

August 20th, 2023

1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of Rockaway

Join Zoom Worship (login beginning at 9:30 AM EST)

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*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

“Interlude in Eb Minor”

Alexandre Guilmant

*Please use this time to silently prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*

*The Christ Candle will be lit by the **Pulpit Assistant** during the Prelude.*

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 67)**

Holy are you, O God of grace and mercy.

May all the nations praise you, O God.

**May all the nations of the earth joyfully  
sing because God’s justice is supreme!**

May the love that lights up the face of God  
shine with favor upon us and bless us;

**teaching us God’s way of living and loving**

so that we may witness to that love and grace.

We gather to worship our wise and holy God.

We are in awe and revere you for your saving works.

**We come together to seek your blessing, O God.**

**Praise be to our generous and just God. Amen.**

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### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Dear Lord,

**With open arms You welcome all who call on Your name—who acknowledge You as Lord and look to You in faith. No one stands outside the circle of Your mercy and love. And so, we come to offer You our worship—to declare that You are our God, and that we are Your people, called and chosen by You from the very beginning.**

**Through the presence of Your Holy Spirit open our eyes to see You here.**

**Open our minds to receive Your truth, and our mouths to speak and sing Your praise. For You alone are God—worthy of all praise and worship, now and to the end of time. Amen.**

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **\*HYMN 397**

#### **O LOOK AND WONDER**

Refrain: O look and wonder: how good it is!

1 How good it is when brothers dwell in peace with one another;

It is like precious oil running fresh on Aaron’s beard. **Refrain**

2 How good it is when sisters dwell in peace with one another;

fresh like the morning dew that falls on Zion’s holy hill. **Refrain**

3 How good it is when all earth’s people dwell in peace together;

That is where God will pour the blessing, life forever more. **Refrain**

### **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

God declares: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed. Confident in our deliverance, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God,

**We confess we have not been obedient to your will for us. We have sought justice for ourselves but neglected justice for others. We have insisted on our rights but have not lived rightly in our relationships. We have desired mercy for our sins, but we have not offered mercy to those who have sinned against us. By the power of your Holy Spirit free us from the prison of our disobedience. Help us to love as you have loved us that our lives may testify to your abounding grace through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Receive the gift of forgiveness and share that gift with others, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **\*GLORIA PATRI (581)**

**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, Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

**Rev. Ryon Herin**

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **Genesis 45:1-15**

45 Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Have everyone leave my presence!" So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup> And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it.

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

<sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! <sup>5</sup> And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. <sup>6</sup> For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. <sup>7</sup> But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

<sup>8</sup> "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Now hurry back to my father and say to him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay. <sup>10</sup> You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. <sup>11</sup> I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.'

<sup>12</sup> "You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. <sup>13</sup> Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly."

<sup>14</sup> Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. <sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**"Lifeline"**

**Laurie Morse**

### **Psalm 133**

<sup>1</sup> How good and pleasant it is  
when God's people live together in unity!  
<sup>2</sup> It is like precious oil poured on the head,  
running down on the beard,  
running down on Aaron's beard,  
down on the collar of his robe.  
<sup>3</sup> It is as if the dew of Hermon  
were falling on Mount Zion.  
For there the LORD bestows his blessing,  
even life forevermore.

**SERMON**

**Rev. Ryon Herin**

**"Forgiveness at Last: When Unity is Challenged"**

**\*HYMN**

**JESUS, LORD, WE LOOK TO THEE (SEE BACK PAGE)**

**\*PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY**

**"People Need the Lord"**

**arr. Greg Nelson and Phill McHugh**

**\*606 DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Almighty God,  
Receive the fruits of our labor and the dedication of our lives.  
Make them an acceptable sacrifice in union with Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

**\*HYMN 30**

**O GOD, IN A MYSTERIOUS WAY**

**1 O God, in a mysterious way great wonders you perform.  
You plant your footsteps in the sea and ride upon the storm.  
2 Deep in unfathomable mines of never-failing skill,  
you treasure up your bright designs and work your sovereign will.  
3 O fearful saints, fresh courage take. The clouds you so much dread  
are big with mercy and shall break in blessings on your head.  
4 Our unbelief is sure to err and scan your work in vain.  
You are your own interpreter, and you will make it plain.**

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Sometimes a Light Surprises”**

**Alfred V. Fedak**

*Please remain seated and give thanks to God. Join us for lemonade and fellowship after!*

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**GIVING TO 1ST PRESBYTERIAN OF ROCKAWAY**

Go to our web page (fpcrockaway.org), go to the Online Giving page, select the “donate” button and give electronically <http://www.fpcrockaway.org/giving>

or mail to:

1st Presbyterian of Rockaway

35 Church St., Rockaway, NJ 07866

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**Summer Responding to Climate Change Study**

**Our next studies are on Monday, August 21 at 7 PM (Part 4 of the book) and Tuesday, August 22 (Part 4 of the book) at 10:00am**

Collection of Essays: *Responding to Climate Change* published by Christian Century. (Available by email as a PDF to read on your electronic device or to print)

<https://www.christiancentury.org/free-guide-climate-change>

Book: *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World* by Katherine Hayhoe (Buy on Amazon or other distributors)

Mondays at 7 PM Church Manse (August 21)

Tuesday at 10:00 AM on Zoom (August 22)

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**New Membership Classes and Confirmation**

If you are interested in becoming a new member, we will be hosting new membership classes in a few months. The class usually runs around a month and meets before church or at a time during the week agreeable for all interested. In this class, you will learn about our church history, what it means to be Presbyterian, and how our church is involved in our community. Contact Pastor Ryon if you are interested ([ryon@fpcrockaway.org](mailto:ryon@fpcrockaway.org)). Also, if you have a child who is confirmation age (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade), contact either Pastor Ryon or Donna Van Duyne, Sunday School director. We have a new confirmation curriculum that we are excited to use, and hope will be a blessing for your youth.

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**Worship Hour changes to 10:30 am on September 10  
Sunday School for children and adults begins on September 10 at 9:15 am**

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**Homecoming Picnic  
September 10, 2023 following worship**

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**Food Closet Needs Your Assistance**

There is an increase in families asking for assistance – with the increase in food prices people who were just making it can’t anymore. Please consider donating a couple of items each week – needed most – cereal, peanut butter, tuna, soup, pasta and pasta sauce, canned vegetables, macaroni and cheese, crackers, coffee, and tea.

Any non-perishable food welcome. Thank You! Linda Kirby

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**Next RiseUp Community Breakfast  
Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup>  
8-11 am**

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## SHOP RITE GIFT CARDS!!

When you purchase Shop Rite Gift Cards from our church the church receives 5% of the cost of the gift card. (No extra cost to you). We have been selling Shop Rite Gift Cards at the church for many years. The profits we receive have been used to pay for programs/projects in our church. We all need to eat! It is a 'win win' for our church. Contact Pat Budis if you have any questions 201-230-2286. You can pick them up from Pat or she will even deliver! Another easy way to help support our church!

### Calendar

Sunday, August 20 – **Church service 9:30am** - Open Close – Kathy Shuey

9:30 am – Worship Service – sanctuary, via zoom and Facebook

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm – MORE – FH

Monday – August 21 – Office Closed

7:00 pm – Bible Study - Manse

Tuesday – August 22 –

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm – AA Meeting – BK Room

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm – FA Meeting – Scout Room

Wednesday – August 23 –

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

Thursday, August 24 –

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

9:30 am – 11:30 am = Baroque Quartet Practice - Sanctuary

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm – AA Meeting – BK Room

6:20 pm – 7:30 pm – Bells Rehearsal

Friday, August 25 – Office Closed

Saturday, August 26 –

8:00 am – 11:00 am – RiseUp Breakfast - FH

Sunday, August 27 – Open & Close - Donna VanDuyne

9:30 am – Worship Service – sanctuary, via zoom and Facebook

2:00 – 4:00 pm – MORE – FH

#### Elders

Rich Basile – Finance Comm. Chair & Property Comm

Lillian Blair – Church Treasurer & Finance Committee

Debbie Harrington – Outreach Committee

Carol Lutcza – Personnel Comm. Chair & CE Comm.

Joe Martinoni – Worship Comm Chair & Personnel Comm.

Laurie Morse – Outreach Committee

Barbie Restaino – Worship Committee & CE Comm.

Kathy Shuey – Congregational Care Committee

Kathy Siegrist – Christian Ed. Committee

Donna VanDuyne – CE Committee Chair, Nominating Committee Chair

Outreach Committee Chair – Dan Cassidy

Congregational Care Committee Chair – Linda Urwin

Property/Cemetery Committee Chair – Pat Budis

#### Deacons

Lisa DiBonaventura

Debbie Garris

Alison Molinaro

Vicki Philhower

Linda Sunderman

Linda Urwin

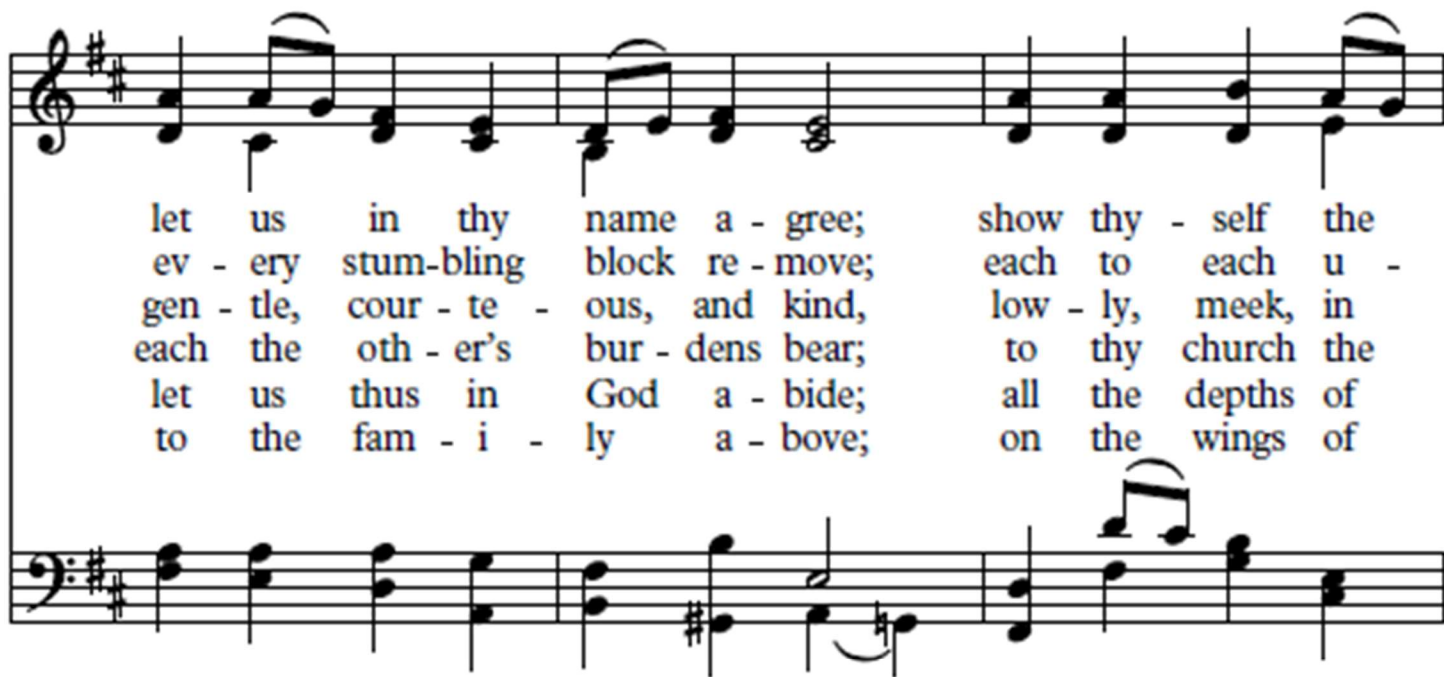
Barbara Weinberg

## Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee

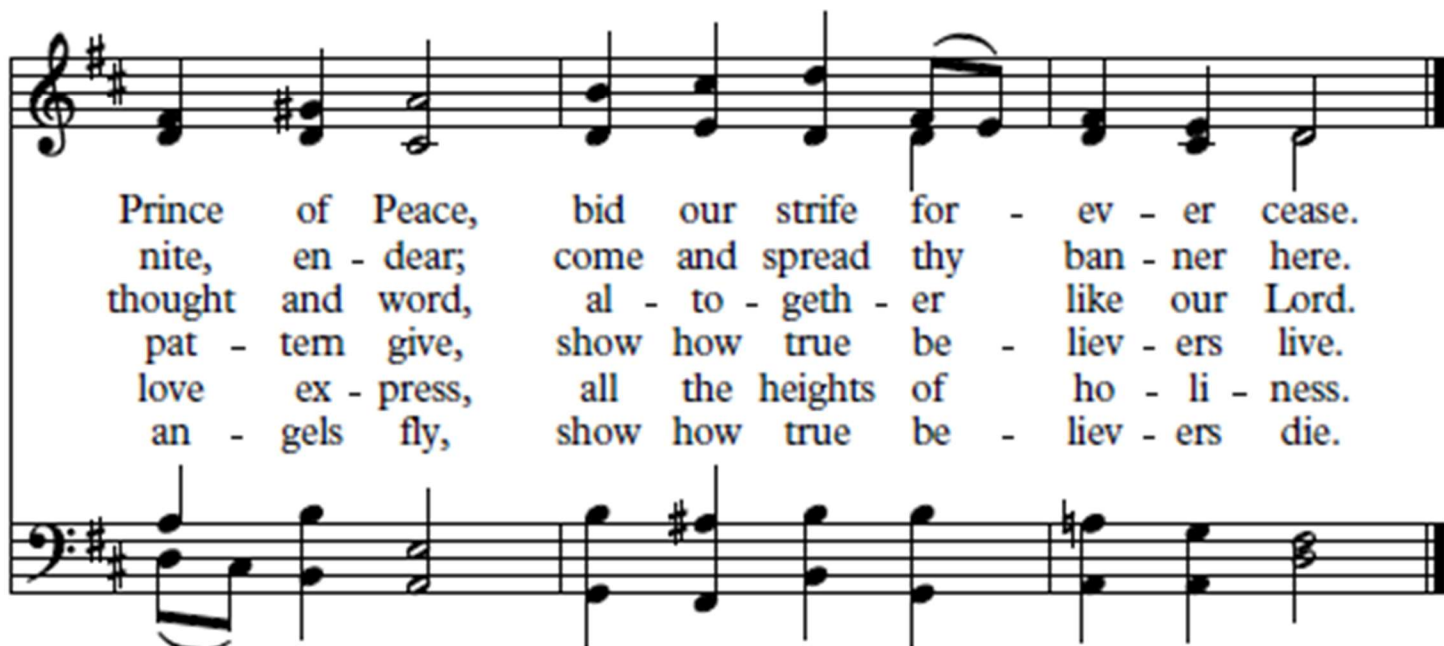
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1. Je - sus, Lord, we look to thee;  
 2. By thy rec - on - cil - ing love  
 3. Make us of one heart and mind,  
 4. Let us for each oth - er care,  
 5. Free from an - ger and from pride,  
 6. Let us then with joy re - move



let us in thy name a - gree; show thy - self the  
 ev - ery stum - bling block re - move; each to each u -  
 gen - tle, cour - te - ous, and kind, low - ly, meek, in  
 each the oth - er's bur - dens bear; to thy church the  
 let us thus in God a - bide; all the depths of  
 to the fam - i - ly a - bove; on the wings of



Prince of Peace, bid our strife for - ev - er cease.  
 nite, en - dear; come and spread thy ban - ner here.  
 thought and word, al - to - geth - er like our Lord.  
 pat - tem give, show how true be - liev - ers live.  
 love ex - press, all the heights of ho - li - ness.  
 an - gels fly, show how true be - liev - ers die.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1749  
 MUSIC: Foundery Collection, 1742

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Sunday School 9:15 – 10:15 am

Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:30 am

Office Hours 9:00 am – 12:30 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

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