

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 4, 2021

1st Presbyterian of Rockaway

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

Arranged by Dennis Eliot

Tune: AMERICA

From “Thesaurus Musicus”, c. 1744

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift up the gates of your soul open the closed doors of your mind,

that the King of Glory may come in!

Who is this king of glory?

The God of countless hosts, this is the King of Glory!

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who in Christ has blessed us with every spiritual blessing, who is with us throughout the whole of time and space.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, sustain us in the complexity of our humanity as you sustained David-- playing the harp of youth, throwing stones at giant problems, loving our friends beyond wisdom, dancing worship, mourning children, breaking our hearts in psalms, and longing for warmth in our old bones. Amen.

HYMN #32

I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,

That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.

The moon shines full at God’s command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.

God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where’er I turn my eye,

If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

**There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,
While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

God's love and mercy has no beginning and no ending. In the brokenness and darkness of our lives, God promises us light and healing. Therefore, let us come together and confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, forgive us when we are paralyzed by confusion and doubt. Strengthen our faith, that we may not only believe, but may be filled with the power to help and heal. When others reject or refuse our ministry, help us to be forgiving and grace-filled. Grant us the courage to accept those things that cannot be changed, that we may be freed from anger and resentment. Forgive us when our disappointment clouds our wisdom and confuses our actions. Guide us on this path of ministry, that we may be filled with the joy of our ministry. Amen. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Please take this moment to silently offer to God the ways that you have become separated from God and from others.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's grace is sufficient for all our needs, covering all our sins. God's power is made perfect in our weakness, as Christ redeems our lives and reconciles us fully and completely to God.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of all creation, send your Holy Spirit among us this day, that the seed of your Word might take root in our hearts, and bear the fruits of peace, love, and justice for all. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

MARK 6:1-13

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own

kin, and in their own house.”⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching.⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts;⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.¹⁰ He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.”¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

PSALM 48

¹Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God. His holy mountain,
²**beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.**

³Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defense.

⁴**Then the kings assembled, they came on together.**

⁵As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic, they took to flight;

⁶**trembling took hold of them there, pains as of a woman in labor,**

⁷as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.

⁸As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes forever.

⁹We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

¹⁰**Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory.**

¹¹Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments.

¹²**Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers,**

¹³consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation

2 Samuel 5:1-10

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, “Look, we are your bone and flesh.”² For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.”³ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.⁴ David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.⁵ At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

⁶ The king and his men marched to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who said to David, “You will not come in here, even the blind and the lame will turn you back”—thinking, “David cannot come in here.”⁷ Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion, which is now the city of David.⁸ David had said on that day, “Whoever would strike down the Jebusites, let him get up the water shaft to attack the lame and the blind, those whom David hates.” Therefore it is said, “The blind and the

lame shall not come into the house.”⁹ David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward.¹⁰ And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

SERMON

LEADERSHIP

Rev. Dr. Nancy Young

HYMN 731

GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE WHOSE FAITH IS FIRM

**Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all around seems bleak:
On God’s good promise they rely, so while they live and when they die
How forcefully they speak: the strong, who once were weak!**

**Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, beyond mere mortal sight:
Who seek the city God has panned, the true, eternal promised land,
And steer on toward that light, a beacon ever bright.**

**Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a sparkling precious stone:
They show by what they say and do an inward beauty, warm and true,
for God’s concerns they own: God’s love through them is known.**

**Give thanks for saints of ages past and saints alive today:
Though often by this world despised, their hearts by God are richly prized.
Give thanks that we may say we share their pilgrim way.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH BELONGING TO GOD: A FIRST CATECHISM (1998)

**We are God's handiwork— woven together in love, shaped with infinite
compassion, painted with incredible beauty.**

**We are the church of Jesus Christ— diverse in human qualities, but united in our
call to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our
neighbor as ourselves.**

**We are the Body of Christ— living in his truth, sharing his peace, carrying his
hope, embodying his love, throughout the world he loved so much.**

**We are here to be reminded once more who we are, whose we are and what our
lives are about. We are here to be uplifted, renewed and empowered to live out
the miracle of who we are, by the power of God working in and among us.**

We open ourselves to God, who makes all things new.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

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 527

EAT THIS BREAD

**Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst.”**

**Eat this bread; drink this cup. Come to Christ and never be hungry.
Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in Christ and you will not thirst.**

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.

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You formed us in your image, setting us in this world to love and to serve you, and to live in peace with your whole creation.

Then in the fullness of time, out of your great love for the world, you sent your only Son to be one of us, to redeem us and heal our brokenness. He lived as one of us, knowing joy and sorrow. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, opened blind eyes, broke bread with outcasts and sinners, and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and needy. Dying on the cross, he gave himself for the life of the world. Rising from the grave, he won for us victory over death. Seated at your right hand, he leads us to eternal life.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

In union with your church in heaven and on earth, we pray, O God, that you will fulfill your eternal purpose in us and in all the world. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN 338 O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES
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!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

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!

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Prelude in C Major” by J. S. Bach
Please remain seated and give thanks to God.

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Offering plates are available in the narthex and at the exit door.

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GIVING TO 1ST PRESBYTERIAN OF ROCKAWAY

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- Mail your donation to:
 1st Presbyterian of Rockaway
 35 Church St.
 Rockaway, NJ 07866

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LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

We will have a time of fellowship on the front lawn after worship – with lemonade, etc. Please consider signing up to host! Linda Urwin can give you all the details.

THANK YOU! To the congregational care committee for providing refreshments for our fellowship time outdoors today!

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**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
WOMEN OF THE BIBLE AND OF THE CHURCH**

July 11 – August 15, 2021

Following Worship – 10:45 am in the sanctuary

You are invited to participate in a summer Bible study. We will look at the roles of women in familiar Bible passages and then how the roles of women in the church have developed and changed.

This is not a “women’s” study. Most of our studies of scripture focus on men – this one will focus on women and their roles in the Bible and in the church. We will meet in the sanctuary following Sunday morning worship. Bring your Bible, your questions, and your curiosity.

Get your lemonade on the lawn and come back to the sanctuary!

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SERMON SERIES ON OUR FAVORITE HYMNS

“¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.” Colossians 3:16

We will celebrate our favorite hymns on Sundays, July 11 – August 15. The list is complete – we will start with Amazing Grace on July 11!

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RISE UP is preparing to assemble relief kits (primarily toiletries) to assist our neighbors in need as we enter the difficult summer months. Would you please consider donating items from the following list:

Toothbrush	Toothpaste	Deodorant
Hand Sanitizer	Body Wipes	Comb/Brush
Feminine Hygiene products	Granola Bars	Bottle Water
Pair of socks		

You can drop off the items at:

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (24 hour drop off – front door vestibule)
508 Green Pond Road, Rockaway Twp
St. Cecilia’s RC Church (Morning hours)
90 Church St., Rockaway Boro
White Meadow Temple (Morning hours)
153 White Meadow Rd, Rockaway**

You have been so generous in the past, and I am hoping you can offer your generosity this time as well. Thank you so much...together, we have touched the lives of thousands in our community and surrounding neighborhoods. To learn more about RISE UP go to our web page at: <http://www.riseupnj.org>.

Rev. Dr. Jack DiMatteo, President & Executive Director, RISE UP Rockaway, Inc.