

**TRINITY SUNDAY**  
**JUNE 7, 2020 12:00 PM**  
**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**OF ROCKAWAY**

**THE PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us praise God the Creator,  
**who is filled with glory and power—with holiness and splendor;**  
Let us worship God the Savior,  
**who is filled with love and compassion—with justice and peace;**  
Let us welcome God the Spirit,  
**who fills us with faith and joy—with love and eternal life.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**God who created the world, Jesus the Son given for the world,  
Holy Spirit ever present in the world, be with us in our worship that we may know the  
fullness of God. As God lives in Triune community, so may we live in communion with  
God and each other. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #1            HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!            Reginald Heber**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
Only thou are holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

## **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

We often fail to be good, to be kind, to be nice. But we can trust God. If we say we are sorry, we know that God forgives us. Let us confess our sins together and say we are sorry.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Dear God, You are a great and awesome God. Today we come to you in a prayer of confession. We are sorry for the many things that we have done that are wrong in your eyes. We are also sorry for all the things we should have done but we didn't do. We are asking now for forgiveness for these things, and for other things that we have done wrong and don't even know about. Please forgive us. In your name alone we pray, Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God loves us enough to forgive us again and again and again. God loves us so much that God lived among us, died, and rose again in Jesus of Nazareth. So whatever you forget, always remember that God loves you and forgives you.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Spirit of life, God of love, open our hearts and enter in, that hearing your word of love, we may become your love for others. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **GENESIS 1:1-2:4A**

In the beginning when God created<sup>[a]</sup> the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God<sup>[b]</sup> swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup> And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup> So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup> And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup> And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the

night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” <sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make humankind<sup>[c]</sup> in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth,<sup>[d]</sup> and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created humankind<sup>[e]</sup> in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;<sup>[f]</sup>  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” <sup>29</sup> God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

**2** Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. <sup>4</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

## **PSALM 8**

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> **Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

<sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;

**4 what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals<sup>[a]</sup> that you care for them?**  
**5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God,<sup>[b]</sup>  
and crowned them with glory and honor.**  
**6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,**  
**7 all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,**  
**8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**  
**9 O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**MATTHEW 28:16-20**

**6 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."**

**SERMON**

**PERFECT COMMUNITY**

**\*HYMN #301**

**LET US BUILD A HOUSE**

**Marty Haugen**

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,  
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat;  
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.  
Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;  
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (From *Belonging to God: A First Catechism* PCUSA)

Question 1. Who are you?

**I am a child of God.**

Question 2. What does it mean to be a child of God?

**That I belong to God, who loves me.**

Question 3. What makes you a child of God?

**Grace -- God's free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.**

Question 4. Don't you have to be good for God to love you?

**No. God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.**

Question 5. How do you thank God for this gift of love?

**I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.**

Question 6. How do you love God?

**By worshipping God, by loving others, and by respecting what God has created.**

## **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.**

We praise your name, most holy God, for it is good and you are good.  
You reveal yourself to us in countless ways, even inviting us into the mystery of your inmost being where you are one in three and three in one.  
In your creation, you show us the marks of your hand, and in creating us in your image, you call us to bear your presence into all the world.  
We your church sing your praise, eternal God, for in your threefold glory we know Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. fully human, fully God, he was born of low estate and lived among us, an ordinary man in an ordinary time who yet showed your extraordinary grace. He proclaimed your coming kingdom in word and deed, challenging the powerful, healing the sick and distressed, and calling all people to live in light and life.  
Even though he was executed by the powers of the day, you raised him to new life to show that your power was stronger than death. Still now he reigns in glory, united in your holy oneness to show your presence to all people.  
Remembering his life, death, and resurrection, we gather at this table as he did to share this feast of heaven and earth, that by your power we might be united with you in this bread and cup.  
Just as we have known your presence and love in the gift of Father and Son, so, O God, reveal yourself to us in the wonder and power of your Holy Spirit. Pour out this Spirit of love and hope, that we might rise from this holy meal to love and serve in your world. **Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## **SONG 536 RISE, O CHURCH, LIKE CHRIST ARISEN Susan Palo Cherwien**

**Rise, O church, like Christ arisen, from the meal of love and grace;  
May we through such love envision whose we are, and whose, our praise.  
Alleluia, alleluia: God the wonder of our days.**

**Rise, transformed, and choose to follow after Christ, though wounded, whole;  
Broken, shared, our lives are hallowed to release and to console.  
Alleluia, alleluia: Christ, our present, past, and goal.**

**Rise, remember well the future God has called us to receive;  
Present by God's loving nurture, Spirited then let us live.  
Alleluia, alleluia: Spirit, grace by whom we live.**

**Service be our sure vocation; courage be our daily breath;  
Mercy be our destination from this day and unto death.  
Alleluia, alleluia: Rise, O church, a living faith.**

## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

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