The Tirst Presbyterian Church in the City of New York

WORLD COMMUNION AND CUBA SUNDAY

Service for the Lord's Day October 3rd, 2021 | 11:00 a.m.

The Session and members of First Church extend a sincere welcome to all persons regardless of race, nationality, gender, or sexual orientation. This includes an open invitation to membership, the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, marriage, funerals, memorial services, and service as an officer of the church.



Incredulity of St. Thomas. Ethiopic manuscript. 17th-18th century.

GATHERING

The peace candle represents our prayers for peace in a broken world. The congregation is asked to offer prayers of intercession for one another and for those who lead worship.

Prelude

"Danza del Espiritu Santo"

Robert J. Greene, Jr.

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

Introit

Anglican Chant, George S. Talbot

O praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp. Praise him upon the timbrels and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe. Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him on the loud cymbals. Let everything that hath breath: praise the Lord!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

-Psalm 150

Hymn 622

"I Will Exalt My God, My King"

TE EXALTARÉ, MI DIOS

Please stand in body or spirit.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

We praise you, O God, for breaking through to us in the person of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.
When the words of the prophets went unheard you spoke the creative word once more, bringing order out of chaos again.
We confess we have often missed your glory among us. We confess we take for granted your holy image in the face of those around us.

We confess our role in the chaos of our lives, our communities and our world. Forgive our sins.
Amend who we are.
Restore us to serve you fully.
To you be all glory and honor now and forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

RESPONSE



SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Anthem

Victor Pilgrim, arr. Patrick Prescod

Todos los pueblos canten a Dios, todos los pueblos caanten. Señor, concede tu gracia y que en nosotros yu luz simpre es té. Todos cozoncan tu voluntad y toda naciòn tu salvación. La tierra ha dado su fruto y nos bendijo el Señor nuestro Dios. El mundo entero le rinda honor, concede el Señor su bendición. Todos los pueblos se alegran en ti, porque con justicia reinas tú. Conbiernas los pueblos con rectitude. Del mundo tú riques a toda nación.

Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. O God be gracious and bless us, and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known on earth and all the nations learn your saving help. The earth has yielded its fruit, for God, our God, has blessed us. May God still give us a blessing, till all of the earth revere the Lord. Let all the nations be glad and exult, for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples. You guide all the nations upon the earth.

—Psalm 67, Spanish trans. Luis Olivieri; sung in Spanish

TESTIMONY AND CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Irenka Jakubiak

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

pew Bible, New Testament page 218/large print, New Testament page 264

SERMON

"Who Am I Really?"

Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand in body or spirit.

from the Faith Statement of the Presbyterian Church in Luyanó, Havana, Cuba/ extraído de la declaración de fe de la Iglesia Presbiteriana de Luyanó, La Habana, Cuba

We believe in a community that meditates on the meaning of being Jesus's church.
We believe in a church that through bonds of love stays together and is renewed.

Creemos en una comunidad que medita sobre el sentido de ser iglesia de Jesús.
Creemos en una iglesia que por medio de lazos de amor se mantiene unida y se renueva.

We believe in a different community, with an open door...without prejudice and under equal conditions.

We believe in a united community that can bring the Kingdom of Heaven to earth, teaching the meaning of the words love, justice, solidarity, peace, friendship and full life.

We believe that God will show us the way and give us the strength to be a better church every day.

We believe in a community that dreams, trusts, shares and acts.

We believe that if we work together and united, it will be so. Amen.

Creemos en una comunidad distinta, de puertas abiertas... sin prejuicios y en igualdad de condiciones.

Creemos en una comunidad unida que puede traer el Reino de los cielos a la tierra, enseñando el significado de las palabras amor, justicia, solidaridad, paz, amistad y vida plena.

Creemos que Dios nos mostrará el camino y nos dará las fuerzas para ser una iglesia mejor todos los días.

Creemos en una comunidad que sueña, que confía, que comparte y que actúa.

Creemos que si trabajamos unidas y unidos, así será. Amen.

OFFERTORY Kinley Lange

Esto les digo, si dos de ustedes se ponen, se ponen en aquerdo, en la tierra para pedir, pedir algo en oracion, mi padre que esta en en cielo, se lo dará. Porque donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi nombre, allí estoy yo, en medio de ellos.

Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

-Matthew 18:19-20, sung in Spanish

COMMUNION

Prayer of Dedication Invitation Great Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution Sharing the Elements Prayer after Communion Padre Nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga a nosotros tu reino, hágase tu voluntad así en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día y perdónanos nuestras deudas, así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores.
No nos dejes caer en tentación, mas líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

SENDING

HYMN 734
Please stand in body or spirit.

"Hope of the World"

DONNE SECOURS

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Sonata de primo tono"

José Lidon

The congregation is invited to continue worshiping through the postlude, which is offered as a thanksgiving to God.

The cross which leads the procession today is dedicated
"In memory of all those who died from AIDS in our church and community."

Our cross-bearer today is Sorrel Ann Alburger.

LEADING THIS MORNING

Hannah Faye Allred, M.Div., Staff Associate for Mission and Social Justice Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis, Executive Minister Daniel Duque, Lay Reader Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell, Pastor/Head of Staff

> The First Church Choir Michael Shake, *Organist and Director of Music*

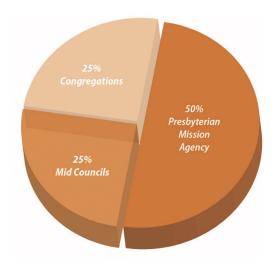
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The Peace & Global Witness Offering offers light to those in the shadows and guides us all into the ways of peace. We come together to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world.

A portion of this Offering stays here at the First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York to help more people experience the freedom and dignity that Christ wants for everyone, everywhere.

This year we will use our 25% to support our ongoing ministry partnerships which promote peace and advocacy both here in our community and around the world.







SERMON NOTES

Welcome to First Church!

We are so glad you are here.

Scan to give your tithe or offering.



Join us for Coffee Fellowship on the North Lawn after the Postlude to meet one another, say hello to new faces, and enjoy refreshments.

