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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Celebrate the Gifts of Women

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Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery ordained Margaret E. Towner the first woman minister of word and sacrament in the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America on Oct. 24, 1956.

~ *GATHERING* ~

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME, PRAYER, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

When we call on the Lord, God will answer.

God will be with us in trouble to rescue and honor us.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Remember the story of our faith.

We are the people God has delivered.

Rejoice in the hope of our faith.

God goes with us, step by step.

Cling to the promise of our faith.

Our God will not abandon us.

In faith, come, let us worship God.

HYMN

WE GATHER TOGETHER

GTG #336

Neder-landtsch Gedenck-Clanck; Text attr. Adrianus Valeris

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

All: May God be with you there. Kids: May God be with you here.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*from Psalm 51*)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, blot out my offenses. Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sins. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure. Wash me, and I shall be clean. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Amen.

***RESPONSE**

LAMB OF GOD

GTG #602

by Yusuf Khill

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Brothers and sisters, believe the promise of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

INSTRUMENTAL

LAMB OF GOD
by Yusuf Khill

GTG #602

~ ***THE WORD*** ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE

DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11

NRSV

GOSPEL LESSONS

LUKE 4:1-13 & LUKE 8:1-15

NRSV

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

THE WOMEN AROUND JESUS

Rev. Wigger

RESPONSE

AMEN

GTG #601

Anon. Danish

~ ***RESPONDING TO THE WORD*** ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21*)

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE**

LORD, PREPARE ME

GTG #701

by John Thompson and Randy Scruggs (SANCTUARY)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** ...Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARIST

WHEN AT THIS TABLE

GTG #537

Words by Shirley Erena Murray; Music by Jane Marhsall

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

~ SENDING ~

HYMN

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

GTG #215

American folk hymn

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA); *Connections*, David Gambrell, ed.; *Call to Worship, Lectionary Aids*; *Presbyterian Outlook*, Teri Ott.