

August 6th, 2023

1st Presbyterian Church of Rockaway

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**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

GATHERING MUSIC IN NARTHEX

Duet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Allegretto in B Major Op. 49, No. 3"

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

Return to the Lord your God,

for God is gracious.

Confess to the Lord your God,

for God is merciful.

Repent to the Lord your God,

for God is slow to anger.

Praise the Lord your God,

for God abounds in steadfast love.

Worship the Lord your God.

Together, let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of our hearts...here we are! We've come with thirsty hearts, praying that your Word will satisfy us. We come with aching hearts, praying for good news to comfort us. We come with overflowing hearts, praying for a chance to share your love. You, who know our hearts and hear our prayers, be with us now in this hour of worship. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***HYMN 78**

YOU THIRSTY ONES, COME

1. You thirsty ones! come to the spring! Have you no money? Come, buy wine and milk! Come, buy and eat, without a price or sum, without a price or sum.

2. Why do you work and earn and spend on that which is not bread?

Oh listen now and come to me; eat what is good instead, eat what is good instead.

3. This food delights and satisfies, the food your God can give;

incline your ear and come to me; O hear that you may live, O hear that you may live.

4. Return while God may still be found and call while God will hear;

now let the wicked quit their ways, while yet the Lord is near, while yet the Lord is near.

5. My word like heaven's snow descends; it falls like heaven's rain;

it waters all the thirsty earth and shall not go in vain, and shall not go in vain.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

God of abundance, you have promised to provide us with more than mere survival; in seeking to satisfy our deepest hungers, we shall find an even more profound sustenance than human imagination could envision.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we are hungry. God of mercy, quench our thirst. In your holy love, you have given us so much: talents and treasure in unlimited supply. But often, we spend these on superficial needs. We throw away our plenty on little hungers and petty desires. We seek the fleeting delight of novelty, of prettiness, and of veneer. We follow the urges of momentary importance; to the notice of a fickle society more interested in noise and sparkle than in mundane sturdiness. We chase after happiness while neglecting joy; we chase after romance while neglecting love; we skim the surface while fearing the depths. Forgive us, we pray, for our fearfulness, as we rely more upon our own human illusions of control and satisfaction, even though we know that these illusions separate us from you. Forgive us for not trusting in your grace, in your abundance, in the covenant promises that you have renewed with every generation. In Christ, may we learn to love you more than we love ourselves. *Silent Prayer. Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Come, all you who are thirsty. If you take the first step, if you are willing to plunge once again into the waters and to emerge into new life, you will receive a love beyond all you can envision.

We turn our hearts to God, and by grace our hungers are satisfied, our thirsts are satisfied; through Christ we are made whole; by the Spirit we are led forth as God's people. Amen.

Written by Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, Pastor at First Church Congregational, Rochester, NH

***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 32:22-31

²² The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Across the Universe"

Lennon McCartney

Duet: Laura Layton on Viola and Anna David on Violin

ISAIAH 55:1-5

55 Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters;
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

SERMON

Rev. Ryon Herin

“Limping with God: An Unexpected Blessing in an Over-Satiated World”

***HYMN 833 O LOVE THAT WILT NOT LET ME GO**

1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

2 O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee; my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

3 O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

4 O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Come O Thou Traveler Alone, Charles Wesley

Come, O Thou Traveler unknown, whom still I hold, but cannot see; My company before is gone, And I am left alone with Thee; With Thee all night I mean to stay, and wrestle till the break of day.

Wilt thou not yet to me reveal thy new, unutterable name? Tell me, I still beseech thee, tell, to know it now resolved I am. Wrestling, I will not let thee go till I thy name, thy nature know.

My strength is gone, my nature dies, I sink beneath thy weighty hand, faint to revive, and fall to rise. I fall, and yet by faith I stand; I stand and will not let thee go till I thy name, thy nature know.

**Yield to me now—for I am weak, but confident in self-despair!
Speak to my heart, in blessing speak, be conquered by my instant prayer.
Speak, or thou never hence shalt move, and tell me if thy name is Love.**

**'Tis Love! 'tis Love that wrestled me! I hear thy whisper in my heart.
The morning breaks, the shadows flee, pure, universal Love thou art.
To me, to all, thy mercies move— thy nature and thy name is Love.**

OFFERTORY

“Sarabande con variazioni”

Johan Halvorsen

Duet: Laura Layton on Viola and Anna David on Violin

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**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

Loving and generous God,

You provide for us and even bless us in more ways than we can number.

We give these tithes and offerings to tell of your wondrous and steadfast love so that those who do not yet know you may also come to your love. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” J.S. Bach, Duet
COMMUNION PRAYER**

***HYMN 312 TAKE US AS WE ARE, O GOD**

1 Take us as we are, O God, and claim us as your own. As once you chose to tell your love in human flesh and bone, so let our lives be used to make your saving purpose known.
2 Bless us for your service, Lord; no power we devise will ever give us strength enough or make us truly wise, yet by your promise we can know the peace your grace supplies.
3 Break us open to disclose how brokenness can heal, wherever broken loaves suffice to give a crowd a meal and graves break open to release new life from death’s dread seal.
4 Give us to the world you love as light and salt and yeast, that we may nourish in your name the last, the lost, the least, until at length you call us all to your unending feast.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Sheep May Safely Graze” J.S. Bach, Duet

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

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35 Church St., Rockaway, NJ 07866
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Lemonade Hour Update

There will be no lemonade hour during the rest of August. After this morning, Linda Urwin and Barbara Weinberg will be taking a much-needed break. We will continue to fellowship after church and if anyone is interested in hosting and volunteering for lemonade/coffee hour in the future, please let the office know!

Summer Responding to Climate Change Study

Our next studies are on Monday, August 14 at 7 PM (Part 4 of the book) and Tuesday, August 8th (Part 4 of the essays) 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 14 & 21)

Tuesday at 10:00 AM on Zoom (8, 15 & 22)

Worship Committee Meeting

Worship committee will resume this Monday, August 7, 7pm on Zoom as we plan for the rest of the year and the church year beginning Homecoming Sunday. Feel free to contact Pastor Ryon if you are interested in serving on Worship or any of the other committees!

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). Also, if you have a child who is confirmation age (6th and 7th 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. **We are looking for anyone interested in being a confirmation teacher. Please contact Rev. Ryon or Donna VanDuyne.**

Quarter Tube!

The quarters that are put in the Quarter Tube in the front of the sanctuary are used for the Mission work of our church. Simply place your quarters in the tube so we can further our mission work.

Upcoming Community Event

Rockaway Township Day August 19th 11 am-6 pm Hudsonia Field

Please contact Pastor Ryon or Dan Cassidy (Chair of Outreach) if you are interested in volunteering for helping us run a tent at this event. This is a great way to reach out to the community about our events and Sunday services. We are also looking for donations of small individual-sized waters and chips to hand out.

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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. **Monetary donations are also accepted.**

Thank You!

Linda Kirby



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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 6 – **Church service 9:30am** - Open Close – Laurie Morse

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

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm – MORE – FH

Monday – August 7 – Office Closed

7:00 pm – Bible Study - Manse

Tuesday – August 8 –

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm – AA Meeting – BK Room

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm – FA Meeting – Scout Room

Wednesday – August 9 –

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

Thursday, August 10 –

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

Friday, August 11 – Office Closed

8:00 am – 4:00 pm – JAM Theater Group - FH

Saturday, August 12 –

Sunday, August 12 – Open & Close - Kathy Siegrist

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 & Newsletter

Donna VanDuyne – CE Committee Chair, Nominating Committee Chair

Deacons

Lisa DiBonaventura

Debbie Garris

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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

Krista Sweer, Music Minister

Robert Nichols, Cemetery Sexton

Karen Basile, Clerk of Session

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