

**14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 5, 2020
1ST Presbyterian Church of Rockaway**

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PRELUDE “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

John Wyeth’s Repository of Sacred Music, 1813 Setting by John Carter

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says: Come to me, and I will give you rest.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, full of compassion, abounding in love.

Jesus says: My yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

The Lord supports those who are weak, and lifts up those who are falling.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God, through crisis and uncertainty you are with your people. Even when we turn our backs on you, your patience and tolerance abound, and you give us a new start, time and time again. Thank you for pouring your grace over us through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

HYMN 475 COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come;

And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!

Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love,

Here’s my heart; O take and seal it for thy courts above.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

God upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. Therefore let us confess our sin with every confidence that we will be lifted up.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we confess to you and to each other that we are tired and weighed down by the mistakes we have made, even in our closest relationships with our friends, our spouses, and our partners. We give this burden to you, mindful that you carry us always through this life, with the sure promise of your grace and forgiveness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news of our faith: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, showing compassion to all. We are forgiven and freed from sin! Let us rise up with joy.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find wisdom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

GENESIS 24:34-49

³⁴ So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. ³⁵ The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. ³⁶ And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. ³⁷ My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; ³⁸ but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' ³⁹ I said to my master, 'Perhaps the woman will not follow me.' ⁴⁰ But he said to me, 'The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his angel with you and make your way successful. You shall get a wife for my son from my kindred, from my father's house. ⁴¹ Then you will be free from my oath, when you come to my kindred; even if they will not give her to you, you will be free from my oath.'

⁴² "I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! ⁴³ I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," ⁴⁴ and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also"—let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

⁴⁵ "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' ⁴⁶ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. ⁴⁷ Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's

son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. ⁴⁸ Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. ⁴⁹ Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

PSALM 45:10-17

¹⁰ Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear; forget your people and your father’s house,

¹¹ **and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him;**

¹² the people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts, the richest of the people

¹³ **with all kinds of wealth. The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes;**

¹⁴ in many-colored robes she is led to the king; behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.

¹⁵ **With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.**

¹⁶ In the place of ancestors you, O king, shall have sons; you will make them princes in all the earth.

¹⁷ **I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations; therefore the peoples will praise you forever and ever.**

MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30

¹⁶ “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”^[a]

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank^[b] you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.^[c] ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

SERMON

GOIN’ COURTIN’

HYMN 684 FAITH BEGINS BY LETTING GO

**Faith begins by letting go, giving up what had seemed sure,
Taking risks and pressing on, though the way feels less secure:
Pilgrimage both right and odd, trusting all our life to God.**

**Faith endures by holding on, keeping memory's roots alive
So that hope may bear its fruit; promise-fed, our souls will thrive
Not through merit we possess but by God's great faithfulness.**

**Faith matures by reaching out, stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
Sharing struggles, living prayer, binding up the broken parts;
Till we find the commonplace ripe with witness to God's grace.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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.

In the beginning, O God, your Word summoned light and creation dawned. You gave us breath and speech, that all the living might find a voice to sing your praise, and to celebrate the creation you call good. How wonderful is the work of your hands! Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, your Son, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers are

satisfied. He healed the sick, offered new life to sinners, and with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit.

Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move among us that we may become one in Christ. May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread.

Then at last, all peoples will be free, all divisions healed, and with your whole creation, we will sing your praises through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN 546 LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;

Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;

May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.

Every faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

Savior when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way,

Let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.

May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Take My Life, And Let It Be"

By Henri A. Cesar Malan & Frances R Havergal Arrg. By Darrell V. Archer

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