



**It is good**  
to give thanks to  
**THE LORD,**  
and to sing praises  
to Your name,  
**O MOST HIGH;**  
To declare Your lovingkindness  
in the morning, and  
Your faithfulness every night.

Psalm 92: 1&2



Soaring Eagle

*First United Presbyterian Church*

*Sodus, New York*

*July 11, 2021*

*Reverend Gail Heimberger, Pastor  
Douglas Blackall, Organist  
Anne L'Hommedieu, Handbell Choir Director  
Tracey Fox, Joyful Singers Director*

### **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**Meditation:** *"I have both the violent turbulence of the storm and the quiet promises of God in the storm. And what I must work to remember is that something is not necessarily stronger simply because it's louder."*  
— Craig D. Lounsborough

**Greeting and Announcements**

*Reverend Gail Heimberger*

**Organ Prelude:**

*"Prelude in C Minor"*

*Chopin  
Douglas Blackall, Organist*

**\*Hymn:**

*"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"*

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**Call to Worship**

*By the grace of God who calls us together in worship and in service,*

***We strive to live our faith right where we are.***

*So we affirm that for sharing strong traditions and for shaping future values,*

***There is no better place.***

*For developing warm companionship and for doing the tasks of mission,*

***There is no better place.***

*For offering our joys and concerns and opening ourselves for worship,*

***There is no better place.***

*In this church we gather together to be guided by the Spirit in enacting Christly love.*

***There is no better place. We worship with gladness and thanksgiving.***

**Prayer of Invocation**

*From fears that paralyze us;*

***Heal us, O Lord.***

*From illness that strangles us;*

***Heal us, O Lord.***

*From sorrows that weigh us down;*

***Heal us, O Lord.***

*From aimlessness that plagues our visions;*

***Heal us, O Lord.***

— written by Katherine Hawker, and posted on **Liturgy Outside**. <http://liturgyoutside.net/>

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession:**

*Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With lowliness and meekness may we draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength, through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.*

**Assurance of Pardon:**

*Friends, believe in the good news of the gospel!*

***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.***

*Let God's people say,*

***"Amen and amen!"***

**Gloria Patri**

**Children's Time**

**Special Music:**

*Theme from "Concerto in A Minor"*

Grieg

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**Responsive Reading:**

*Psalm 92*

*It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,*

***to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.***

*For you make me glad by your deeds, LORD; I sing for joy at what your hands have done. The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;*

***planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God.***

*They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green,*

***proclaiming, "The LORD is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."***

**Prayer for Illumination**

*Almighty Father, we bless You Lord of life, through whom all living things tend. You are the source of all, our first beginning and our end! Grant holy Father, that we may allow the Word to enter our hearts and grow by Your grace, so that we may always live for Your glory.*

**Scripture Reading:**

*Mark 6: 7-29*

*<sup>7</sup> Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits. <sup>8</sup> These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. <sup>9</sup> Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. <sup>10</sup> Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. <sup>11</sup> And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup> They went out and preached that people should repent. <sup>13</sup> They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.*

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying,<sup>[a]</sup> "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup> Others said, "He is Elijah." And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago." <sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!" <sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. <sup>18</sup> For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup> So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, <sup>20</sup> because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled<sup>[b]</sup>; yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup> Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> When the daughter of<sup>[c]</sup> Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you." <sup>23</sup> And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom." <sup>24</sup> She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" "The head of John the Baptist," she answered. <sup>25</sup> At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup> The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup> So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, <sup>28</sup> and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb. <sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." <sup>32</sup> So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. <sup>33</sup> But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God!***

***Sermon:***

*"The Good, The Bad and the Ugly "*

*Reverend Gail Heimberger*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

***Offering and Offertory:***

*"Hallelujah"*

*Cohen*

***Doxology***

***Communion Hymn:***

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

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***Sacrament of the Lord's Supper***

*Traditional*

*Reverend Gail Heimberger*

**\*Hymn:**

*"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee!"*

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**\*Benediction**

**\*Organ Postlude:**

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

Courtney

### **Happenings**

**July 11, 2021**

**Keep in Prayer:** Bonnie Bolling, Gary Burlee, Cindy Coomber's father, Roger and Debbie Gill, Kami Lessord Golembeski, Nancy Gulino, Doris Keese, Josh Lanning, Bob Leimberger, Anne Martini, Ed and Judy Merkel, Betsy McCulloch, Carol Monsees, Jane Mulberry, Jody Rolston, Joyce Small and Bernie Suttle.

- Bernie Suttle whose husband, John, passed away suddenly.

#### **Thank you to:**

- Our "baggers," Nancy Lopez, Carol Martini and Amy Johnson for the Wednesday Bagged Lunches.
- Cindy Rolston for providing a beautiful worship space.
- Gary and Connie Preston and Mike Mulberry, for continuing to keep our church grounds beautiful.
- Roy Pickering and Jim Hopkins for Facebook broadcasting.
- Alice Irwin for stocking our kitchen and keeping Facebook up to date.
- Ethan and Alice Irwin for the donation of the large fan for the sanctuary.
- David Englert for preaching Sunday, July 4.
- Kate Storms for her impromptu music for the July 4 service.

#### **Help with Community Dinners**

We are looking for someone(s) or some group within the church to do Community Dinner for August...  
See Gail

**We are collecting food items for both the Sodus Point Food Pantry and La Casa!!! Please put items downstairs on the shelves by the south stairs.**

#### **Yarn Wanted:**

Judy Nortier's sister and friend are "mad knitters" and are "knitting up a storm" for our mitten tree. If you have any yarn to donate, please bring in so the ladies can continue their knitting.

#### **Sock Ministry**

The Mission Committee is collecting **NEW SOCKS FOR ALL AGES** to be donated to homeless shelters. They may be deposited in the "sock box" in the entry way.

#### **Mugs for Sale**

Paula and Carly Chapman still have mugs for sale. \$20.00 and are located on the Hobbie Table.

**Food Pantry:** We are back to collecting food for the food pantry. Please feel free to bring items to church and put on the shelves by the back entrance. Peanut Butter, Jelly, canned low sugar fruits, low sodium soups, and other canned goods are extremely helpful. Thank you!

### Rummage Sale:

Heads up! We will be, thanks to Nancy DeHond, having a **Rummage Sale** this year. The Sale will be **August 5,6,7**. Times will be Thursday and Friday from 9:00 am-4:00 pm and Saturday will be from 9:00 am - Noon. You may bring in items beginning **July 1 until August 3**. Let Nancy know if you can help and/or if you have any questions. (315.576,2949)

### No Community Dinner: July (Rummage Sale set-up)

#### This Sunday, July 11, 2021

10:00 am: Worship/ In-House and Virtual/Communion

#### This week:

Wednesday: Bagged Luncheons, 11:30pm

#### Next Sunday, July 18, 2021

10:00 am: Worship/ In-House and Virtual

### Monthly Schedule

July 1-Aug. 3: Bring in Rummage sale items

July 7,14,21,28: Bagged Lunches

August 5: No bagged lunches

August 5, 6, 7: Rummage Sale

August 20: Community Dinner

### Save the date- October 24, 2021, 2:00-4:30 pm

Music for Mission with Kate Mulberry and Doug Blackall

### Giving Summary – June 27, 2021

Current - \$766.00

Benevolence - \$110.00

Bagged lunch donations - \$11.00

Building Fund - \$500.00

### Giving Summary – July 4, 2021

Current - \$1,375.00

Benevolence - \$30.00

### Vacation Bible School Thank-You:

Many thanks to the following for their help and dedication with Vacation Bible School: Deacon Stephen Meister, Pastor Bobbie and Charley Valentine, Julie DeBadts, Nancy DeHond, Amy Johnson, Marianne Nelson, Darcy Davidson, Jim Hopkins, Lisa Datthyn, Alison, Emily and Morgan Ribis, Jenna Allen, Nancy Lopez, Joan Miller, Ken Pierce, Ruth Olschewske, Katlyn and Kyle Pickering, Preston VanDusen, Sara VanHoute and all the teen helpers from other churches.

