

Worship - Sunday 10 AM  
Sunday School - during worship  
(Sep-Jun)

# Twins Talk

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## Pastor's Corner

Greetings friends and family!! What a spectacular week of sun we are going to experience. You know what they say - Have fun in the sun!!

Last Sunday we celebrated Pentecost. That day we were given the Holy Spirit and invited to be as one in spirit and in community. Our sanctuary was fittingly filled with bright, warm spirit reflecting the day and appropriately colored balloons (red, orange and yellow) floating above our heads. One could sense the joy of friendship and the connection on this special occasion. (Carol Heburn spirited the balloons - thank you!)

The Gathering Reading presented was a poem by Mary Oliver titled "At the River Clarion." It's first line is: "I don't know who God is exactly..." This sensuous poem is an ode to Mary's sense of who God might be. We read the first stanza as it was a nicely self-contained message for our day.

The thing I forgot to share with my fellow readers on Sunday was that we only read the first stanza. This poem is seven stanzas in length! The poem offers its readers an opportunity to find in Mary's luminous words images of things that might be God. It awaits you. If you listen, it might even be singing to you: A modern day Psalm.

This Sunday we will continue the worship series "I've been meaning to ask." Earlier in May we considered the question "Where are you from..." exploring ways we might learn to be open and trusting and share the common and unique parts of ourselves. A nice lead up to Pentecost.

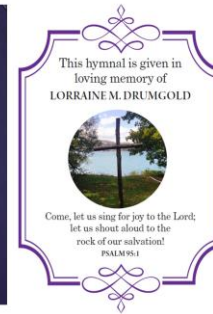
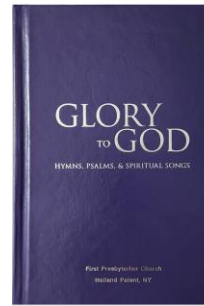
This week's question is: "I've been meaning ask... where does it hurt?"

We are a wonderful caring community sharing our desires to acknowledge other's pain and sooth it. But what about ourselves?

This week's question implies that all of us have known pain and suffering. In order to cultivate connection, we must first get curious about the pain others carry and the pain we carry ourselves.

We won't be sharing aloud or individually, but we will approach this question guided by Hannah's story from Samuel, a brief study of a painting inspired by the story and by silence together - AND.. a rousing message and communion! A day to be together: in community and joy!

Steve



On Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 14, 2023, our new "purple hymnals" were dedicated to the memory of Lorraine M. Drumgold. Above is a picture of the Dedication Plate that was placed in each hymnal (a little heavy for a little one like Nola DePalma). Lorraine's daughter, Tina Dziekan, gave a loving remembrance of how this came to be.

Lorraine was a dear member of our congregation, friend and neighbor who loved music. The sounds of Elvis were often heard all through her home. Tina wanted a way for the church family to remember her mother and her love for music, so after talking with then pastor Rev. Susan Solomon and others, a new hymnal (including old favorites and new surprises) made sense.

The picture on the Dedication Plate was taken at the chapel at Pathfinder Camp in Cooperstown where Tina spent many wonderful and meaningful summers as a child - a very special place to her and her parents.

Music Director Vicky Allen filled the dedication service with music from the new hymnal, including an anthem made up of parts from about 10 hymns, both old and new (including Lorraine's' favorites) and a benediction ending with a rousing rendition of "When the Saints Go Marching In".

Thank you, Lorraine! We will think of you with every note.



**Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, June 4**

**Brief informational meeting  
immediately following worship  
Coffee Hour will follow!**

**Children's Day - June 11**



You never know what to expect on Children's Day, but it is always guaranteed to make you smile. There might be a clue to the theme. Please join us and help us celebrate our youngest family members.

**Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023**



**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**June**

- 1 Brenda Castle|
- 4 Janet Lanning
- 5 Matthew Harter  
Imagin Aiken
- 9 Kameron Lanahan
- 10 Peggy Curtacci
- 16 Wesley Moseman  
Rachel Bruder
- 17 Lois Caldwell  
Gail Brett
- 19 Janet & Harley Lanning (A)
- 20 Shane Fox
- 21 Carolyn (Niedzielski) Kline  
Dwight Putnam  
Pam Finn  
Jim & Vicky Allen (A)
- 23 Elise Gates
- 24 Harry & Artis Finn (A)
- 25 Betsy Allen
- 26 Hilary Kraft  
Nina Lemieux
- 27 Alexis Saunders

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Check our website at "[twinchurches.org](http://twinchurches.org)" for a complete calendar of events

## Worship Schedule

**Jun 4** Steve Vance - *Communion*

**Jun 11** *Children's Day*

**Jun 18** Steve Vance - *Fathers' Day*

**Jun 25** Bonnie Tryon

## Events

**Jun 3** – Park Coffee House – *Local Favorites*

**Jun 16** - HP Graduation



- Session voted to approve the resolution from the First Presbyterian Church of Cooperstown concerning a ban on assault-style weapons. Our church name will be added to their letter of support for such a ban.
- Session voted to have a congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, June 4 to provide information on church investments.
- Issues with the new sound system are being addressed and hopefully have been resolved.
- We hope to begin worshipping outdoors starting in July, when the weather cooperates.
- The next Session meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20 at 6 pm via ZOOM.

