

May 28th, 2023
Pentecost Sunday
1st Presbyterian of Rockaway
Join Zoom Worship (login beginning at 10:30 AM EST)
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**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Come, Ye Sinners”

Arr. Larry Shackley

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

O for a thousand tongues to sing sweet praise!

O rushing wild spirit of God pour out the fire of love upon us!

Unfurl your language upon our lips. Unlock our minds to embrace all possibility.

Unleash our hearts so Your justice flows freely.

O for a thousand tongues to sing sweet praise!

O rushing wild spirit of God pour out the fire of love upon us!

May your breeze bring health and wholeness. May your breath heat our resolve.

May your Spirit storm the earth with mercy and grace.

O for a thousand tongues to sing sweet praise!

O rushing wild spirit of God pour out the fire of love upon us!

Set us free from self-doubt. Make us listeners as we seek awareness.

Shake us awake when we forget our privilege.

O for a thousand tongues to sing sweet praise!

O rushing wild spirit of God pour out the fire of love upon us!

Amen. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy Spirit,

Making life alive, moving in all things, root of all being, cleansing the cosmos of every impurity, effacing guilt, anointing wounds. You are lustrous and praiseworthy life; you waken and re-awaken everything that is. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***HYMN 407**

SPIRIT DIVINE, ATTEND OUR PRAYERS

1 Spirit divine, attend our prayers, and make this house your home.

Descend with all your gracious powers. O come, great Spirit, come!

2 Come as the light. To us reveal our emptiness and woe.

And lead us in those paths of life where all the righteous go.

3 Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sacrificial flame.

Let our whole soul an offering be to our Redeemer's name.

4 Come as the dove and spread your wings, the wings of peaceful love.

And let the church on earth become blest as the church above.

5 Spirit divine, attend our prayers. Make a lost world your home.

Descend with all your gracious powers. O come, great Spirit, come!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

As we celebrate the birth of the church today, we take a moment to be honest with God and ourselves about our failings. Knowing that our prayers will be met with God's love, let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, oh God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Silent Prayer.* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Those who are in Christ are a new creation: everything old has passed away. See, everything has become new! All this is from God with whom we have been reconciled through Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

***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

Carl Kline

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2:1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

ANTHEM

"I Hope You Dance"

**By Lee Ann Womack
Solo: Dr. Kim Morse**

1 Corinthians 12:3-12

³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says, “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

SERMON

“Open The Door and Let Him In”

Carl Kline

*HYMN 300

WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT

1 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2 We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. **Refrain**

3 We will work with each other, we will work side by side, we will work with each other, we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride. **Refrain**

4 All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. **Refrain**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers

in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women, men, and people to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION (Pentecost Special Offering) OFFERTORY

“In The Garden”

Carl Kline
Mark Hayes

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

O Holy One, take the gifts that we have offered this day, and use them to ignite the world with the fire of your presence. Take the prayers that we have offered this day, and use them to breathe life into the valleys of dry bones. Take the gifts of the Pentecost Offering, and use them to teach and nurture young people, that they might share their visions with the world and proclaim to all your wondrous deeds. 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 408 THERE’S A SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT**

1 There’s a sweet, sweet spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain: Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly dove, stay right here with us, fill us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise. Without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

2 There are blessings you cannot receive, ‘till you know him in his fullness and believe; you’re the one to profit when you say, “I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.”

Refrain

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Spirit”

James K. Manley

Please remain seated and give thanks to God. Join us for coffee hour!

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Go to our web page (fpcrockaway.org), go to the Stewardship Giving page, scroll down to “donate” and give electronically <http://www.fpcrockaway.org/stewardshipgiving.html> or mail to:

1st Presbyterian of Rockaway
35 Church St., Rockaway, NJ 07866

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**The Flowers that beautify our Sanctuary
are given
In Honor and Thankfulness
for the Men and Women of the US Military**



Community Cup News

Community Cup is a cozy welcoming setting where you can stop by for a cup of coffee or tea and continue on your way or stay and relax with neighbors and friends.

Our next community Cup will be **Friday, April 16 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm.**

Hope to see you there!

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Summer Responding to Climate Change Study

There is no Monday or Tuesday Bible Study for the next two weeks. We will begin again on Monday, June 12 at 7 PM and Tuesday, June 13 at 9:30am

As a Matthew 25 Congregation, we are continuing to learn about and become more informed on the numerous ways in which the current events of our world cause us to respond in action as Christians. As you will remember, last year we did an Anti-Racism Study, exploring the ways we as Christians can be informed, respond to, and claim responsibility for how prejudice and discrimination have and continue to be an explicit part of our Nation and World. This Year, we will similarly look at Climate Change, how human action has negatively affected our environment, how we can become informed in a hopeful way, and how we can practically respond as a congregation and Christ's Church. **I invite you to join me in this study and endeavor beginning in June, with our Monday and Tuesday Bible Studies.** I invite our Sunday School adult participants to join as well as Sunday School takes a break in the summer months (Last Sunday School will be June 18). Below are the dates and times as well as book info. Send Pastor Ryon an email (ryon@fpcrockaway.org) to register for a group and more info!

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>

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 (June 12 & 19: July 3, 10, 24 & 31: August 7 & 14)

Location TBD (Let Pastor Ryon know if you would like to host)

Tuesday at 10:00 AM (June 13 & 20: July 11 & 25: August 1, 8, 15 & 22)

Via Zoom



Vacation Bible School

June 26th - 30th 9 AM - 12 Noon Ages 5 - 7th grade

Please join us for VBS this year. It is a fun filled event for all!

We need both adult and youth volunteers for VBS. Please contact either

Barbie Restaino or Karen Basile if you want to volunteer. There are many different areas you can help with! Registration forms for children who want to attend VBS are available now on our facebook page!

Would you be able to donate any of the supplies listed below for Vacation Bible School?

(I will update this list weekly!)

Model Magic

Empty Cereal boxes

Crayola Markers

Large pieces of Cardboard

Scotch Tape

1/4" to 1/2 " ribbon any color

Masking Tape

Glue Sticks

Colorful Duck Tape

Aluminum Foil

1 – 32 oz bottle Palmolive or equivalent dish soap

1 – 128 oz bottle white vinegar

1 – 64 oz bottle distilled water

20 empty paper towel rolls

2 – 16 oz cartons of table salt



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, May 28 – Open Close – Kathy Siegrist

9:15 am – Adult Sunday School **No Children's Sunday School**

10:30 am – Worship Service – sanctuary, via zoom and Facebook

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm – MORE – FH

Monday – May 29 – Office Closed

Memorial Day Parade Service in parking lot (Rain will be in Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday – May 30 –

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

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

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm – Girl Scout meeting – Scout Room

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

Wednesday – May 31 –

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm – Boys Scout Meetings – FH, Scout Room & Canteen

Thursday, June 1 –

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

9:00 am – 10:30 am – PCCNS Graduation Outside (FH if Rain)

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

6:20 pm – 7:30 pm – Bells Rehearsal

Friday, June 2 – Office Closed

Saturday, June 3 –

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Boy Scout Court of Honor - FH

Sunday, June 4 – Open & Close – Donna VanDuyne

9:15 – 10:15 am – Adult and Children's Sunday School

10:30 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

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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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973-586-3665

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