



*Nicolls Memorial
Presbyterian Church*

Sunday Morning Worship

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 2nd, 2018*

10:00 am

Our Mission

*To live out Christ's love
by nurturing spiritual growth and fellowship,
and by reaching out in faith and love.*

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Giver of all good things,
we thank you for your presence deeply embedded in our lives,
and for entering our lives fully in your human face: Jesus the Christ.
You know our uneasiness with claims that faith makes upon our lives,
yet you linger with us in our struggle and we know we are not alone.
We are thankful that you have not abandoned us and that your Spirit
continues to comfort us in our search for truth. Encourage us to live
the truth we find and guide us to seek the truth yet undiscovered.
We are thankful for the bond of love and faith which connects us
with other seekers around us and with you,
as we live in this family of faith. Amen.

“The Gathering”

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT

I rejoiced when they said, “Let’s worship,”
I rejoiced when they said, “Let’s rise.”
I rejoiced when they said “Let’s worship,”
worship our God Most High!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Dee Kraft

Leader: Come to listen for all God seeks to teach us.
God has given us birth by the word of truth.

**People: We are drawn to God as to a lover.
We leap for joy when we know God’s care.**

Leader: Every perfect gift comes to us from God.
God’s image is a part of each one of us.

**People: God’s grace has been poured into our lives.
Wisdom and understanding are offered to us.**

Leader: Who will dwell on God’s holy hill?
Those who walk uprightly and speak the truth.

**People: We will honor God by honoring our neighbors.
We will act toward them as we wish to be treated.
We will honor God by giving our total selves in service
to others. We will honor God by worshipping our Creator
heart and soul.**

HYMN – “*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*” #395

CALL TO CONFESSION

How easily we notice the sins of others, finding ways to criticize
what they do or do not do. How much harder it is to believe that
we are sinners needing to repent of habits that separate us from
God and set us against neighbors who are different from us.
Let us seek forgiveness by confessing our sin together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we admit that all is not well with us.

We are easily angered and slow to forgive.

We speak without listening and pretend to listen without really hearing. Our tongues become weapons rather than instruments of healing.

We are more critical than helpful toward the poor in our midst.

Hidden in our hearts are the attitudes that produce avarice, deceit,

and violation of our promises to you and to one another. Turn us around so we can accept your forgiveness and learn to love ourselves.

Help us walk with you and live, as you desire us to live, all the days of our lives. Amen.

MOMENT FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Arise then, people of God! We are free.

People: Our future is open, in the living love of our Redeemer!

Praise be to God!

THE PEACE

Leader: As God in Christ has forgiven us, let us forgive one another and pass the peace of Christ to each other.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share the Peace of Christ with one another.

Greet those around you with: *"The peace of Christ be with you."*

THE GLORIA –

#582

**Glory to God, whose goodness Shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

"Engaging the Word".

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Leader: We give thanks, O God of sacred stories, for the witness of Holy Scripture through it, you nurture our imagination, touch our feelings, increase our awareness, and challenge our assumptions.

Bless, we pray, our hearing of your word this day. Speak to each of us; speak to all of us; and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we may be hearers and doers of your word.

People: Amen.

Epistle Reading: James 1:17-27 pg.980

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: - Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 pg.818

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON – “Tradition!”

by: Rev. Loril Hawk

HYMN – (insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

“Thanksgiving”

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY –

#709

God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.

God, we worship and adore you.

Take what we bring, offered to you.

Teach us to show your abundant blessings.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Our hearts overflow with thanksgiving for all the bounty you entrust to our stewardship, God of light. You have reached into the shadows, where we often flee, to receive us and give us your work to do.

As you have freed us from the chains of sin,

we seek to offer healing to others as we listen and share and do.

Bless our offering of self and substance, we pray. Amen.

“Sending”

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (Insert)

HYMN – “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

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CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Leader: The peace of God be with you this day, reigning within you, and in your families.

People: God’s peace will make a difference in our lives, in all our relationships.

Leader: Walk in confident friendship with Christ, who suffers and rejoices with you.

People: Christ’s presence will transform and strengthen us, wherever our Journeys take us this week.

Leader: Live by the Spirit, acknowledging God’s rule in your hearts and in your actions.

People: We welcome the fires of the Holy Spirit, the refreshing wind of God’s surprising grace.

Leader: Go and be bearers of God's grace and love.

People: We will love and care for others, in God's name.

Leader: The Holy Spirit will be with you!

People: Thanks be to God!

***EXTROIT** – (all sing)

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Notes and Announcements

Whatever your religious background and however you have come to be here, we welcome you to our fellowship in Niccolls Memorial Presbyterian Church. We hope you feel comfortable and will be strengthened in your walk with God. We invite you to join us for fellowship and sustenance in the Social Room following worship.

We begin our worship this day by remembering our baptism.

NEW PASTOR – *We are delighted to welcome Loril Hawk to our church and to the Old Forge community. Rev. Loril formally began this Monday, August 20th.*

THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Tina Yuckel if you or someone you know has a special need; please call her at 315-369-8461.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY – Praying for others is a blessing and a privilege. If you know of someone who is in need of prayer, please ask if you may share his or her name and need with the prayer chain at Niccolls. If the response is yes, please call Sue Mahoney at 315-390-4025 or Cindy Rose by e-mail at Cindy 41854 [@hotmail.com](mailto:Cindy41854@hotmail.com) to initiate the chain. All information is confidential and is not shared with anyone other than prayer chain members.

CHURCHES PRAYER CYCLE – The Presbyterian Church is connectional by design and practice. Every week we lift up in prayer a church or ministry within the Presbytery of Utica. This week we pray for: church of Christ Uniting, Richfield Springs.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – The Nominating Committee has begun its search for new Elders and Deacons. These terms would begin in October and run for 3 years. Do you feel called to be a caregiver for our church family and beyond into our community? Would you like to suggest the name of someone you feel would be able to fill these roles? If so, please contact Deb Langworthy 315-369-6303, Nancy Venetz 315-369-3575 or Dee Kraft 315-369-6317.

STAFF OPENING – We are still looking for a part time Music Director who will lead our singing church. Must be able to play either organ and/or piano, direct our Sunday choir and be willing to work with our pastor and worship committee. For inquiries, please call the church office or e-mail us at niccollschurch@gmail.org.

WEAVING HOME – The Weaving Home is having contemplative worship each Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at The Barn in Woodgate for July and August. For more information see Naomi Kelly.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE SCHOOL KITS – give children in impoverished schools, refugee camps, or other difficult settings some of the basic tools for learning. Let's provide them with notebooks, pencils and other supplies. There is a display outside the Social Room to show what goes into the kits. Look it over and pick up a list of the supplies that are needed. You may either assemble a complete kit or contribute supplies. This is the time of year to take advantage of school supply sales by purchasing supplies for Church World Service School Kits.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY – Placed in celebration of the marriage of their daughter Deirdre Leigh to trip Maynard on August 25th by her parents Cathy & Allen Trevett.

Calendar of Events September 3 to September 10

Monday 10am-12pm Mission Boutique Sorting

Wednesday 10am-12pm Mission Boutique Sorting
10am-2pm Senior Activity Program
7pm-8:30pm Mission Boutique Open

Friday 10am-12pm Mission Boutique
7pm-8:30pm Mission Boutique

Saturday 10am-12pm Mission Boutique

Sunday **7:30am** **Worship Service**
9am Choir Rehearsal
10:00am **Worship Service**

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Pastor Emeritus – Rev. James L. Ulrich

Organist – Sue Rundell

Ushers – Sue Freese, Katie Kelly, Cindy Rose