceptable. You call us to this time and place to worship you, but our minds wander aimlessly. You shower us with gifts of love, but we long for even more things to make us

happy. You create us with talents and skills to share your good news with the world, but we choose to protect what we have in our own small corner. You pour out your love and grace for us, but we fool ourselves by pretending that we do not need you.

Loving God, burst through our complacency, transform our narrow perspectives, and forgive how far we have wandered from the calling of your Word. Set us again on the path of faithful discipleship as we commit ourselves anew to sowing your seeds of life. Take control of our thoughts, words, and actions, that they may plant seeds in the lives of others that will reap a bountiful harvest for you. We pray together in the name of Jesus, our Christ ... (Continue in silent prayer of confession.)

Together, let all God's people say, **Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison, No. 551 "Lord, Have Mercy" LAND OF REST
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
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Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God acts with justice and mercy. In everlasting love, God redeems us and sets us free.

All: God forgives us, frees us and gives us peace. To God, we are ever thankful. Amen.

*Gloria Patri, No. 581

*The Peace

Minister: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we also ought to forgive one another. The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Time with Our Young Disciples

Rev. Matthew Means

WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Beverly Elliott

First Lesson Psalm 31:1-5, 14-16

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Shepherd Me Lord"
The Sanctuary Choir

G. Kingsley

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Matthew T. Means, Pastor
Gillian Plastaras, Lector
Charles Worledge, Usher Captain
Roger Ketcham, Jared Ponzetti, Bill Roe

*—This morning's flowers are given to the glory of God
and to welcome Rev. Matthew Means as he begins his ministry
with Old First Church*

If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one, please
sign the flower calendar in the central foyer or call the church office.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Continue to pray for those who remain on our prayer list:

Kadi Cuneo (Worledge family friend), Stephanie Folk and her unborn baby (Leslie & Ralph Yovino's daughter), William Gray (Dorothy Mandrakos' father), Dave and Else Haddock (members), Kristin Keydel (Pam Fosella's sister), Cynde and Robert Raynor (Brett's parents), Rebecca Raynor (Brett's sister), Gerry Schult (member), Greg Schult (Gerry & Leslie's son), Marian Voza (Holly Baptista's sister), Roberta Williams (member) and family, and Grace Youngquist (member).

Keep Rev. Matthew Means and his family in your prayers during this time
of transition with his move to Huntington.

Names on our prayer list will remain for a month.

*If you wish to have a name remain on the list,
kindly contact the Church Office by noon on Wednesdays.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CLUB AND KIDS' AND YOUTH CHOIRS: will meet this Wednesday,
May 24, 2017.

- Youth Club grades 1-8 from 5-7 pm in Youth Room
- Kids' Choir (grades 1-3) 5-5:30
- Youth Choir (grades 4-8) 5:30-6

⇒ **YOUTH MUSIC CONCERT—TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2017**

7:00 PM PARISH HALL. All are invited to hear the Kids'/Youth Choirs present their annual concert. Come hear favorite anthems, new solos and duets. Reception to follow. Any questions, please see Diane Starost. If you are interested in joining the program in September, come see what we do! Music selections are both vocal and instrumental. Come support this wonderful program.

TUXIS: will meet again Sunday, May 28th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY—PENTECOST - SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH.

Please plan to attend and welcome our newest members of Old First Presbyterian Church during our June 4th worship service. Join us during Coffee Hour to meet and greet the 8 members of the 2017 Confirmation Class and—Don't forget to wear RED!

SAFE THE DATE! JUNE 25th - BBQ to celebrate the Means' arrival at OFC.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: AUGUST 21-25

MAKER FUN FACTORY - CREATED BY GOD, BUILT FOR A PURPOSE. Join us for a fun-filled week of discovery, games, stories and more! Registration forms available in the Church Office. Hope to see you there!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

- **CIRCLE-1/EVENING:** The May meeting will be a gathering on Wednesday, May 24 at the Northport Engeman Theatre to see a play of "Oklahoma". Cost of tickets will be \$71.00. Dinner first @ Bistro 44 at 6pm, show starts at 8pm.
- **CIRCLE-3/BIBLE STUDY:** Monthly meeting will be the End of Year celebration on Thursday, June 15th at Noon at Gloria's—216 Van Buren Drive, Centerport. Open to all active PW women and circle members.
- **CIRCLE-4/QUILTING** meets on Thursdays from 9:30-11:00am in Room 101. All are welcome. No experience necessary.
- **CIRCLE-6/CRAFTS** meets on Friday mornings at 9:45a.m. in the craft room -212. All are welcome.
- **LAYETTE:** The layette is in need of girls' baby blankets.

⇒ **SAVE THE DATE! FRIDAY, JUNE 2 AT 7PM**

HIDDEN TREASURE BOX AUCTION—Fundraiser to benefit the Hygiene Kits and Capital Campaign. Entrance fee \$5 per person includes paddle, beverage, and dessert! For further information, contact Kathy Porter @631-423-6318 or Kris Colbert @631-271-4072.

THRIFT STORE: Volunteers are needed for Thursdays and Fridays from 11am to 1:30pm. Please let Cynthia know if you can work occasionally or every week. Clothing donations are accepted during hours of operation. Please place any donations of bins and bags in the AA Room—10 when the Thrift store is closed. Thank you.

WEATHERVANE: Mailing for the June Weathervane will be Wednesday, May 31st in Room 101.

COMMUNITY FOOD COUNCIL: Items needed for the month of May are:

Canned Meat and Dry Milk. Thank you for your generous donations.

READING GLASSES: If you are missing a pair of reading glasses, please stop by the church office. We have several pairs, one found in the pulpit in the Sanctuary recently and one was found some time ago in the kitchen.

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, May 21 - 2017

- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Worship w/Rev. Matthew Means—*Starts*
10:20-11:00 a.m. Church School (*Room 102*)
4:30-10:00 p.m. AA Anniversary Party/Meeting (*Parish Hall*)

Monday, May 22- 2017

- 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Lower Level*)
9:15-10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (*Room 102*)
7:30-9:00 p.m. NA (*Lower Level Room 10*)

Tuesday, May 23 - 2017

- 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Lower Level*)
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (*Lower Level/Room 11*)
1:00-2:00 p.m. AA (*Lower Level Room 10*)

Wednesday, May 24 - 2017

- 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Lower Level*)
9:15-10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (*Room 102*)
5:00-7:00 p.m. Youth Club (*Youth Room-204*)
5:00-5:30 p.m. Kids' Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room-211*)
5:30-6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room-211*)
6:00-10:00 p.m. PW-C1/Evening-Dinner @ *Bistro* and Show @ *Engeman Theater*
7:00-9:15 p.m. AA (*Lower Level Room 10*)
7:30-9:00 p.m. B.S. Troop 32 (*Gym*)

Thursday, May 25 - 2017

- 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Lower Level*)
9:30-11:00 a.m. PW-C4/Quilting (*Room 101*)
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (*Lower Level Room 11*)
5:00-9:30 p.m. Giant Steps (*Room 102*)
8:00-9:00 p.m. Sr. Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room-211*)

Friday, May 26 - 2017

- 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Lower Level*)
9:30-11:30 a.m. Al Anon (*Room 101*)
9:45 a.m.-12 p.m. PW-C6/Crafts (*Craft Room-212*)
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (*Lower Level Room 11*)

Sunday, May 28 - 2017

- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Family Worship Service
6:15-8:45 p.m. AA (*Lower Level Room 10*)

OLD FIRST CHURCH SESSION MEMBERS:

Guiding the church as we seek to serve Christ and our community

<i>Class of 2017</i>	<i>Class of 2018</i>	<i>Class of 2019</i>
Kerry Degnan	Curt Abbott	Jim Colbert
Tom Glascock	Melissa Balm	Katie Dopico
Jerry Kessler	Peter Fetterolf	Beverly Elliott
Gary Lorentzson	Laure McKenna	Gretchen Hargis
Gillian Plastaras	Julie Salzano	Amy Girimonti
Leslie Schult	Cindy Samuels	Marge Sammis
Thomas Bosch, <i>Clerk of Session</i>		

OLD FIRST CHURCH BOARD OF DEACONS:

Caring for the congregation and beyond

<i>Class of 2017</i>	<i>Class of 2018</i>	<i>Class of 2019</i>
Carol Breckner	Julie Andrade	Holly Baptista,
Judy Gilbert	Victor Andrade,	<i>Secretary</i>
Jared Ponzetti	<i>Treasurer</i>	Sue Degnan
Tammy Ponzetti	Mary Frazier	Cheryl Grossman
Kathy Porter	Asenath Fuchs	Elina Thatcher
Mary Samuel	Linda Ketcham	Martha Tibbetts
Charles Worledge,	Heather Tucker	Leslie Yovino
<i>Moderator</i>	Jim Vice	

OLD FIRST CHURCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Overseeing the church's resources to undergird mission and ministry

<i>Class of 2017</i>	<i>Class of 2018</i>	<i>Class of 2019</i>
Bruce Elliott	Victor Budzitowski	Brian Behrens
James Thatcher,	Kathy Porter,	John Collins
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	Liz Richter
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FIRST LESSON
Psalm 31:1-5, 14-16

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

5/21/17

Rev. Matthew Means

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”