

**AN ORDER FOR WORSHIP**  
 USING STORIES FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN  
**WITH BIBLICAL STORYTELLER DENNIS DEWEY**  
**April 28, 2019 · 10:00 AM**

(\* Those who are able, please stand. Large print hymnals, Sunday Worship hymn sheets & Bulletins & wireless hearing aids available. Ask an usher. Members, please wear your name tag.

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** "Voluntary" Bennett

**CALL TO WORSHIP** **The Prologue to John**

\*HYMN "O Word of God Incarnate" Tune: AURELIA  
 Stanzas 1, 3, Dennis Dewey, 1993 · stanza 2 William How, 1867, alt.

1. O Word of God Incarnate, O Light of Humankind,  
 Come teach us how to love with our heart and soul and mind.  
 For in your breath of Spirit we gather here today  
 To hear and share the stories that lead us in the Way.
2. O Word of God Incarnate, O Human and Divine,  
 O Light of Life most holy, that in the dark does shine,  
 We praise you for the radiance that from your story flows,  
 The light that guides our journey, the light that in us glows.
3. O Word come dwell among us, our life and faith refresh,  
 And let your story live and your gospel truth take flesh,  
 That as your Easter people, we may become aware  
 How God so loved the world, and this good news gladly share!

**STORIES FROM JOHN** ..... **Wedding at Cana**  
**Cleansing of the Temple**  
**Nicodemus**

**CHILDREN'S TALK** Carrie Scaccia  
*(4yr to Gr1 invited to 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Nursery Activity Period. Children leave through front exits)*

\*GUIDED CONFESSION OF SIN Leader: Amy Garcia

Assurance of Forgiveness  
 Sharing God's Peace

Response "Christ Is Alive!" # 108 (v1)  
 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.  
 Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die

**STORIES FROM JOHN** ..... **The Woman at the Well**  
**The Man Born Blind**  
**The Raising of Lazarus**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
 Sharing Joys & Concerns  
 Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer  
 ...See Laminated Pew Cards for the Lord's Prayer

**STORIES FROM JOHN** ..... **The Crucifixion**  
**The Empty Tomb**

**OFFERING**  
 Invitation  
 Offertory Music "I Will Arise" arr Parker & Shaw  
 Song of Praise "Christ Is Alive!" # 108 (v5)  
 Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,  
 Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.  
 \*Prayer of Dedication

**STORIES FROM JOHN** ..... **The Epilogue**

\*HYMN "I Love to Tell the Story"  
 stanza 1, A. Catherine Hankey 1834-1911 · stanza 2, Dennis Dewey 1993

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
 Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
 I love to tell the story because I know it's true;  
 It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.  
 I love to tell the story. 'Twill be my theme in glory  
 To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
2. I love to tell the story; the story changes things!  
 It challenges the powers; it whispers, thunders, sings!  
 It births the holy presence in moments of surprise,  
 It heals, empowers and strengthens, and opens ears and eyes!  
 I love to tell the story, of Jesus and his glory,  
 Because it is God's story of justice, love and peace!

\*BENEDICTION  
 \*SUNG RESPONSE (Choir starts followed by Congregation)  
 Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through this and every coming day,  
 That in Your Spirit strong and true Our lives may be our gift to You.

**POSTLUDE** "Jubilate Deo" Kerr

*Welcome Visitors. Please leave your contact info on the pink card that you find in the pew rack. Pick up a Visitor's brochure from the back or ask an Usher! Be sure share a cup of coffee with us today during our fellowship time immediately after Worship*

**Mission Statement:** First Presbyterian Church exists to improve our understanding of Christ; to spread His word and teachings; and to reach out to our church family, our community, and the world through acts of compassion, kindness, and love

*A Staffed Nursery & Toddler Care Room is located on the 1st floor behind the sanctuary. We also offer an optional Quiet Room for parents with small children located in the sanctuary back*

**Thank you to Dennis Dewey** for leading today's Worship Service in Pastor Sam's absence. Dennis Dewey has been a minister of biblical story for over 35 years, performing and teaching all over the United States and in a dozen other countries. He co-founded the NBS Seminar, and annual conference of biblical scholars and storytellers, and he mentors in the Academy for Biblical Storytelling.

Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA), he has served pastorates in Albany and Utica Presbyteries, most recently at Stone Church in Clinton from 2007 until his retirement in 2015. He lives in Utica and spends as much time as possible with his grandsons Adrian and Alejandro in Buffalo.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Ushers** are led by Dave Scaccia. May 05: Carl Longley  
**Layreader** is Amy Garcia. May 05: Don Hanson  
**Worship Recorder** is Jay Fish. May 05: Tom McGibbon  
**Deacon Ramp Duty** is Bruce Warcup. May 05: Kiki Hinman  
**Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List:** Steve, Jackie, Dylan & Gavin Dunadee; and Micah Committee of the Presbytery of Utica

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Today.....10:00 am ..... Worship Service followed by Coffee Break  
 11:15 ..... Church School  
 Noon ..... Youth Choir  
 Tues.....10:00 am ..... Prayer Shawl Ministry/Crafty Ladies  
 7:00 pm ..... Serenity Circle  
 Wed..... 6:30 pm ..... Bell Choir  
 7:30 pm ..... Senior Choir  
 Thurs ..... 3:00 pm ..... Thursday Bible Study in Library  
 BIB Packing at Trinity UMC  
 Sat .....9:00 am ..... Presbytery Learning Academy meets here

**NEXT SUNDAY**.....Acts 9:1-20; John 21:1-19  
 8:30am Worship & 10:30 Worship & Intergenerational Event

**Student Loan Match Challenge** - The Hinman family is offering a challenge to the congregation. They will match 2 for 1 any donations to the fund up to \$10,000 in matching dollars. You may write checks to the church and mark them for Student Loan Fund. **Challenge Match Runs to the End of May**