



**The First Presbyterian Church of Potsdam
October 18th, 2020
Twenty- fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

THOUGHT FOR REFLECTION

“No one has ever become poor by giving.” - Anne Frank

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

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

CALL TO WORSHIP - Isaiah 55: 1-5

One: Anyone who thirsts, come and drink!

Many: If you have no money but you're hungry, come and receive wine and milk without a price tag.

One: Why do you spend money on what does not nourish you?

Many: Why do you work for what does not nurture you?

One: Listen, come and eat healthy food that will delight you.

Many: Come and partake in the Spirit that will give life.

One: Become a witness of God's free gift of grace to all people.

Many: They will come running to you because our Covenant God will raise you up, transform you, and make you shine!

GATHERING PRAYER

Loving God,

your Son Jesus The Christ fed the hungry with the bread of life
and the Word of his kin-dom.

Renew your people with your heavenly grace,

and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread,

Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Let All Things Now Living”

#37(see PDF)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and mercy, we admit that we are not always free of deceit. We are fooled by the false promises of the world into pursuing things that do not truly nourish us. Hear our cry and save us, dear God, in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

TIME WITH THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 10:40-42

SERMON

"Prophets of Welcome" with Rev. David Bennett

HYMN

"Let Us Build A House (All Are Welcome)" #301 (see PDF)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Ground of all being, Mother of Life,
Father of the Universe,
your name is sacred, beyond speaking.
May we know your presence,
may your longings be our longings in heart and in action.
May there be food today for the human family
and for the whole earth community.
Forgive us the falseness of what we have done
as we forgive those who are untrue to us.
Do not forsake us in our times of conflict
but lead us to new beginnings.
For the light of life, the vitality of life
and the glory of life are yours
now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Come, Live in the Light!"

#749(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. David Bennett

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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