

July 31, 2022  
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## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE "I'd Rather Have Jesus"**

By Rhea F. Miller and George Beverly Shea

Arranged by David Kartsonakis

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

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

If you wish to be raised up with Christ, then seek the high ground where Christ is found.

**O give thanks to God who is so good, whose love goes on forever!**

Let the redeemed all say so together,

those who have been liberated and gathered in from many lands.

**From the east and from the west, from the north and from the south,**

We seek the high ground where Christ is found.

**O give thanks to God who is so good,**

**whose love goes on forever!**

Let us worship our wonderful God.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord God,

**We sometimes wonder why our lives take the paths they do. We seem to find ourselves in all sorts of situations we had never envisaged, and we wonder what You are doing with us. Keep close to us, we pray, and give us the faith to trust You, for whatever happens. Then, in Your providence, show us more of Your glory and grace, so that we may be encouraged, and praise You forever. Amen.**

## **\*HYMN 847 OUR HOPE, OUR LIFE (PSALM 49)**

1 Our hope, our life are in the lord, the God we honor and confess. Why crave renown or opulence? They fade, those things we now possess.

2 Some flaunt their gold; some trust its power, but what they cherish will decay; and still the ransom for a soul remains a price too great to pay.

3 Through wealth or learning may be ours, or fame that spreads throughout the land, the shackles of mortality prevent so much that we have planned.

4 Beyond this age of shame and sham we glimpse a better destiny: the Lord will lift us free from death to dwell in praise eternally.

## **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord, though we have rebelled against God.

Let us then renounce our willfulness and seek his mercy by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of Glory,**

**You sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor. We ignore cries for justice. We do not strive for peace. Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love; know that our sins have been forgiven.

May we be strengthened in all goodness. Since we have been raised with Christ, let us seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

**Thanks be to God, 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**

### **Psalm 49:1-12**

- <sup>1</sup> Hear this, all you peoples;  
    give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
- <sup>2</sup> both low and high,  
    rich and poor together.
- <sup>3</sup> My mouth shall speak wisdom;  
    the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
- <sup>4</sup> I will incline my ear to a proverb;  
    I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.
- <sup>5</sup> Why should I fear in times of trouble,  
    when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,
- <sup>6</sup> those who trust in their wealth  
    and boast of the abundance of their riches?
- <sup>7</sup> Truly, no ransom avails for one's life;  
    there is no price one can give to God for it.
- <sup>8</sup> For the ransom of life is costly  
    and can never suffice,
- <sup>9</sup> that one should live on forever  
    and never see the Pit.
- <sup>10</sup> When we look at the wise, they die;  
    fool and dolt perish together  
    and leave their wealth to others.
- <sup>11</sup> Their graves are their homes forever,  
    their dwelling places to all generations,  
    though they named lands their own.
- <sup>12</sup> Mortals cannot abide in their pomp;  
    they are like the animals that perish.

## **Luke 12:13-21**

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

**ANTHEM "Jesus bleibet meine Freude"**  
**by Johann Sebastian Bach Clarinet: Barbara Glass**

**SERMON "Building Larger Barns: Self-directed or Spirit-led?"**  
**Rev. Ryon Herin**

## **\*HYMN 307 GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY**

1 God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore. Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

## **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 "Voluntary in A" by Maurice Greene**

## **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**

Almighty and most merciful God,  
From you comes every good and perfect gift. We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies. Your goodness has created us, your bounty has sustained us, your discipline has humbled us, your patience has borne with us, your love has redeemed us. Give us a heart to love and serve you, and enable us to show our thankfulness for all your goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to your service. Through Jesus Christ our Savior, 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 716                    GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING**

1 God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

2 Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.  
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:  
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE                    “Encore Toccata”            by Craig A. Penfield**

*Please remain seated and give thanks to God.*



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### **Summer Book Study Opportunities at FPC Rockaway (Updated Info)**

We will be having a book study on *How to Fight Racism: Courageous Christianity and the Journey toward Racial Justice* by Jemar Tisby (available on Amazon for a low cost) 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 signup for a group and get your book ordered today! It is not too late.

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

**July 25<sup>st</sup>-August 29<sup>th</sup>**

**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 26<sup>th</sup>-August 30<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Week of July 25th: Chapter 1 (Tuesday: Van Dyke's)**

**Week of August 1: Chapters 2 and 3 (Tuesday: Ryon's)**

**Week of August 8: Chapters 4 and 5 (Tuesday: Van Dyke's)**

**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 Conclusion (Tuesday: Ryon's)**

**Link if Joining from Zoom (Same link as for worship):**

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### Back Pack Program Donations

Once again this year our church will be participating in the Back Pack 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 "back packs" 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.

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### **Community Breakfasts**

Exciting news! Through RiseUp, we will be having the Community Breakfasts again starting August 27th (8am-11am) and then again the 17th of September. The first two months we will be doing a Continental Breakfast (like before) which is easier to setup and more accommodating for the summer months. RiseUp has 5 volunteers. October we will resume the regular breakfasts if all seems well. We are looking for at least 5 from Outreach and our church community. Send an email to Jay Decker if you are interested in volunteering so he can give you a roll: [jdecker10@yahoo.com](mailto:jdecker10@yahoo.com). I will be

communicating with RiseUp so that we can make flyers and distribute this to the community. The dates are on the calendar as of now. Email either Jay or I with all your questions. I am looking forward to a great start this fall! Best, Pastor Ryon

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### Calendar

Sunday, July 31 - Open & close— Kathy Siegrist  
9:30 am - Worship Service—Sanctuary, via Zoom and Facebook,  
2:00—4:00 pm - MORE—Fellowship Hall  
Monday, August 1 –Office Closed  
10:00 am – Summer Book Study – The Manse  
Tuesday, August 2  
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 3  
9:00 am—12:30 pm – Office Open  
Thursday, August 4  
9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open  
Friday, August 5 – Office Closed  
Saturday, August 6 –  
Sunday, August 7 – Open & Close – Kathy Shuey  
9:30 am – Worship Service – Sanctuary, via Zoom and Facebook  
2:00 – 4:00 pm – MORE – Fellowship Hall

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Sunday Morning Worship Service—9:30 am until September 11 then 10:30 am  
Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday,  
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