



*Niccolls Memorial
Presbyterian Church*

Sunday Morning Worship

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 7th, 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.*

“The Gathering”

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY NEWS

PRELUDE

***INTROIT** – *“Great Are You, Lord”*

#614

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Linda Folsom

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God,
all creation speaks volumes of God’s handiwork.

**People: Each sunrise proclaims God’s faithfulness and
the night reveals the Creator’s awe.**

Leader: Without a word being spoken,
all creation bears witness to the goodness of the Lord.

**People: So, too, may we join in witness with all creation.
May the words of our mouths and the meditation
of our hearts be God’s signature in the world.**

***GATHERING HYMN** – *“This Is My Song”*

#340

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion and mercy,
We are your wounded and wounding children.
We bring our wounded selves, our divided society,
and our broken world, seeking your healing and transforming grace.
It is easy for us to point the finger at others,
Yet we know that we all need your forgiveness;
so we lift into your presence today, not only the victims of conflicts,
but also those we have called enemies. Break down the walls of hatred,
distrust and bitterness and open a way for us to reach one another
in truth and love. Enable us to build a society where all can belong;
to share our gifts in mutual respect and to seek for the new future
which you offer us, through Jesus the Christ. Amen

A TIME FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

When we are rescued from danger and trouble,
we know the peace of Jesus Christ.
When we are welcomed into the reign of God,
we know the peace of Jesus Christ.
As those who are rescued and welcomed,
let us greet one another with signs of the peace of Christ.

“Engaging the Word”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Old Testament: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 pg.58
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46 pg. 803

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

People Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE – *“Villains in the Vineyard”* Rev. Loril Hawk

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** – *“We Are Marching in the Light of God”* #853

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

“Thanksgiving”

CHOIR ANTHEM

RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY** – #697vs.1,4

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in
ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use every power as
thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

In the silence of the morning, as the new day dawned around the world,
God’s people began to gather for worship amid the sounds of drums or pipes, strings or organs. And now we, too, join
in this worldwide chorus of those who call upon the name of the Lord. On this World Communion Sunday we
remember especially that the Scriptures are fulfilled as “People will come from east and west and from north and
south, and sit at the table in the kingdom
of God.”

THE STORY OF THE SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O living God, for your blessing in creation,
for your image deep within us, for your life in all its fullness,
we give thanks. O Jesus our brother, for your coming to earth,
calling of us as your friends, for your sharing of our life and death,
we give you thanks.

O Spirit of grace and truth, for revealing yourself in community,
healing us in our brokenness and inspiring us with courage to share,
we give you thanks.

O Trinity of love, for the promise of a spreading tree giving
shade and protection, for the vision of a body
in which each part works for the health of the whole,
for the invitation to a feast where the despised will be guests of honor,
we give you thanks.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION SONG – *“Come to the Table of Grace”*

#507

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

“Sending”

*HYMN – *“For the Troubles and the Sufferings”*

#764

*BENEDICTION

*EXTROIT – (all sing) *“May the God of Hope Go with Us”*

#765

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – There will be a brief congregational meeting after the 10:00am worship service on Sunday, October 21 to vote on filling another seat on session as well as treasurer, financial secretary and nominating committee members for next term. It is important that we have a quorum to proceed with this important business so please plan to attend. Thank you.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS – The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be taken up today at both the 7:30 service and the 10am service. 25% of this offering stays with Niccolls and is used to support a peacemaking effort of our choice. You may contribute by placing a check (or cash) in the offering plate. Envelopes are in the pews.

THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Marcia Macdonald. If you or someone you know has a special need, please call her at 315-369-6422.

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 contact 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: Cochran Memorial, Oneida Castle and Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, Vernon.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY – We often need reassurance that God is with us, so looking at the various circumstances when God promises, “*I am with you*” gives us much to discuss together. We will learn of God’s assurances to various individuals from the Old Testament through the New Testament and discuss how we can also claim God’s promises in our lives. Come to the Social Room on Tuesdays at 9:30am. All are welcome!

STAFF OPENING – We are still looking for a part time Music Director. For inquiries, please call or e-mail the church office.

Calendar of Events October 8 to October 14

Monday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
Tuesday	9:30am	PW Horizons Bible Study
	5:30pm	Grief Support Group
Wednesday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
	10am-2pm	Senior Activity Program
	7pm-8pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	8pm-9pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	1pm	Caregiver Support Group
Friday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open
	7pm-8:30pm	Mission Boutique Open
Saturday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open
Sunday	7:30am	Worship Service
	9am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00am	Worship Service

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Sunday Service Broadcast WBRV-900 AM, 101.3 FM, WLLG-FM

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Pastor Emeritus – Rev. James L. Ulrich

Organist/Pianist – Sue Rundell, Judith Barker, Marie Adams

Ushers – George Lapinsky, Katie Kelly, Sylvia Uhl