



Sunday, July 17, 2022

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Prophets, what do you see?

**People: We see the many ways we distract ourselves.**

Leader: What else do you see?

**People: We see the good and the bad fruits we have produced.**

Leader: What do you see today?

**People: We witness and worship God today, grateful for love and forgiveness.**

**AMEN.**

### OPENING PRAYER

Creator God,

Today, we think of your creation. We think of the ground beneath us, the air surrounding us, the water that flows through us. We are in awe of the way a seed can grow into nourishment for our bodies, the way life comes forth from what seems so small. Draw our attention to your creation, so that we might praise you for your incredible gifts!

Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Amos 8:1-12**

**HYMN “What Does the Lord Require” UMH #441**

### CONGREGATION HYMN SELECTION

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Psalm 52**

**HYMN “How Long, O Lord”**

**TFWS #2209**

### OFFERING AND PRAYER

Lord of all wisdom and patience, what would it mean if we asked you to dedicate not only the gifts we give to the church, but all the rest that we keep, that we hold back. What if we lived as those whose every dollar, every talent, every hour was dedicated to making kindness, mercy, and justice the norm and not the exception? What would it mean if we really saw the places where indifference causes pain, hardship, and harm to souls, bodies, and creation itself? Help us to make this more than a hypothetical, but the reality of an offering of our whole being. We pray in the name of the One who gave his whole self for our redemption. Amen.

### OFFERATORY AND DOXOLOGY

**UMH #95**

### CONGREGATION HYMN SELECTION

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Colossians 1:15-28**

**HYMN “Victory In Jesus”**

**UMH #370**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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### GOSEPL READING

**Luke 10:38-42**

**HYMN “Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”**

**UMH #349**

### BENEDICTION

## Oriskany Falls UMC

Leading worship today

Mike Marris

Our new pastor begins on July 24. He is Rev. James Barnes. He is a retired pastor, currently serving in Van Hornesville, NY. He is married. His wife is Marge (she will be with him each week.) We are excited that Pastor Jim will be with us.

July 31 will be the annual ecumenical service at Madison Lake. Music will begin around 10am, Worship at 11am, and a dish to pass picnic at noon. Please come and enjoy the fellowship.

If you are in need of a pastor before Pastor Jim begins his service here, please contact Mike and I will make arrangements for a pastor to contact you.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION/ PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

God of Justice,

We confess to you today that we often find ourselves feeling bitter, distraught, and ashamed.

We far too often fail to take accountability for our sins and wrongdoings.

In an effort to feel better about ourselves, we overfill our plates with tasks, hoping to atone for our misdeeds.

We confess that we have trampled on the needy, choosing greed.

We confess that we have brought ruin to the poor of the land, neglecting many parts of your creation.

We confess that we have practiced deceit, fearful of being exposed.

We confess that far too often, we choose busyness over the gift of your loving presence.

We lament our mistakes to you, O God.

We mourn the harm we have caused knowingly and unknowingly, individually and collectively.

We ask your forgiveness to envelop us, inspiring us to make amends with ourselves and others.

Open our eyes that we may see the lessons you place before us.

Help us better love you by loving your creation.

Amen

