

## ORDER OF SERVICE

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Announcements & Affirmation of Community

Joys and Concerns

**Prelude** "At the Heart of the Bicycle Song"  
by Adrian Carr, from the album *Finding Charlotte*.

Silent Reflection Time

**Choral Introit** "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"  
Words by Bernard Kyamanywa,  
on a Tanzanian Folk Melody

Call to Worship

O Lord our God, we praise you.  
**We cried to you for help and you answered us.**  
You have restored our lives;  
**You have rescued us from the grave.**

**\*Hymn** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" #667

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. **Amen. (Silent Prayer)**

Assurance of Pardon

**\*Gloria Patri** #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

**First Reading** Psalm 30 pg. 505

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Choral Anthem** "Christ Has Risen"  
Words by John Bell, Music by William Moore

**Second Reading** John 21:1-17 pg. 115-116

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "A Fishy Tale" Rev. Tim Luoma

Silent Reflection Time

**\*Hymn** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" #451

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Offertory Invitation

**Offertory** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"  
Words by John Fawcett,  
Music by Johann Georg Nägeli

**\*Doxology** #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication**

Worthy are you, O God, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing. Receive these gifts of thanksgiving and praise and use them for your glory and the good of your people; in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lamb. **Amen.**

### **Communion**

### **Apostles' Creed**

Pg. 17 of Hymnal

### **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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### **Prayer Response**

“O Lord Hear My Prayer”

Music by Jacques Berthier

### **\*Hymn**

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

#833

### **\*Benediction**

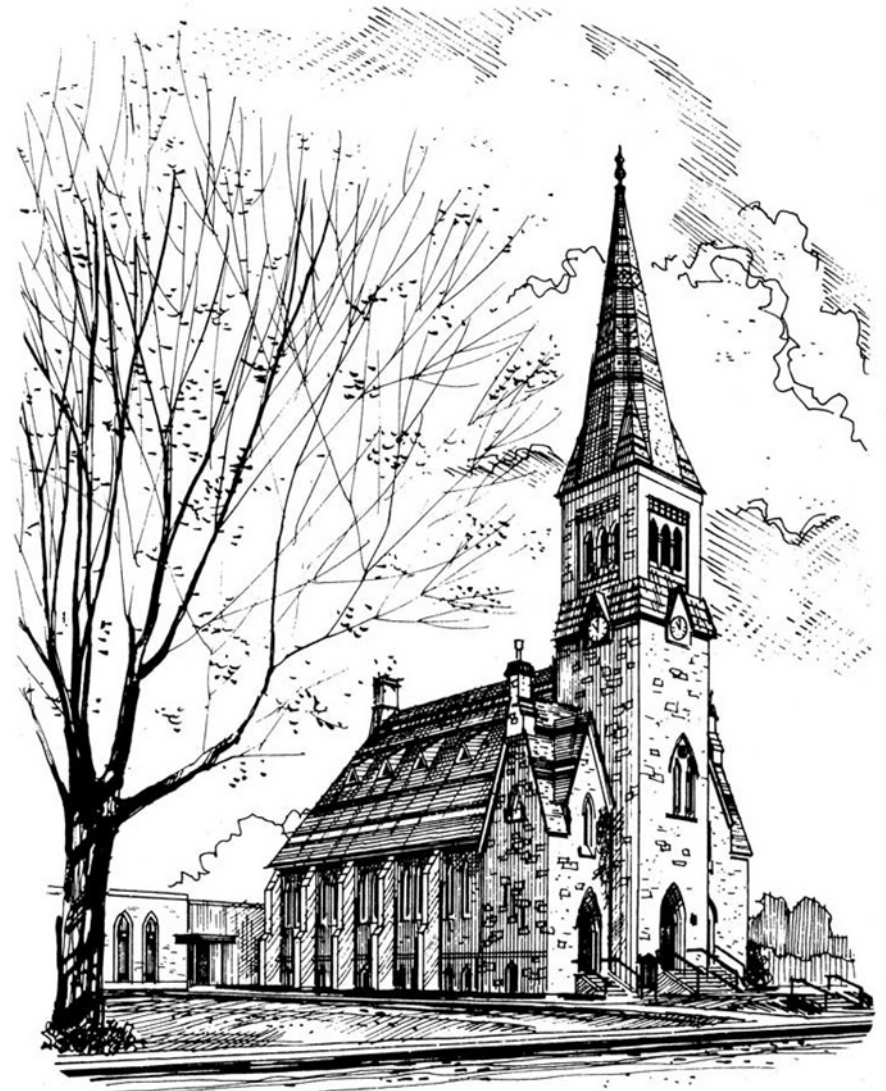
### **\*Benediction Response**

“Shine Jesus, Shine”

Words & Music by Graham Kendrick

### **Postlude**

*All are asked to remain seated for the postlude.*



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## Happy Birthday!

Chris Duley	5/10	Eric Odnaha	5/12
Emma Snook	5/13	Jane Houth	5/13
Terri Mahoney	5/15	Jean Choe	5/15
Amber Guay	5/18	Cathy Ellis	5/18
Doris Pomerance	5/19	Jacqueline Curilla	5/21
Jackie Walker	5/25	Matt Burgin	5/26
Olivia Burgin	5/26	Diana Ashline-Beaudet	5/26
Erin Malchoff	5/26	Ethan Luoma	5/28
Diane Cohen	5/29	Brittany DuBrey	5/30

## Different Kinds of Love

In the Greek text there are two different words for “love” being used in this passage: “agapao” and “phileo”. Agapao (or “agape”) is the type of love mentioned in John 15:13: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” Phileo (as in “Philadelphia - city of brotherly love”) is a sort of familial love of acquaintance.

John 21:15 ... Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love [agapao] me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love [phileo] you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” 16 A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love [agapao] me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love [phileo] you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” 17 He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love [phileo] me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love [phileo] me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love [phileo] you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”

### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

*PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Timothy J. Luoma*

*DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Dr. Adrian Carr*

*CLERK OF SESSION: Judy Bunnell*

*CO-MODERATORS OF DEACONS: Karen Merrill & Dianne Root*

*ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Sadie Prinsen*

*SEXTON: Sally Ann Blow*

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## **PRAYER FAMILIES FOR THE WEEK of May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Paul & Alma Bjorkland  
David & Arlene Black  
Holly Black  
Howard & Sara Black

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Matt Burgin and family  
Barbara Thompson  
Joy Mazur

Peg & Jack Myers  
John Mazur

**This Sunday we thank:**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Jennie Booth

**USHERS:** Donna Hanrahan & Carol Czaja

**FELLOWSHIP:** The Duleys

**ZOOM COORDINATOR:** Carl Payne

### ***Worship Leaders***

May 11- Debra Donahue  
May 18- Dana Jeweler

### ***Fellowship time***

May 11- Sara & Howard Black  
May 18-

### ***Ushers***

May 11- Nancy Olsen & Dana Jeweler  
May 18- Howard & Sara Black

### ***Zoom Coordinator***

May 11- Jennie Booth  
May 18- Jim Snook

### ***Fellowship Time***

If you would like to host ***Fellowship Time***, please sign up in Fellowship Hall or by e-mail at [office@presbyplatt.org](mailto:office@presbyplatt.org)

### **May Yoga Classes**

We will be hosting yoga classes with Maddy Munn again this month! On May 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Please join us in Fellowship Hall at 5pm for these hour-long yoga classes. Admission \$10.

### **Church Spring Cleanup**

**Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 am -11:30 am**

**Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – 9:30 am – 11:30 am**

Some of the activities include raking, pruning, mulching, sweeping, washing windows, along with many other possibilities! Join in the fun to spruce up the church and grounds! All sorts of jobs for all sorts of skills! Contact Bill Merrill at [bkrlmerrill@verizon.net](mailto:bkrlmerrill@verizon.net) or call 518-578-7321 to sign-up!

### **Vinspire**

Vinspire is a group of local women who have bringing informational and inspirational talks to the community for several years. Sally Meisenheimer, Steph Moore and Dana Jeweler are three of the committee who bring these valuable sessions to you. They hope you can join them May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Old Soul (124 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh) to hear Chris Rosenquest describe his 500-mile trek on the El Camino Trail. There is no charge for the event, yet donations are welcome to support all that Old Soul provides for our community.

### ***Coppelia***

Adirondack Dance Company is presenting the premiere of ***Coppelia*** and an Evening of the Arts on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Giltz Auditorium. Their school program will cover the history of ballet by a dancer followed by the performance in the auditorium.

Tickets will be available soon. For more information, please contact Jean Choe at 518-420-5398.

### **Spring Potluck Luncheon**

The Deacons will be hosting a Spring Potluck Luncheon after Worship Service on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

May 25<sup>th</sup> is Pastor Tim's last Sunday in the pulpit before his Sabbatical Leave, making it a good time to gather in fellowship and wish him well with his plans. Please join us and bring a dish if you are able

<b>Sunday, May 4:</b>	9:00 am	Choir Practice
	9:00 am	Adult Church School
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	Confirmation Class
<b>Monday, May 5:</b>	5:00 pm	Yoga Class
<b>Tuesday, May 6:</b>	10:30 am	Bible Study
	Noon	AA Meeting
	1:30 pm	Knit'n'Twit
<b>Wednesday, May 7:</b>	1:45 pm	Parkinsons Support Group
	7:00 pm	Plattsburgh Table Tennis
<b>Thursday, May 8:</b>	9:15 am	Quilting Group
	Noon	AA Meeting
	6:00 pm	Choir practice
<b>Sunday, May 11:</b>	9:00 am	Choir Practice
	9:00 am	Adult Church School
	10:00 am	Worship Service