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**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "America" by Henry Carey Arr. by Sid Richardson

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones

God hears us in our fear and our sorrow

Where there was no way

God leads us in a new way

Where there was no mercy

God surprises us with fresh mercy

Where there was weeping

God invites us to step into a new dance.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Maker of the fields, forests, and streams,

Your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the movement of your Spirit over our waters, at our tables, and among our gatherings, help us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your gifts, extend our table to the stranger, and care for the land and water we share on this good earth, through Jesus Christ, the fruitful vine, our living water, and our bread of life. Amen.

***HYMN 338 O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES**

1 O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

2 O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life! America! America! God mend thine every flaw;

confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

3 O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam,

undimmed by human tears! America! America! May God thy gold refine till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

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

Holy One,

Why is it that we can grow so weary of doing what is right, yet always energetically do that which we know is harmful to us and others? We sow seeds of hurt and anger, and wonder why we harvest so much bitterness. We spend too much time comparing ourselves to those around us, and too few moments in following Christ's example. Rather than letting our sins gloat over us, Healing God, we would open ourselves to your mercy and grace. As you reach out to heal us with your forgiveness, may we embrace your love, your mercy, your grace for our lives.

As you pour out your Spirit of gentleness, may we bring the peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to all the world.

Silent Prayer

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sing praises to our God, faithful children. God has heard our prayers and made us whole. We will not be silent, but will sing our joy to the One who has forgiven us

and made us a new creation. 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

2 Kings 5:1-14

5 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." ⁴ So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵ And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶ He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease." ⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house.

¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times,

and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.”¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease!¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage.¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean’?”¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Luke 10:1-11

10 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.² He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.³ Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road.⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’⁶ And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you.⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you;⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say,¹¹ ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’

16 “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

17 The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” 18 He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. 19 Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. 20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

ANTHEM **“Come To The Table”** **Words and Music by Ben Glover,
Ben McDonald and Dave Frey**

SERMON **“When Following Is Complicated: Understanding Naaman”**
Rev. Ryon Herin

***HYMN 438** **ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME**

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee. Let the water and the blood

from thy wounded side which flowed be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.

2 Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law’s demands. Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone. Thou must save, and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling; naked, come to thee for dress,
helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OFFERTORY "Fugue in C" by George Frideric Handel
Edited by Charles Callahan

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

In the offering of our gifts, as well as the living of our days, may we not grow weary of doing what is right, but commit to speaking up for the voiceless, healing the broken, feeding the hungry, and all those mercies which are such a part of your heart and hopes for all your children. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

***HYMN 507 COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE**

- 1 Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace. This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.
- 2 Come to the table of peace. Come to the table of peace. This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of peace.
- 3 Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love. This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of love.
- 4 Come to the table of hope. Come to the table of hope. This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of hope.
- 5 Come to the table of joy. Come to the table of joy. This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of joy.

COMMUNION PRAYER

***HYMN 298 LORD, YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION**

- 1 Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity: with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
- 2 Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach." That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community: with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
- 3 Lord, you make the common holy: "This, my body; this, my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward, asking that the world around us share your children's liberty: with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
- 4 Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive." Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give. May your care and mercy lead us to a just society: with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
- 5 Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end." Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend, and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity: with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Toccata pour les Flutes" by Craig A. Penfield

Please remain seated and give thanks to God.

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Blood Drive – Saturday, July 9, 2022

9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Bloodmobile

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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>

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. We would like different groups/committees/individuals to host coffee hour for a week or a month. 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.

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”

Psalm 138; Luke 11:1-13

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

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

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Calendar

Sunday, July 3 - Open & close— Chris Laccitiello

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

2:00—4:00 pm - MORE—Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 4 – Fourth of July – Office Closed

Tuesday, July 5

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 6

9:00 am—12:30 pm – Office Open

Thursday, July 7

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

Friday, July 8 – Office Closed

Saturday, July 9 –

Sunday, July 10 – Open & Close – Carol Lutcza

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

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