

**October 1st, 2023**  
**World Communion Sunday**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of Rockaway**  
**Join Zoom Worship (login beginning at 9:30 AM EST)**  
**Phone in: (mobile or home phone) +1 929 205 6099 US**  
**Meeting ID: 468 322 0487 Passcode: FPCR2021**  
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*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

**“Surely, It is God Who Saves Me”**

**Jack Noble White**

*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 25)**

We lift up our souls to you, Holy God.

**We trust the Lord with our past, present, and future.**

Teach us, Lord, that we may know your ways.

**Guide our every move, Holy One,**

**That we may walk in your paths of love and mercy.**

Let us worship the One who leads us in what is right.

**Together, let us worship God!**

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

**Dear God,**

**We will not find that needed justice in our apathy; we will not find that elusive wholeness with our quarreling, we will not find our hoped-for unity with our doctrines; we will not find our misplaced love with our hating; we will not find that rest we crave in our overflowing planners; we will not find the peace you offer in our well nursed grudges. But we will find you in the brokenness of the Bread and in the breaking of our hearts; we will find you when we drain the Cup, refill it with our gifts, and offer it to a little child; we will find you when we squeeze closer together, making room at the Table for all your people.**

**Help us to find you, God in Community, Holy in One, Amen.**

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

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **\*HYMN 438      ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME**

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed  
be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.

2 Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands.

Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone. Thou must save, and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress, helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

### **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor,  
trusting in the promise of forgiveness.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of Living Water, you call us to come and drink.

**So why do we sit here and complain that there is not enough water?**

You call us to strike the rocks of our world and let your Living Water flow.

**But we do not trust enough that the spring is there.**

**We want to find the water on our own, using our own wisdom.**

You call us to share the Water of Life with the world around us.

**But we believe that the water is limited,**

**not abundant and so we are tempted to save it for ourselves.**

For all the times we turn away from your Water,

for all the times we sully the water by misusing it,

for all the times we let others go thirsty instead of offering a drink,

**Forgive us, we pray. *Silent Prayer.* Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

The Water of Life flows with abundance to fill us with hope,

to cleanse us of our guilt, to float us to a new life.

Washed in the Living Water, we are forgiven and set free to live abundant life.

**Thanks, and praise to God. 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**

### **Exodus 17:1-7**

17 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. <sup>6</sup> I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**"When You Believe"**

**Arr. Audrey Snyder  
FPCR Choir, Krista Sweer Directing**

### **Matthew 21:23-32**

<sup>23</sup> When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup> Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup> Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup> But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup> "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup> He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went.

<sup>30</sup> The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did

not go. <sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

## **SERMON**

**Rev. Ryon Herin**

**"Water Where There Was None: Life Where There Was Death"**

### **\*HYMN 479**

### **HO, ALL WHO THIRST**

**Refrain:** Ho, all who thirst, come now to the water, and all whose souls are parched and weary, come and drink! Ho, all who thirst, come now to the water, and from your heart will flow a never-failing spring!

1 Why forsake the Lord, the fount of living water, choosing broken cups that cannot be filled? (Refrain)

2 For the Lamb will be our shepherd and will guide us to the well-springs of the water of life. (Refrain)

3 All who come may take this gift of living water. They will thirst no more, for they shall be filled. (Refrain)

### **\*PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*Adapted from the Belhar Confession*

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **MINUTE FOR MISSION (Peace and Global Witness Offering)**

**Carl Kline**

### **OFFERTORY**

**"My Jesus, I Love Thee"**

**Arr. Marty Parks**

**Barbara Glass, Clarinet Solo**

### **\*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**

**Gracious God,**

**You create more than we could ever hope to return. You share more than we could ever hope to deserve. And yet, we pray, accept these humble gifts. May they honor and glorify you in all creation, and may they empower us for the work of witness and service, for the sake of justice, and for the sake of peace, now and forever. Amen.**

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

#### **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

Grain is gathered from the field; threshed and milled for flour.

**We are formed from the grain of God's harvest.**

Flour is mixed with water to produce basic dough.

**The water of baptism unites us.**

Yeast is added to transform the mixture.

**The vision of God's realm draws us onwards.**

Oil softens the dough and makes a new texture.

**The Holy Spirit anoints us as the body of Christ.**

A little salt improves the taste.

**Jesus calls us to be the salt of the earth.**

The bread is kneaded and shaped, molded and baked.

**It is God who makes us a holy communion.**

Grapes are harvested and crushed for juice.  
**You are the vine, we are the branches, O Christ.**  
Juice and skins are mixed with yeast for fermentation.  
**God's reign is coming. God's hope is here.**  
There is a time of waiting; then a time of pressing.  
**God's new life presses forth through the sediment of our lives.**  
And finally, the feast is here!  
**Let us celebrate the feast of our life in God.**

**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  
COMMUNION PRAYER**

**2023 STEWARDSHIP (Giving Thanks for God's Gifts with Gratitude)**

**\*HYMN 767 TOGETHER WE SERVE**

1 Together we serve, united by love, inviting God's world to the glorious feast. We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, extending God's love to the last and the least.  
2 We seek to become a beacon of hope, a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet. We learn, year by year, to let love shine through until we see Christ in each person we meet.  
3 We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor, the busy, the lonely, and all who need care. We offer a home to those who will come, our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.  
4 Together, by grace, we witness and work, remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong. Together we serve in Spirit and truth, remembering love is the strength of our song.

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE "He's Got The Whole World" Arr. Marilyn Ham**  
*Please remain seated and give thanks to God. Join us for coffee and fellowship hour after!*  
*We will be celebrating Kathy and Larry Siegrist as they move to Cape Cod!*

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**GIVING TO 1ST PRESBYTERIAN OF ROCKAWAY**

Go to our web page ([fpcrockaway.org](http://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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**Stewardship 2023 and your 2024 Pledge Cards**

Our Stewardship Theme for this year is Giving Thanks for God’s Gifts with Gratitude. We are thankful for all our church members and the many ways that you give abundantly to our church! Be on the lookout for your 2024 Pledge cards and a special letter from Pastor Ryon!!

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**Volunteers and Donations for Park Lakes Spooktacular with our Confirmation Youth**

We will once again be participating in the Park Lakes Spooktacular on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 5- 8 with our confirmation youth! We are looking for volunteers to help the confirmation youth pass out candy, decorate and come up with a theme, as well as tear down/setup. We also are requesting donations for **candy** once again to pass out. We can always use more as there are always a lot of cute goblins! Contact Pastor Ryon or the Confirmation Teachers, Barbie Restaino, and Ken Blair to help!!

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**Historic Cemetery Tour and Outreach Cookout**

Join us on October 21<sup>st</sup> from 11 am-4 pm (rain date: the 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1-5) for a tour through Rockaway’s historic cemetery (35 Church Street) with live reenactors telling the stories of those who lived in and helped shape Rockaway. Portrayals include William Winds, Mary Estill, Joseph Tuttle, and Stephen Jackson. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available for all from 11 am-2 pm the same day!! **Tickets: \$15 each, \$5 for children 10 & under, \$40 family deal**

Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Rockaway and Rockaway Borough Historical Committee Contact the church office and leave a message or Ryon Herin for advanced tickets. Please see the Outreach Committee if you are interested in helping with the cookout!! See Donna Schrader if you are interested in being a tour guide!

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**Sewer Line Replacement Cost**

Over the past year, we have experienced multiple backups of the toilet and sink in the baby nursery. A video inspection of the sewer line from the baby nursery to the tie-in to the main sewer line in the downstairs girl's bathroom showed that it was corroded through in at least one location at the point of the tie-in of another line and had a low spot downstream of this tie-in. To prevent future backups the sewer line needed to be replaced. This required the concrete floor to be cut and removed for access to replace the sewer line between the baby nursery to the tie-in to the main sewer line in the downstairs girl's bathroom, the sewer line replaced, and the concrete floor replaced. This unplanned work cost \$14,500 and was not in this year’s maintenance budget. We are asking that the congregation prayerful consider giving a onetime donation to help pay for this unplanned but necessary repair work. Mark your check or the envelope “Sewer Line Replacement”. Thank you!

Richard J Basile  
Phone: (973) 625-8519  
Cell: (201) 230-7002

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**Calling all youth and adult volunteers for a Mission ‘Week-end’ Project. Summer 2024!**

Date / Time / Details TBD at a later date.

If this is something you'd be interested in doing, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and in Fellowship Hall. Please write your name / a skill or skills you have that you feel comfortable performing on a job site/ distance you're willing to travel to and from

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**Sara Circle is hosting a barbecue at Family Promise**

Sara Circle is hosting a barbecue at Family Promise for the ladies that live there. We would love for you to join us. Help with prep, grilling, set-up and clean-up as we get to know them and share food and friendship. It will be Monday, October 23rd at 12 pm in Morris Plains. Please call Donna Schrader (973-876-9315) or Karen DiChristopher (973-738-2674) if you’d like to join us. We will be meeting at church at 10:30 am.

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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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## 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.

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**Participate in our annual "Sox in a Box" collection or our annual coat collection.** Warm socks are now being collected to comfort our local homeless and working poor. Simply purchase warm socks (adult and children's sizes) or lovingly used winter coats and place them in donation bins located at:

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (24-Hour drop off option, front vestibule)  
508 Green Pond Road Rockaway Township

First Presbyterian Church of Rockaway  
Food Closet or Office Hours (See Website) or Sundays

White Meadow Temple (Morning hours)  
153 White Meadow Rd. Rockaway

**Deadline for donating socks: October 8<sup>th</sup> (Socks accepted after deadline)**

**Deadline for donating coats: October 31<sup>st</sup>**

**For more information contact Ellen at: [epc330@verizon.net](mailto:epc330@verizon.net)**

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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, October 1 – Stewardship Sunday - Open Close – Barbie Restaino

9:15 am – 10:15 am – Adult & Children Sunday School and Confirmation Class

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

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm – MORE – FH

Monday – October 2 – Office Closed

7:00 pm – Bible Study - Manse

Tuesday – October 3

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

9:30 am – Bible Study via Zoom

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

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

7:30 pm – CE Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday – October 4

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open  
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm – Scouts Meeting FH  
7:30 pm – Scouts Troop 113 Meetings – FH & Scout Room  
7:30 pm – Venturing Scouts Meeting - Canteen

Thursday, October 5 –

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, October 6 – Office Closed

Saturday, October 7 –

Sunday, October 8 –Open & Close - Carol Lutcza

9:15 am – 10:15 am – Adult & Children Sunday School and Confirmation Class  
10:30 am – Worship Service – sanctuary, via zoom and Facebook  
11:30 am – Outreach Meeting – BK Room  
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  
Alison Molinaro  
Vicki Philhower  
Linda Sunderman  
Linda Urwin  
Barbara Weinberg

Dan Cassidy – Outreach Committee Chair  
Pat Budis – Property/Cemetery Committee Chair  
Linda Urwin – Congregational 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

Scott Lovenberg, Cemetery Sexton

Karen Basile, Clerk of Session

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