



**The First Presbyterian Church of Potsdam  
November 22, 2020  
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**THOUGHT FOR REFLECTION**

“If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich.”  
- John F. Kennedy

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP-**

One: Show us your mercy, O Lord. Send us a sign of your presence and love.

**Many: Grant us your salvation, Lord, for we are weary and worn.**

One: The Lord’s truth shall indeed be among us.

**Many: God’s strength shall come to be in our midst.**

One: And there shall be peace to all who turn to God in their hearts.

**All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

**GATHERING PRAYER—**

**Almighty and merciful God, as we open your word today, we are reminded that you share with us your blessing when we share with you our need. As we place our trust in you, we ask that you respond to our needs with your divine care. These things we ask in the name of the Spirit. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**

“We are Marching in the Light of God”

#853 (see PDF)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord, so often we have been like those of old, who waited for you to send a Savior. We have prayed for you to deliver us from our circumstances, but we have not been willing to trust your care for our needs. Forgive us, Lord, for not seeing your presence around us, and for not living with faith. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

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

### **ANTHEM**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 21:1-4 (NRSV)

**SERMON** with Rev. Katrina Hebb

**HYMN** “Just As I Am Without One Plea” #442 (see PDF)

### **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

### **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** “It Is Well With My Soul” #840 (see PDF)

### **POSTLUDE**

Thank you very much for joining us in today’s remote service.  
May God’s health and peace 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  
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