

First Presbyterian Church of Byron

August 15, 2021

Pastor: Rev. James R. Renfrew

Music Director: Laurence Tallman

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST THEME VERSE [Ephesians 4:2, The Message]

“I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—on the road God called you to travel.”

INVITATION TO THE TABLE (Ephesians 4)

God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love—like Christ in everything.

We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do.

He keeps us in step with each other.

His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE #369 “Blessing and Honor”

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Many people approached Jesus looking for attention and love.

Some were frightened and scared, some were lost and desperate, some were frustrated and angry, and some were loud and obnoxious.

Wherever he went, people came looking for him.

And we’re looking, too, sometimes demanding his help, sometimes pushing others out of the way, sometimes looking for privileges, and sometimes not even sure what we want or need.

The whole point of his going to every village, town and city was to meet people in the exact place where they were, because that’s where God’s work begins.

Not where we have been, or where we should be, but where we are right now.

It’s a good place to be.

It’s a good place to meet Jesus. Amen.

All the places we come from. All the places where we are going. The Message of Ephesians is to receive all that we need from Jesus, mercy, healing, love and purpose.

When our lives are touched by Jesus we change, and the world changes. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI #581 (A traditional song of praise)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 5:15-20

MESSAGE “Careful Living” Rev. Bill Hockey

HYMN #498 “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & DOXOLOGY #606

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE LORD’S SUPPER

HYMN #506 “Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table”

BLESSING & POSTLUDE

IN OUR PRAYERS

Send prayer requests to: church office, 548-2800.

THIS WEEK

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday Worship
	11:00 a.m.	No Zoom Service today
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	TOPS,
	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	AA
Next Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Zoom worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's **Porch Fellowship** season during the summer months. There is a sign-up list at the back of the sanctuary for folks interested in providing refreshments on the front steps after Sunday worship through September 5th.

Thanks to **Rev. Bill Hockey** for leading this morning's service. Bill is a retired Presbyterian pastor with ministry talents related to music, baking, prayer, grief and recovery. Bill and his spouse Sue live in Batavia. Rev. Renfrew will return home this evening. We will not have 11:00 a.m. Zoom today.

In case you miss a Sunday, Sermons are usually posted on our Byron Presbyterian Church **website**. We also invite you to join our Byron Presbyterian **Facebook Page**.

Offerings & Gifts: We now have a secure on-line donation feature now available at the Byron Presbyterian Church, please visit our website at <http://byronfpc.com> and click the big "Give Now" button at the top.

Our **Mission Committee** has not met in quite a while and it's time for a new beginning. In September we are re-starting and re-grouping around mission, and we hope that you will want to be a part of it. Our mission begins with the passion we feel from faith, our mission is vital, our mission is what gives us visibility in the community; our mission is how our community knows who and what we are, our mission dissolves the barrier between inside and outside, our mission changes the world and changes ourselves. Tuesday, September 14, 6:30 PM is date and time. Where are we, where have we come from, and where are we going in mission? Let's find out!



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