

August 14, 2022
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**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Supplication” by Gertrude Richolson

Please use this time to silently prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Long ago a vineyard was planted.

The ground was prepared, and all was made ready.

But the vines grew wild,

the ground was unable to support the wild grapes.

What happened in that place of promise?

People forgot the One who planted the vineyard.

They chose their own ways and failed.

Let us again turn to the Lord, who will again plant, prune,
and cause us to grow in faithfulness.

Let us open our hearts to God,

trusting in God's ways and God's word. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of the generations,
when we set our hands to labor, thinking we work
alone, remind us that we carry on our lips the words
of prophets, in our veins the blood of believers,
in our eyes the mystics' visions, in our hands the
strength of thousands. Amen**

***HYMN 846 FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT**

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might. Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right. Lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.

2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face. Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

3 Cast care aside; lean on thy guide. God's boundless mercy will provide. Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near. God changeth not, and thou art dear. Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Dear friends, the Scriptures urge us to acknowledge our sins, and not to conceal them in the presence of God our heavenly Father, but to confess them with a penitent and obedient heart. Let us pray together, saying:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have given us a world of beauty, and we have spoiled it. A world to feed us, and so many go hungry. A world of riches, and we are unwilling to share. A world to care for, and we think only of ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, every time your heart is saddened by our selfishness, every time we have no thought for others, no cares but ours. Enable us to see this world as a gift from you that can be shared, and those who live on it as our neighbors. We ask this that your name may be glorified, through the beauty of this world, and the service of our lives.

Silent Prayer

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

My friends, be assured that God hears our petitions! God continues to expect of us a life in which justice prevails. This is God's desire for us. We, God's forgiven people, are free to live into that desire. God loves us still. **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

Ryon Herin

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 5:1-7

1 I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

SPECIAL MUSIC “For The Bread Which Thou Hast Broken” by William Bradley Roberts

SERMON “God’s Vineyard and Running the Race with Perseverance”
Rev. Ryon Herin

***HYMN 5 GOD THE SCULPTOR OF THE MOUNTAINS**

1 God the sculptor of the mountains, God the miller of the sand, God the jeweler of the heavens, God the potter of the land: you are womb of all creation, we are formless; shape us now.

2 God the nuisance of the Pharaoh, God the cleaver of the sea, God the pillar in the darkness, God the beacon of the free: you are fount of all deliverance, we are aimless; lead us now.

3 God the dresser of the vineyard, God the planter of the wheat, God the reaper of the harvest, God the source of all we eat: you are host at every table, we are hungry; feed us now.

4 God the unexpected infant, God the calm, determined youth, God the table-turning prophet, God the resurrected truth: you are present every moment, we are searching; meet us now.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

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 and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he

descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Variations on "A Mighty Fortress"

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

**Holy Lord,
make our eyes and our hearts more open to the needs of others, especially the hungry, the hurting, and the poor. Help us to see that in caring for the Earth, we are also caring for one another. And help us, O Lord, to live in ways that promote respect, compassion, justice, and peace for all people, and for all of your broken and yet beautiful creation. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 326**

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;

yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Processional” by Louis Raffy

Please remain seated and give thanks to God.

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Summer Book Study Opportunities at FPC Rockaway

How to Fight Racism: Courageous Christianity and the Journey

***Toward Racial Justice* by Jemar Tisby Book Study**

Mondays 7 PM Linda Urwin’s Place (150 Hawthorne Ct.)

July 25st-August 29th

Tuesdays at 10:00 AM alternating between Pastor Ryon’s Manse (101 Church St.) and Donna and Henry Van Dyke’s House (65 Keller Ave.)

July 26th-August 30th

Here are the chapters to be read in advance of the week including the rotating location for the Tuesday group.

Week of August 15: Chapters 6 and 7 (Tuesday: Ryon’s)

Week of August 22: Chapters 8 and 9 (Tuesday: Van Dyke’s)

Week of August 29: Chapter 10 and Con. (Tuesday: Ryon’s)

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Backpack Program Donations

Once again this year our church will be participating in the Backpack program for the Rockaway Community. This program provides school supplies and back packs for children in need in our community. Our Outreach program will be making a donation in the name of our church. Please make personal donation checks payable to United Methodist Church of the Rockaways with "backpacks" in the message line and put the check in the offering plate or mail to our church office. The back packs will be distributed in August.

Community Breakfasts

Through RiseUp, we will be having the Community Breakfasts again starting **Saturday August 27th (8am-11am)** and then again **Saturday the 17th of September**. Come hungry and hopeful! Send an email to Jay Decker if you are interested in volunteering: jdecker10@yahoo.com.

Homecoming Luncheon

We will be having the Homecoming Luncheon after worship on September 11th. Contact Linda Urwin 201 841-7664 to let her know if you can bring a side or dessert.

Flowers for Worship

If you would like to dedicate flowers for our worship service, please contact Donna VanDuyne at 973-879-1001 to request a date or for more information. Flowers for our worship service cost \$23 for each side.

Coffee Hour

We would like to have coffee hour after worship every Sunday but we need your help. There is a box prepared with all the supplies you need to set up coffee/lemonade hour and a list of instructions about how to do coffee hours. Please sign-up on sheet in Fellowship Hall. Contact Linda Urwin if you have any questions.

YOURS, MINE, OURS



Stephen Ministry belongs to *all* of us!

It's a mission of our church.

Calendar

Sunday, August 14 - Open & close— Kathy Shuey

9:30 am - Worship Service—Sanctuary, via Zoom and Facebook,

2:00—4:00 pm - MORE—Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 15 –Office Closed

10:00 am – Summer Book Study – The Manse

Tuesday, August 16

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

12:00—1:30 pm - AA Meeting—Sanctuary

7:00 pm – Summer Book Study – Linda Urwin's Home

7:30—9:30 pm - FA Meeting—Scout Room

Wednesday, August 17

9:00 am—12:30 pm – Office Open

Session Meeting- 7:00 pm

Thursday, August 18

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

Friday, August 19 – Office Closed
Saturday, August 20 –
Sunday, August 21 – Open & Close – Rich Basile
9:30 am – Worship Service – Sanctuary, via Zoom and
Facebook
2:00 – 4:00 pm – MORE – Fellowship Hall

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