



First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 17, 2018

9:30 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude *Three Sacred Harp Hymns*

Introit *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Runyan
Angela Daniels, solo

Call to Worship

Let us pray: With you, gracious God, we move into this time of worship.

We are grateful that you are never farther than the reach of our need and our prayer.

You who tower over the universe,
are yet intimately present, always renewing the face of the earth,
always renewing the faith of your children.

Now, in your mercy, make your way past all that worries and distracts us to lodge in us anew, and to center our worship on your great glory. Amen.
Come, Let us worship God!

*Hymn 36 *For the Fruit of All Creation* AR HYDY NOS

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth. But we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want, instead of shaping us into what you want. Help us to meet you here, that we might marvel at your unspeakable majesty and live faithfully according to your Word. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

..... God's grace awakens, refreshes and enlivens us and all of creation to a new and connected life. Friends, believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*Song of Praise

Let All Things Now Living

THE ASH GROVE

*The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Before sitting, please greet those around you with words of Christ's peace.)

Words of Welcome

Please sign the black friendship pad and pass to others in your row.
Children are welcome to participate in the Children in Worship program.

Response

Bind Us Together

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17

Second Lesson

Mark 4: 26-34

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Kingdom of God is like...

The Rev. J. C. Cadwallader

*Hymn 714

God of the Fertile Fields

ITALIAN HYMN

The Offering

Offertory

How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings

Liddle

Angela Daniels, solo

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, you have given us everything. Not only did you create us, but you provide for our every need. Use these gifts of time, talent and treasure for your glory. May it bless your creation with hope, peace and joy. Amen.

The 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 the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

* Benediction

Postlude

Shall We Gather at the River

Lowry

*Those who prefer to do so may remain seated.



Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of New Haven. We are glad you are here. We seek to be a warm and welcoming community of Christian people. If you are new to this congregation, please introduce yourself to others sitting around you, and to the pastor, so that we may welcome you personally. During the Words of Welcome, add your name to the Friendship Pad. Please plan to stay for the Friendship Hour following the service.

Participating in worship leadership this morning are:

Liturgist: John Dinkler

Ushers: Scott Funston,

Friendship Hour Host: Nancy Rupp

Nursery care is provided each morning in the Owens Community Building nursery. Infants and children are also welcome in the service and encouraged to participate fully in worship. A rocking chair is available next door in the Copeland Room, and bulletins for ages 3-6 and 7-12 are found at the entrance.

The Reverend J.C. Cadwallader may be reached at her email: PastorJC@fpcnh.org or the church phone (203) 562-5664. Mondays are her day off.

Volunteers needed to Usher and Host Friendship Hour this summer! Help make our Sunday morning worship a friendly place for both our “regulars” and visitors. Sign-up sheets are in the Copeland Room; these are easy tasks to do and written instructions are provided.

Food Donations for Needy: First Pres collects food year-round since there are hungry people year-round. Pick up an extra item at the grocery store to help fill the green wheelbarrow in the Copeland Room. At the end of each month the food is delivered to Christian Community Action’s emergency food pantry.

 **Weekly Update on Becoming a Sanctuary Church:** Last week in worship, we concluded the service by exiting the sanctuary to gather in the center of our property to pray a blessing of hospitality over our entire house of worship. Prepared to host, we await the call from someone in need - though we remain in fervent prayer that no one shall have to seek sanctuary. If you would like to help, please go to this web address (<https://firstpresnewhaven.breezechms.com/form/892647>) to complete our Volunteer Registration form. Members of the Sanctuary Coordinating Team will then be in touch to follow up. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask members of the team by emailing sanctuary@fpcnh.org.

Teacher Training on Summer Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.: Free Workshops open to all interested adults and youth who teach or who may consider taking teaching positions in the future, whether at First Pres or elsewhere. The topic for June 19th will be “Routines & Procedures.” Contact Kimberley (kimberley@fpcnh.org) for more information.

Friendship Bracelet Fridays 4-5 p.m.: During June and July Fridays, join with friends to craft Friendship Bracelets, as part of our “Open and Affirming” ministry. Each gathering will include an educational component on a specific topic to expand compassionate understanding within and of the varied LGBTQ+ community. Meet on the front lawn (weather permitting) or in the Owens Community Building. Contact Kimberley (kimberley@fpcnh.org) for more information.

Summer Book Group: You’re invited to read Go, Went, Gone. A fictional account of a retired professor who encounters a group of African refugees and becomes a part of their struggles. Please contact Art or Mary Hunt, if you are interested. They will be planning times to discuss the book in late July or August.

Ukulele Tuesdays are Back! On Tuesday afternoons from 5-6:00 p.m. in June and July, you will find Kimberley in the Community Building ready to show you the joy of playing a ukulele. Informal classes will review basics skills along with techniques to build toward playing full songs. Bring a ukulele if you have one, but an instrument and prior knowledge are not required. This lesson series is open to all ages and skill levels.

Columbus House Homeless Shelter: Seeking a few good people to cook and/or serve and/or provide donations for dinner the first Saturday during July and August. It only takes a couple hours of your time early in the evening but it's a wonderful way to do your bit for mission. New to the church or haven't participated before? Speak to Pat Wales after service or e-mail her. Thanks for helping out...the guests will be very grateful.

In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (Philippians 4:6)

When you pray, offer prayers for ...
 Our country and its leaders.
 Church members and friends who seek God's healing grace, including Ken Haynam, at Benchmark Senior Living in Hamden.
 Jeff Miller, David Miller's brother, who is recovering from surgery.
 Kathy Milligan, who is recovering at home.
 Louisa Cunningham, a friend of Caty Poole, who is ill.
 Molly Myers, a friend of the Latham family.
 Jean Struble, Joan Wells' sister-in-law, who is ill.
 Those who mourn or are victims of gun violence.
 People who are homeless.
 Prayers for our immigrant friends in local sanctuary churches, and for their families.
 James Smit, who is serving in the armed forces.
 Those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis.
 Prayers for other people and situations in need of our supplications.

This Week

Sunday, June 17	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:35 a.m.	Friendship Hour
Tuesday, June 19	4:00 p.m.	Ukulele Class
	6:30 p.m.	Teacher Training
	7:15 p.m.	Session
Wednesday, June 20	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Survivors of Homicide
Thursday, June 21	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Third Thursday Potluck
Friday, June 22	4:00 p.m.	Friendship Bracelets
Saturday, June 23	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
Sunday, June 24	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:35 a.m.	Friendship Hour

The Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2018	John Dinkler	Phillip Phiri
	Robert Williams	James Duncan
Class of 2019	Lucy Ambach	Rona Johnston
	Fiona Scott Morton	Mary Porterfield
Class of 2020	Sue Balakrishnan	Jennifer Ballew
	Jennifer Herbst	Timothy McConnell
Clerk	Tim McCloskey	
Treasurer	Mike Spicer	

First Presbyterian Church of New Haven is a More Light Congregation and part of Presbyterian Promise. Both organizations are dedicated to the full inclusion of lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual and questioning individuals.

The Staff of First Presbyterian Church

Pastor:	The Reverend J. C. Cadwallader
Music Director:	Patrick McCreless
Church Administrator:	Martha Smith
Christian Educator:	Kimberley Fais
Nursery Care Provider:	Emily Landino

The church office welcomes your announcements and prayer requests for the bulletin. Please send the copy to firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com by Wednesday before noon to be included in the Sunday Bulletin.

Please remember that parking is available at the Hooker School on Sunday mornings when lawn or street parking is unavailable.

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