



**The First Presbyterian Church of Potsdam
September 20, 2020
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

THOUGHT FOR REFLECTION

“Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time.” - Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Please join in and speak in unison all **bolded** parts.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: May we love God with all our heart;

Many: Not with lip service, but with wholehearted energy.

One: May we love God with all our soul;

Many: Not with a little corner of our soul, but with our whole being.

One: May we love God with all our mind;

Many: Not with emotion only, but with fullest capacity for understanding.

One: May we love God with all our strength;

Many: Not with what is left over at the end of the day, but with rested, morning vigor, ready to spring into action.

GATHERING PRAYER

Loving God, in a religious world focused on the world to come, keep alive in us your desire for salvation in *this* life, also. May we remember your call to social justice—to establish your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us the courage to reach beyond our comfort zone, and create meaningful relationships with those we exclude.

OPENING HYMN

“Let All Things Now Living”

#37(see PDF)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess today that too often we choose to stay within the boundaries of our comfort and convenience, and ignore the plight of those struggling around us. We sometimes need a shove from the Dove to engage in the justice work you call us to.

**Embolden us to challenge the systems of oppression that crush some, while uplifting others.
With the help of the Spirit we pray these things, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

**TIME WITH THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART
ANTHEM**

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 6:1-7 (TLB)

SERMON with Rev. Katrina Hebb

HYMN "For Everyone Born" #769 (see PDF)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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 power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN "May the God of Hope Go With Us" #765(see PDF)

POSTLUDE

Thank you very much for joining us in today's remote service.
May health and happiness find you in these uncertain times.

Worship Leader: Rev. Katrina Hebb
Music Leaders: Dr. Guilherme Godoi and Dr. Feryal Qudourah

Clerk of Session: Suzanne Waters
Session Members: Terry de la Vega, Alicia Newcombe, and Renee Stauffer

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