

**15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**July 12, 2020**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian of Rockaway**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE Morning Has Broken Traditional Arrg. By Jim Brickman**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Your word is a lamp to our feet,

**And a light to our path.**

Your word is our heritage forever,

**The joy of our hearts.**

Come, worship the Lord!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Steadfast God, you greet us as a loving parent and patiently love us beyond all measure. Great is your faithfulness. May we offer that same kindness to all whom we encounter, knowing it is Christ whom we greet as we welcome others. Amen.**

**HYMN 667 WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES**

**When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:**

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:**

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:**

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:**

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:**

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:**

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:**

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Be this the eternal song through all the ages long:**

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

### **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

In Christ there is no condemnation, for perfect love casts out sin. Let us confess our sins to God.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Faithful God, your word falls on hardened ground when our worldly anxiety and attachment to wealth crowd out your place in our lives. Forgive our frail and human ways and cultivate in us a spirit of trust and faithfulness, for you are our hope for deliverance. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Brothers and sisters, when deeds of evil overwhelm us, God forgives our sins. Be at peace, for God restores and strengthens us and waters our souls with grace.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**O God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

#### **Genesis 25:19-34**

<sup>19</sup> These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, <sup>20</sup> and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. <sup>21</sup> Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. <sup>22</sup> The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?"<sup>[a]</sup> So she went to inquire of the LORD. <sup>23</sup> And the LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,  
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;  
the one shall be stronger than the other,  
the elder shall serve the younger."

<sup>24</sup> When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. <sup>25</sup> The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. <sup>26</sup> Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob.<sup>[b]</sup> Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

<sup>27</sup> When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. <sup>28</sup> Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

<sup>29</sup> Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. <sup>30</sup> Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.<sup>[a]</sup>) <sup>31</sup> Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." <sup>32</sup> Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" <sup>33</sup> Jacob said, "Swear to me first."<sup>[a]</sup> So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. <sup>34</sup> Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

### **Psalm 119:105-112**

<sup>105</sup>Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

<sup>106</sup>**I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.**

<sup>107</sup>I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup>**Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances.**

<sup>109</sup>I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup>**The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.**

<sup>111</sup>Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

<sup>112</sup>**I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.**

### **Matthew 13:1-9**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup> Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> Let anyone with ears<sup>[a]</sup> listen!"

## **SERMON FAMILY VALUES**

### **HYMN 714 GOD OF THE FERTILE FIELDS**

**God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields our daily bread:  
Forth from you bounteous hand come gifts your love has planned,  
That all in every land be clothed and fed.**

**We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you all that you give;  
Help us in love to share, teach us like you to care  
For people everywhere, that all may live.**

**As grows the hidden seed to fruit that serves our need, so your reign grows.**

Let all our toil be used, no gift of yours abused,  
no humble task refused your love bestows.

God of the countryside, dear to the Christ who died to make us one:  
We pledge our lives anew in faithful love to you.  
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

“Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.” Amen. (Col. 1:15-20)

#### **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.

##### **HYMN 80 YOU SHALL GO OUT WITH JOY (Sing twice)**

**X – CLAP YOUR HANDS!**

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
There’ll be shouts of joy,  
And all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands. X X  
The trees of the field will clap their hands; X X  
The trees of the field will clap their hands X X  
While you go out with joy.

#### **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee by Ludwig Van Beethoven**  
Arrg. By Darrell V. Archer

## **ZOOM LINK FOR SUNDAY MORNING ADULT STUDY**

**Time: Jul 5, 2020 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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## **ZOOM LINK FOR TUESDAY MORNING ADULT STUDY**

**Time: Jul 7, 2020 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

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