

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 2, 2020
1st Presbyterian of Rockaway

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“We Gather Together”

Netherlands Folk Hymn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to the table; come, eat and drink.

The Lord gives us food in due season.

Come to Christ; come, eat and be filled.

By the grace of God, there is plenty for all.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Generous God, the whole creation looks to you, and you give them their food in due season. Open your hand to us, and satisfy us with what we most deeply desire. Amen.

HYMN 36

FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs in earth’s safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God’s will be done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God’s will be done.

In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,

In the harvests we are sharing, God’s will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,

Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins in the presence of the One who blessed us and meets our need..

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, we are weak. We have wrestled many times with worry instead of resting in you. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to your goodness. We have turned away those who are hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them. Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you. We call upon you, for you will answer, us, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God of steadfast love is our refuge and Savior. In Christ, we who are broken are healed, forgiven, filled, and transformed.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Breath of God, breathe upon us with surprising words that will transform us. May our hearts burn with your truth, our minds blaze with your wisdom, and our lives be set afire with your love. Amen.

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^[a] said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel,^[b] for you have striven with God and with humans,^[c] 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,^[d] saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

PSALM 17:1-7

Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

²From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.

³If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.

⁴As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.

⁵My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

⁶I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.

⁷Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

ROMANS 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— ²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

SERMON

WRESTLING MATCH

HYMN 504

WE COME AS GUESTS INVITED

**We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine,
His friends on earth united to share the bread and wine;
The bread of life is broken; the wine is freely poured
For us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.**

**We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need,
And in our hearts believing on him by faith we feed;
With wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end,
We find in Jesus living our ever-present friend.**

**One bread is ours for sharing, one single fruitful vine,
Our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine:
Renewed, sustained, and given by token, sign, and word,
The pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again 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. Amen

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 COMMUNION

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.

You watched over creation, God of patience, as it emerged out of nothingness.

You shaped us in your divine likeness, anointing us with Spirit's breath of life; but sin and death came into our lives and we fell.

Day by day, you sent prophets to us, who challenged us to lead God-centered lives, but we devoted ourselves to that life which is empty and bitter.

So then you sent Jesus, in human likeness, to us, so we would know you are with us.

As we gather in prayer and worship,

You lead us to this Table where we want for nothing, for your Spirit transforms everyday foods into a sacred feast. Your bread and cup comfort us, nourishing us so we might be together in everything with our sisters and brothers.

The broken bread strengthens us to provide clean, still waters to all; to build shelter for those who sleep rough; to feed those who are hungry.

Your grace overflows into us so we may offer companionship to those who are longing for a community.

When we follow goodness and mercy to the end of time, we will arrive at the great feast prepared for all your children, and we will join our hearts and hands as we sing praise and wonder to you, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Please say "The cup of salvation" and "The body of Christ" to you neighbor as you pass the elements.

COMMUNION PRAYER

HYMN 649 AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no
less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" John Wyeth's
Repository of Sacred Music Part Second, 1813 Arranged by Matt Limbaugh

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