

July 10, 2022
1st Presbyterian of Rockaway
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**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” by Sebastian Temple
Arr. by Lloyd Larson

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to love the Lord our God

We are called to love with all our heart and soul

We are called to love the Lord our God

We are called to love with all our mind and strength

We are called to love the Lord our God

And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Come, let us love our God and share God’s love in this time of worship!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We thank you, God, for coming to us as a neighbor, a stranger, an immigrant, binding our wounds and carrying us to safety, so that we might love you with all our heart, soul, and mind, and welcome the stranger, loving our neighbor as ourselves.

Amen.

***HYMN 623 I’VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER**

1 I’ve got peace like a river; I’ve got peace like a river; I’ve got peace like a river, in my soul. (repeat)

2 I’ve got joy like a fountain; I’ve got joy like a fountain; I’ve got joy like a fountain, in my soul. (repeat)

3 I’ve got love like an ocean; I’ve got love like an ocean; I’ve got love like an ocean, in my soul. (repeat)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Unlike ours, God's anger does not last. But God's favor, God's grace, God's forgiveness are for us, not just in this moment, but forever. How can we not want to confess to such a One who is ready to heal us? Please join me as we pray, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God,

we confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. You embodied yourself in a human body. You lived out your life among those who were sick—physically, mentally, and spiritually. You reached out to touch them, spoke words to comfort them, performed miracles to heal them. Heal us we pray from the sin sickness that grips us. Heal us and help us to work for the healing and wholeness of our neighbors as well.

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

Rev. Ryon Herin

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Amos 7:7-17

⁷ This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸ And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will spare them no longer; ⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." ¹⁰ Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' "¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴ Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet nor a prophet's son, but I am a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵ and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

¹⁶ "Now therefore hear the word of the LORD. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.' ¹⁷ Therefore thus says the LORD: Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land."

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion.

³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

ANTHEM **"Save My Life"** **Words and Music by Ben Glover,
Ben McDonald and David Frey**

SERMON **"Building a Neighborhood with a Plumb Line"** **Rev. Ryon Herin**

***HYMN 351 ALL WHO LOVE AND SERVE YOUR CITY**

1 All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress, all who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless:

2 In your day of wealth and plenty, wasted work and wasted play, call to mind the word of Jesus, "You must work while it is day."

3 For all days are days of judgment, and the Lord is waiting still, drawing near a world that spurns him, offering peace from Calvary's hill.

4 Risen Lord, shall yet the city be the city of despair? Come today, our judge, our glory. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

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 'Tis a Gift to Be Simple"**

Shaker Hymn

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

God,

Thank you that you are love and you love us. Help us to receive your love this week and extend your love to our neighbors. Awaken our hearts to pray for our neighbors and show us how to love our neighbors the way you love them. In Jesus' name, 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 203 JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE**

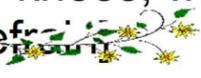
Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. [Refrain]

2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race; neighbors are near us and far away. [Refrain]

3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]

4 Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others’ feet; this is the way we should live like you. [Refrain]



CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Postlude in F” by Charles Callahan

Please remain seated and give thanks to God.

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The Flowers that beautify our Sanctuary this morning
were given by

Alison Hicinbothem

In Memory of my Mother

Miriam Castimore

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.

Summer Book Study Opportunities at FPC Rockaway

Summer is coming soon and this means that our regular bible studies will be wrapping up for the season. Tuesday Bible Study's last day was May 31st and the Sunday Bible Study's last day was June 12th. In lieu of Bible Study, we will be having a book study on *How to Fight Racism: Courageous Christianity and the Journey toward Racial Justice* by Jemar Tisby as we explore the complex topic of racism and how we as a congregation can strive to be Antiracists. There will be two different book study group meetup times. Having been in conversation with our Matthew 25/Peacemaking group, I have decided this book study would be an excellent opportunity to explore one of the goals of being a Matthew 25 congregation which is talking about and being active in fighting systematic racism. Send an email to the office to sign-up for a group and get your book ordered today! Please RSVP as soon as possible so we can get an accurate count for planning.

Mondays 7 PM (Place TBD)- Let me know if you are interested in hosting! **July 25st-August 29th**

Tuesdays at 10:00 AM alternating between Pastor Ryon, and Donna and Henry Van Dyke's House

July 26th-August 30th

You will be able to purchase copies through Christian Ed or buy your own through Amazon.

<https://www.amazon.com/How-Fight-Racism-Courageous-Christianity/dp/0310104777>

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Sermon Series

Portraits in Discipleship: A Journey Through 2 Kings, Amos and Luke

June 26th: "Elijah and Elisha: Portraits of Discipleship in the Whirlwind"

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Luke 9:51-62

July 3rd: "When Following is Complicated: Understanding Naaman"

2 Kings 5:1-14; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10th: "Building a Neighborhood with a Plump Line"

Amos 7:7-17; Luke 10:25-37

July 17th: Carl Kline: "Choose What is Best"

Amos 8:1-12; Luke 10:38-42

July 24th: "Ask, Search, Knock: Answering the Call"

Psalms 138; Luke 11:1-13

July 31st: "Building Larger Barns: Self-directed or Spirit-led?"

Psalms 49:1-12; Luke 12:13-21

Coffee Hour

We would like to have coffee hour after worship every Sunday but we need your help. During the summer months, weather permitting, coffee hour will be held on the lawn. 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.

Calendar

Sunday, July 10 - Open & close— Carol Lutcza

9:30 am - Worship Service—Sanctuary, via Zoom and Facebook,
2:00—4:00 pm - MORE—Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 11 –Office Closed

Tuesday, July 12

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

12:00—1:30 pm - AA Meeting—Sanctuary

7:30—9:30 pm - FA Meeting—Scout Room

Wednesday, July 13

9:00 am—12:30 pm – Office Open

7:00 pm – Property Meeting – Smith's

Thursday, July 14

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

Friday, July 15 – Office Closed

Saturday, July 16 –

Sunday, July 17 – Open & Close – Joe Martinoni

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

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Church School—9:15 am

Sunday Morning Worship Service—9:30 am until September 11 then 10:30 am

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