

13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 27, 2021

1st Presbyterian of Rockaway

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“A Balm in Gilead”

Traditional Spiritual

Arranged by Fred Bock

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

I wait for the Lord,

Ps. 130:5–6

my soul waits, and in God’s word I hope.

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,

more than those who watch for the morning.

In faith, let us turn to our God, whose love is sure.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you show us the breadth of your power and the depth of your love. You listen to our cries of pain and hear our laments. You see the fear in our eyes and know the secrets of our hearts. You do not turn from our distress, but stretch out your hand to heal, to comfort, and to save. All thanks and praise be to you, O God; your steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

HYMN 403

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

What a friend we have in Jesus. All our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.

O what peace we often forfeit. O what needless pain we bear.

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms, He'll take and shield thee. Thou wilt find a solace there.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Because of such great mercy, God is ready to forgive
all the ways we fail to live in faithfulness. Relying on that mercy, let us confess our sin
before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Trusting you does not always come easy when each day we are faced with the ugliness of the world. We do not believe that love conquers fear. We are not convinced that power comes through weakness. We cannot conceive how you could heal us. Forgive our lack of faith, O God, and renew our trust in you, for we would be disciples of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If the Lord kept count of all our sins, who could stand? But with God there is forgiveness; Christ gives us peace.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

By the power of your Spirit, speak your Word to us, O God. Show us who you are and who you are calling us to be, for the sake of your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 SAMUEL 1:1-27

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag. ² On the third day, a man came from Saul's camp, with his clothes torn and dirt on his head. When he came to David, he fell to the ground and did obeisance. ³ David said to him, "Where have you come from?" He said to him, "I have escaped from the camp of Israel." ⁴ David said to him, "How did things go? Tell me!" He answered, "The army fled from the battle, but also many of the army fell and died; and Saul and his son Jonathan also died." ⁵ Then David asked the young man who was reporting to him, "How do you know that Saul and his son Jonathan died?" ⁶ The young man reporting to him said, "I happened to be on Mount Gilboa; and there was Saul leaning on his spear, while the chariots and the horsemen drew close to him. ⁷ When he looked behind him, he saw me, and called to me. I answered, 'Here sir.' ⁸ And he said to me, 'Who are you?' I answered him, 'I am an Amalekite.'" ⁹ He said to me, 'Come, stand over me and kill me; for convulsions have seized me, and yet my life still lingers.' ¹⁰ So I stood over him, and killed him, for I knew that he could not live after he had fallen. I took

the crown that was on his head and the armlet that was on his arm, and I have brought them here to my lord.”

¹¹ Then David took hold of his clothes and tore them; and all the men who were with him did the same. ¹² They mourned and wept, and fasted until evening for Saul and for his son Jonathan, and for the army of the LORD and for the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword. ¹³ David said to the young man who had reported to him, “Where do you come from?” He answered, “I am the son of a resident alien, an Amalekite.” ¹⁴ David said to him, “Were you not afraid to lift your hand to destroy the LORD’s anointed?” ¹⁵ Then David called one of the young men and said, “Come here and strike him down.” So he struck him down and he died. ¹⁶ David said to him, “Your blood be on your head; for your own mouth has testified against you, saying, ‘I have killed the LORD’s anointed.’”

¹⁷ David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan

Psalm 30

¹ I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

² **O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

³ O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

⁴ **Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.**

⁵ For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

⁶ **As for me, I said in my prosperity, “I shall never be moved.”**

⁷ By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

⁸ **To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:**

⁹ “What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?”

¹⁰ **Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!”**

¹¹ You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

¹² **so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

MARK 5:21-43

²¹ When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³ and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” ²⁴ So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and

touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹ Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹ And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³² He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵ While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³ He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

SERMON

HYMN

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

Refrain:

Healer of our every ill,
Light of each tomorrow,
Give us peace beyond our fear,
And hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness,
Grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. (*Refrain*)

In the pain and joy beholding
How your grace is still unfolding,
Give us all your vision, God of Love (*Refrain*)

Give us strength to love each other,
Every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide (*Refrain*)

You who know each thought and feeling,
Teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. (*Refrain*)

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

Who are you?

I am a child of God.

What does it mean to be a child of God?

That I belong to God, who loves me.

What makes you a child of God?

Grace -- God's free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.

Don't you have to be good for God to love you?

No. God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.

How do you thank God for this gift of love?

I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.

How do you love God?

By worshipping God, by loving others, and by respecting what God has created.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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 538 LORD, DISMISS US WITH THY BLESSING

Lord dismiss us with Thy blessing
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us, Oh refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
For Thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of Thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound:
Ever faithful, ever faithful,
To the truth may we be found.

So that when Thy love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
Let no fear of death appall us,
Glad Thy summons to obey:
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with Thee in endless day.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Toccatina on “Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather”

Toyko, Japanese Hymn Tune Arr. by Larry Visser

Please remain seated and give thanks to God.

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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.

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

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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. Please let me know your favorite hymns by putting them on our Face Book page or emailing them to me at youngnancy501@gmail.com. And then plan on gathering to hear (and hopefully sing!) our favorite hymns!