

◇PASSING OF THE PEACE
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Psalm 66:8-20

OT pages 528-529

SECOND READING: John 14:15-21

NT page 109

SERMON

“One Last Lecture”

Rev. Dr. Philip Gittings

◇HYMN 148

“At the Name of Jesus”

King's Weston

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*responsive*)

Adapted from Heidelberg Catechism Q49

How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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.

OFFERTORY

Scherzetto

Louis Vierne

◇DOXOLOGY 591

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

◇PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*responsive*)

Living God, source of all life and hope, all joy and peace, all compassion and justice—
transform us by your power to make all things new.

May the gifts of our lives be a witness to the new life you offer in Jesus Christ. Use all the gifts we share this day to bring the promise of new life to our neighbors, near and far. Amen.

◇HYMN 376

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Hyfrydol

◇CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude on *Old 104th*

Healey Willan

ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2014

Today's Liturgist is Ryan Nadbrzuch.

Welcome to all visitors— you have a friend at First Church! If you would like to learn more about our diverse, welcoming faith community, please speak to a Deacon after worship.

If you have a prayer request to include during Prayers of the People, please use one of the blue prayer cards available in the Narthex or by asking a Deacon. Please write neatly and give your card to a Deacon.

BUFFALO MARATHON ROAD CLOSURES

The Buffalo Marathon, being held today will close the following streets: **Richmond Ave., North St.** between Symphony Cir. & Delaware Ave., and **Delaware Ave.** south of North St.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION HAT TEA

Next Sunday, June 1st after worship in the chapel. Don your favorite hat and enjoy special delicacies to satisfy your sweet tooth! Proceeds to be donated to Child & Family Services!

JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit your articles for the June newsletter to Christina Banas by Tuesday, May 27. They can be emailed to cbanas@firstchurchbuffalo.org.

NEXT SUNDAY IS FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

The first Sunday of the month is designated “Food Pantry Sunday.” Donations of canned goods can be placed in the shopping cart that will be near the chancel. Monetary donations to the Lyon Food Pantry are also appreciated. First Church feeds an average of 20 hungry people every Tuesday, right here in our neighborhood. This is an opportunity for hands-on mission that helps many. Thank you!

JAZZ WORSHIP SERVICES

Next Sunday, June 1st

5:30 PM Potluck Supper

7:00 PM Worship service with Jazz music

by pianist Michel O'Neill

Sponsored by the Church Life Committee

Other dates:

Sunday, July 6

Sunday, August 3

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Women's Book group will meet on **Thursday, May 29** at 6:00 p.m. for a pot luck meal, and discuss the book The Dressmaker by Kate Alcott. The gathering will be at the home of Betty Kinnen.