

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

1st Presbyterian of Rockaway

Join Zoom Worship (login beginning at 10:30 AM EST)

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**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Joy”

by Doug Denisen

Kathy Siegrist on Flute

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy are you, O God of grace and mercy.

May all the nations praise you, O God.

**May all the nations of the earth joyfully
sing because God's justice is supreme!**

May the love that lights up the face of God
shine with favor upon us and bless us;

teaching us God's way of living and loving

so that we may witness to that love and grace.

We gather to worship our wise and holy God.

We are in awe and revere you for your saving works.

We come together to seek your blessing, O God.

Praise be to our generous and just God. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of dreams and Lord of visions, we pray for eyes to see and ears to
hear for hearts and minds that will respond to all that you reveal to us:**

**'Come,' said the man who spoke through the night, 'Come to Macedonia
and help us.' And his plea echoes others offered down through the**

**centuries. In our ambition to build heaven on earth, remind us, good God
of vision and dreams, with eyes to see and ears to hear, and hearts and**

**minds to understand, that those we seek to help today, may be the very
ones anointed to reveal the paths of salvation that we are yet to walk.**

Amen.

***HYMN 395 BLESSED JESUS, AT YOUR WORD**

1 Blessed Jesus, at your word we have come again to hear you;

let our thoughts and hearts be stirred and in glowing faith be near you.

By your gospel true and holy, teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till your Spirit breaks our night, filling us with light unclouded.

All good thoughts and all good living come but by your gracious giving.

3 Glorious Lord, yourself impart, Light of Light, from God proceeding.

Touch our lips and ears and heart; help us by your Spirit's pleading.

Hear the cry your church now raises; hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The Gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, You know how easy it is for us to sit here, tethered to our darkness and fear. We get bound up by chains of mistrust. We dare not to hope, for so many times before we have been disappointed. So we sit here and wonder where you are. We are not unlike the disciples who wondered also, who feared.

Lord, come to us in our darkness. Flood us with your powerful light of love and mercy. Help open our eyes to the good news of your eternal glory. Give to us visions of the place in which love and hope will reign. Forgive our stubborn resistance to your mercy and your love.

Silent Prayer

For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Let the light of God's eternal love flood into your hearts this day.

Feel the healing presence of God in your lives. Accept God's love and hope for you. This is the gift freely given for you by Jesus Christ, God's risen Son our Lord. 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

Acts 16:9-19

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Revelation 21:10-11; 21:22-22:5

¹⁰ And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ¹¹ It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. ²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

²² Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

ANTHEM "He Has Made Me Glad"

by Leona Von Brethorst

SERMON "Sharing the Light with Unexpected People" Rev. Ryon Herin

***HYMN 346 FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS**

1 For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord; for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords; to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

2 Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

3 All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned: pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.

4 You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

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 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

Arr. by David Schack

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

**Creator of the Universe,
You made the world in beauty, and restore all things in glory through the victory of
Jesus Christ. We pray that, wherever your image is still disfigured by poverty,
sickness, selfishness, war and greed the new creation in Jesus Christ may appear in
justice, love, and peace, to the glory of your name. 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 377 I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE
LIGHT**

1 I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give
light to the world; The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all; The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God; Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of righteousness,
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

Refrain

3 I’m looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with
patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Toccata Brevis

by Michael

Joseph

Please remain seated and give thanks to God.

GIVING TO 1ST PRESBYTERIAN OF ROCKAWAY

- **Go to our web page (fpcrockaway.org), scroll down to “donate” and
give electronically or mail to:**

1st Presbyterian of Rockaway

35 Church St.,

Rockaway, NJ 07866



VBS Supplies Needed

Would you be able to donate any of the supplies listed below for Vacation Bible School?

Glue Sticks
Model Magic
Crayola Markers (must be Crayola)
Paper Bowls
Googly Eyes
Small lidded containers – icing, pringles (small ones),
Single Instant oatmeal etc.
Empty 2 liter soda bottles – need 4
Empty 20 oz soda bottles – need 7
4 Kids Adironack chairs
Fake fruit
Fake Bread
A stuffed quail or stuffed bird that looks like a quail!!
2 Fake Fish
Sandwich boards or stand-up chalk boards
Wool
Blue Food Coloring
8 cans shaving cream
Clothes Steamer
All Purpose Flour – need 12 lbs!
Olive Oil – need 48 oz
8oz Baking Powder
32 oz Salt
100 small lollipops – variety of flavors
64 Blindfolds or kerchiefs to use for blindfolds
1lb Modeling Clay
1lb sugar
Active Dry Yeast

Calendar

Sunday, May 22 - Open & close— Kathy Shuey
9:15 am - Adult & Children Sunday School
10:30 am - Worship Service—Sanctuary, via Zoom
and Facebook
11:30 am - Annual Congregational & Corporation Meeting
11:45 am – Congregational Luncheon on the lawn
2:00—4:00 pm - MORE—Fellowship Hall
Monday, May 23 - Office Closed
7:00 pm – VBS Meeting – Leadership – BK Room
Tuesday, May 24
9:00 am—12:30 pm - Office Open
9:30—11:30 am - Bible Study—via Zoom – Book of Galations
12:00—1:30 pm - AA Meeting—Fellowship Hall
7:30—9:30 pm - FA Meeting—Scout Room
Wednesday, May 25
9:00 am—12:30 pm - Office Open
Thursday, May 26

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open
6:20 – 8:30 pm - Bell & Choir Rehearsals
Friday, May 27 - Office Closed
Saturday, May 28 Sunday May 29 – Donna VanDuyne - Open & Close
9:15 am - Adult and Children Sunday School
10:30 am - Worship Service in Sanctuary,
via Zoom and Facebook
2:00 – 4:00 pm - MORE – Fellowship Hall
Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day Parade
Meet 10:45am on Beach Street

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Church School—9:15 am

Sunday Morning Worship Service—10:30 am

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