



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 28, 2017

7th Sunday of Easter

REV. MATTHEW T. 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

## WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

Prelude                      Improvisation                      *Ken Friese*

Welcome and Announcements

Introit                      "Blow The Trumpet in Zion"                      *J. N. Beck*  
*Sanctuary Choir*

Call to Worship

Minister:                      Almighty God, we pray for your many blessings upon the church in this place:

**People:                      Here may the faithful find salvation and the careless be awakened to action.**

Minister:                      Here may the doubting find faith and the anxious be filled with encouragement.

**People:                      Here may the tempted find strength and the sorrowful be comforted.**

Minister:                      Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired.

**People:                      Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed.**

Minister:                      Almighty God, unleash your rich blessings of love and grace upon your children!

**People:                      We lift our voices in praise of the God whose love and blessings have no end!**

Prayer of the Day

\*Hymn No. 275

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you have revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ, perfect in every way; kind and compassionate, faithful and loving,**

welcoming and hospitable. You call us to follow in his way and live as examples of the kindness and mercy that marked his life and ministry. We confess that we often stumble and fall in our feeble attempts to walk in his footsteps. We are filled with hope by our Christ's ascension to your eternal kingdom, but there is a part of us that stays behind, staring blankly into the sky, rather than continuing Christ's ministry in our lives.

Loving God, forgive our failings and raise us from sin to life, that we may serve you as a faithful and humble people. Encourage us to continue our faith journeys with renewed confidence, trusting that what we have seen and experienced in Jesus, the Christ, is true and lasting. Fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may obey the commandments of our Lord and Savior, following his example each day of our lives. We pray 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”

*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.*

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*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson Ephesians 1:15-23

N.T. p.192/P.234-235

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem	“Hear The Joyful Sound” <i>The Sanctuary Choir</i>	<i>M. Hayes</i>
Second Lesson	Acts 1:1-11	N.T. p.118/P.143
Leader:	The Word of the Lord.	
People:	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
Sermon	“But Wait ... There’s More!	<i>Rev. Matthew Means</i>
*Hymn No. 263	“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”	

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

\*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles’ Creed (*Traditional*)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Call to Receive our Tithes and Offerings

Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory	“A Joyful Psalm” <i>The Sanctuary Choir</i>	<i>J. N. Martin</i>
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\*Doxology No. 606

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving & Choral Response

Prayer for Memorial Day	<i>(see insert)</i>
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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 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.**

\*Hymn No. 276

“Sing a New Song unto the Lord”

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response, No. 601

*-Amen, Amen, Amen*

\*Organ Postlude

“Gaudeamus”

*S. S. Campbell*

*\*Please stand, as you are able.*

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THIS MORNING’S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Matthew T. Means, Pastor

Ken Lewis, Lector

Charles Worledge, Usher Captain

Roger Ketcham, Jared Ponzetti, and Bill Roe

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*—This morning’s flowers are given to the glory of God.*

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.

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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 Vozza (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** : The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 7, 2017, 5-7 pm for a Pizza party on the front lawn!

**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 TONIGHT from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY—PENTECOST - SUNDAY, JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>.**

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!

**ATTENTION GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS OF THE CLASS OF 2017** - Please join us on Sunday, June 11th during worship service to be recognized. Please contact Tina Cody at [tina.m.cody@gmail.com](mailto:tina.m.cody@gmail.com) and/or Gretchen Hargis at [gfree16@yahoo.com](mailto:gfree16@yahoo.com) to let us know the following information:

Your name, High School name, Plans for the future - armed forces, college, tech school, job etc. RSVP Yes, able to attend worship service, or No, not able to attend worship.

**SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 25<sup>th</sup>** - 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 June gathering will be a progressive dinner on Monday, June 12 (*date change*) at Nancy Gittelman's home. Hope all can come! We will be meeting at 7 pm at 2 Fiddlers Green Spur in Lloyd Neck. If able to attend call Nancy at 516-978-6104
- **CIRCLE-3/BIBLE STUDY:** Monthly meeting will be the End of Year celebration on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> 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. Crafts will continue to meet until June 23rd then take a break for the summer and resume again on Friday September 8th.

- **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.

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### **WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR**

**Sunday, May 28 - 2017**

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Family Worship Service

6:15-8:45 p.m. AA (*Lower Level Room 10*)

**Monday, May 29- 2017**

***Memorial Day***

Church Closed

**Tuesday, May 30 - 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*)

7:00-9:00 p.m. Kids' & Youth Choirs Concert  
(*Parish Hall*)

**Wednesday, May 31 - 2017**

- 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Learning Center (*Lower Level*)
- 9:15-10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (*Room 102*)
- 7:00-9:15 p.m. AA (*Lower Level Room 10*)
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (*Fiske Room*)
- 7:30-9:00 p.m. B.S. Troop 32 (*Gym*)

**Thursday, June 1 - 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, June 2 - 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*)
- 7:00-10:00 p.m. Hidden Treasures Auction (*Parish Hall*)

**Sunday, June 4 - 2017**

*Pentecost/Confirmation*

- 7:30-10:00 a.m. Family Confirmation Breakfast (*Parish Hall*)
- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Communion Worship & Confirmation  
w/Kids' & Youth Choirs
- 10:20-11:00 a.m. Church School (*Room 102*)
- 3:00-4:00 p.m. Ed Williams Memorial Service
- 4:00-5:00 p.m. Reception (*Parish Hall*)
- 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*

*Class of 2017*

Kerry Degnan

Tom Glascock

Jerry Kessler

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Gillian Plastaras

Leslie Schult

Thomas Bosch, *Clerk of Session*

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Curt Abbott

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Peter Fetterolf

Laure McKenna

Julie Salzano

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*Overseeing the church's resources to undergird mission and ministry*

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## *Prayer for Memorial Day & the Lord's Prayer*

With a spirit of peace and remembrance, let us bow together in prayer:

for those who have given their lives for their country and whose sacrifice we remember each Memorial Day; that they may rest in God's eternal peace and that their sacrifice may inspire in each of us a commitment to the ideals for which they fought, we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

for our veterans, who have been sent to far away places on our behalf and who have often endured fear, trauma, and loss that no person should have to face; that they may receive healing in their hearts and a warm welcome from their families, communities, and churches, we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

for our women and men serving under orders today, especially those in situations of danger or captivity; that they may be inspired by duty, conduct themselves with honor and integrity, love their God and country, and receive strength equal to every challenge they are asked to face, we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

for the families of men and women now serving on active duty, families of veterans, families who have suffered in times of war, and families whose tables will always have an empty chair, we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

for our leaders, who have the power to promote peace and justice or to extinguish life; that decisions regarding war and peace may be preceded by thoughtful prayer and accompanied by concern for all God's people, we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

for ourselves, our congregation, and our communities; that we may be relationship builders who seek justice for our world and fairness to others, so that we may live faithfully as God's people, bringing peace and reconciliation into our world, we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear us as we pray together, "Our Father, who art ..."**

5/28/17  
Ken Lewis

**FIRST LESSON**  
Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND LESSON****Acts 1:1-11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Leader:           The Word of the Lord.

**People:           Thanks be to God.**