

June 26, 2022
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Here I Am, Lord" by Daniel L. Schutt

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, bless the Lord, in whom we find our refuge and safety.

You are our God; all the good things come from You alone.

Come, bless the Lord, who gives us a rich inheritance, and surrounds us with abundance.

You are our God; our lives are in your hands.

Come, bless the Lord, who guides us on the path to eternal life, whose presence strengthens and sustains us.

You are our God; we will not be shaken.

Let's worship God together!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living and faithful Spirit,

The God in whom we live and move and have our being. The God who is made known in Christ Jesus, bless us one and all as we wait on you this day. Please remove from our minds and hearts whatever impediments hinder worship or dampen our joy. Increase within us that holy longing for closeness which can open our lives to fuller delight and to a deeper commitment. May our hymns and prayers, our searching thoughts, and our hearing of the Scriptures, be an exercise in the holiest of loves. By you, with you and for you, may our lives announce your praise.

In the name of Christ Jesus. Amen!

*HYMN 825 SWING LOW, SWING CHARIOT

Refrain: Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

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1 I looked over Jordan, and what did I see coming for to carry me home? A band of angels coming after me, coming for to carry me home. O, [Refrain]

2 If you get there before I do, coming for to carry me home, tell all my friends I'm coming too, coming for to carry me home. O, [Refrain]

3 The brightest day that ever I saw, coming for to carry me home, when Jesus washed my sins away, coming for to carry me home. O, [Refrain]

4 I'm sometimes up and sometimes down, coming for to carry me home, but still my soul feels heavenly bound, coming for to carry me home. O, [Refrain]

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We struggle to manifest the fruits of the Spirit, but often find ourselves bound by works of the flesh. We know the whole law is summed up in the single commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. Yet we create fences around ourselves to keep neighbors outside and tell ourselves we have no responsibility. Even in our own back yard we "bite and devour" one another. We wish it were

different. When Jesus calls us to follow him, we find every excuse to instead go home or to the workplace to finish something more important first. Yet we yearn to be more centered on you.

Silent Prayer

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Despite our resistance, we can be assured that God's strong arm redeems the people. God calls us back to God's realm, and encourages us with a love we can never lose no matter how hard we push back, no matter how often we forget, no matter how far we stray. We need but ask and we are forgiven.

*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 2:1-2, 6-14

2 Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰ He responded, "You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

¹³ He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water. He said, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah? Where is he?" He struck the water again, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha crossed over.

Luke 9:51-62

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, ⁵³ but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Another said, "I will

follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." 62 And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

ANTHEM "I Look To You" Words and Music by Robert Kelly

SERMON "Elijah and Elisha: Portraits of Discipleship in the Whirlwind" Rev. Ryon Herin

***HYMN 720 JESUS CALLS US**

1 Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."
2 Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."
3 In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."
4 Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

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 "Moderato" by Gaetano Grieco 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
Lord,
We would grow with you and bring forth fruit that is pleasing to you fed by your living water giving sustenance to others. Lord, we would grow with you. 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 41 O WORSHIP THE KING, ALL GLORIOUS ABOVE!**
1 O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing God's power and God's love: our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form; and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
3 The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your power has founded of old; established it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4 Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE "Toccata" by Emma Lou Diemer
Please remain seated and give thanks to God.

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ATTENTION
The worship service will change to 9:30am beginning this Sunday, June 26
Adult and Children Sunday School will begin meeting again in September
Join us for the Summer Book Study
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Blood Drive – Saturday, July 9, 2022
9:30 am – 2:30 pm
Bloodmobile
35 Church Street, Rockaway, NJ 07865

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.
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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.

