

**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**October 17, 2021**

**1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian of Rockaway**

**Join Zoom Worship (login beginning at 9:30 AM EDT)**

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*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

Traditional Irish Melody

Setting by Joel Raney

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We may come here for a glimpse of glory,

**But Jesus asks us: “Can you drink the cup that I drink?”**

The cup of Jesus’ own life: struggle and joy; suffering and hope.

We may come here to get close to Jesus,

**And Jesus asks us: “Can you be baptized with my baptism?”**

Baptized into the reign of God, where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people and creates new relationships!

We may come here for honor or fame,

**But Jesus challenges us: “To become great you must serve!”**

Why are we here?

**To drink the cup of fullness of life; to immerse ourselves in Jesus’ struggle for justice and peace; to learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, you show us the way of servanthood. You have given us much so that we can bless others and not seek gratification for ourselves.**

**Help us to seek your path and keep us in humility so that we can be the light of Christ in the world. In the name of the one who came to serve, we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 757            TODAY WE ALL ARE CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES**

**Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,**

**To help to set the captives free, make plowshare out of sword,**

**To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,**

**To serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.**

**God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race  
To live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.  
But we are vain and sadly proud, we sow not peace but strife.  
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.**

**Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream.  
With righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,  
A world that was created for a harmony of peace.**

**May we in service to our God act out the living word,  
And walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord  
To God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.**

#### **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, trusting in the mercy of our Lord.

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful and gentle God, we have wanted reward without sacrifice.  
We have been unwilling to serve and have not humbled ourselves in obedience.  
Forgive our pride, gracious God.  
Correct our ignorant ways and help us to know your glory through servanthood.  
Guide us to be true followers of your way, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Silent Prayer*

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray,  
**Amen.**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

People of God, our sins are forgiven, for the Lord who made all things knows our weaknesses. Therefore, turn away from sin and obey the ways of the Lord. Be reconciled to the community in service and love.

#### **\*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.**

#### **ANTHEM**

**"Give Me Jesus"**

Traditional African-American  
Arr. by Fernando Ortega

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### JOB 38:1-41, 42:1-6

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:  
2 “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?  
3 Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.  
4 “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
    Tell me, if you have understanding.  
5 Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
    Or who stretched the line upon it?  
6 On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone  
7 when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?  
8 “Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—  
9 when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
10 and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,  
11 and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
    and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?  
12 “Have you commanded the morning since your days began,  
    and caused the dawn to know its place,  
13 so that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it?  
14 It is changed like clay under the seal, and it is dyed like a garment.  
15 Light is withheld from the wicked, and their uplifted arm is broken.  
16 “Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep?  
17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you,  
    or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?  
18 Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?  
    Declare, if you know all this.  
19 “Where is the way to the dwelling of light, and where is the place of darkness,  
20 that you may take it to its territory and that you may discern the paths to its home?  
21 Surely you know, for you were born then, and the number of your days is great

1 Then Job answered the LORD:  
2 “I know that you can do all things,  
    and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.  
3 ‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’  
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,  
    things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.  
4 ‘Hear, and I will speak;  
    I will question you, and you declare to me.’  
5 I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,  
    but now my eye sees you;  
6 therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

### PSALM 91

1 You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
2 **will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”**  
3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;

<sup>4</sup>he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

<sup>5</sup>**You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,**

<sup>6</sup>or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

<sup>7</sup>**A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.**

<sup>8</sup>You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

<sup>9</sup>**Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,**

<sup>10</sup>no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

<sup>11</sup>**For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.**

<sup>12</sup>On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup>**You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.**

<sup>14</sup>Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

<sup>15</sup>**When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.**

<sup>16</sup>With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

### **MARK 10:35-45**

<sup>35</sup> James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup> But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" <sup>39</sup> They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

<sup>41</sup> When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup> So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup> But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

**SERMON**

**THE ZEBEDEE SYNDROME**

**Rev. Dr. Nancy Young**

**\*HYMN SONG 834      PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND**

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand;**

**I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.**

**Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;**

**Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall,  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from Colossians 1:15-20)

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created; things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers; all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from among the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

**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 299            YOU SERVANTS OF GOD, YOUR MASTER PROCLAIM**

You servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad Christ's wonderful name.  
The name all victorious of Jesus extol,  
Whose kingdom is glorious, who rules over all.

Ascended on high, almighty to save,  
He still remains nigh; his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!”  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right:  
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
All honor and blessing, with angels above,  
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

**CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Toccata”**

by Domenico Ziplo

*Please remain seated and give thanks to God..*

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     35 Church St.  
     Rockaway, NJ 07866

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

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**ADULT BIBLE STUDIES**

**SUNDAYS, 9:00 AM GENESIS**

Please read Genesis 12:1-14:24, 15:1- 18:15

We meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Email Pastor Nancy for further information and the schedule.

Youngnancy501@gmail.com

**TUESDAY MORNING STUDY – THE PARABLES OF JESUS**

9:30 am. We meet on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83842008669?pwd=MnFSQlpgZXNKK2NvVIA4eFhoVTNnQT09>

Meeting ID: 838 4200 8669

Passcode: 749308

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/keIzj0xanW>

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**HOLIDAY WISHES**

There are almost 200 children who attend school in Rockaway Borough or Township who qualify for the federal program providing free (or reduced price) lunches. We have the opportunity to help them enjoy the holidays this year. If you would like to provide gifts for one or more children you can contact Brenda Budd at [Rockawayholidaywishes@gmail.com](mailto:Rockawayholidaywishes@gmail.com).

If you would rather send a check, make it out to Holiday Wishes and send it to her at 43 Willow Ave. Rockaway, NJ 07866. She is asking that all gifts be collected by Nov 30.

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**ALL SAINTS' DAY**

All Saints' Day, November, 1<sup>st</sup>, falls on a Monday. We will observe All Saints; on Sunday, November 7, and will include prayers for all those who have died in the last year. If you have a family member or friend that you would like to include in the prayers, please let the church office or Pastor Nancy know.

[youngnancy501@gmail.com](mailto:youngnancy501@gmail.com), 989.430.2185)

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**COAT DRIVE**

Each year, RISE UP Rockaway partners with the Market Street Mission in Morristown for an annual free coat give-away. (Coats are also given to Rockaway area residents who are in need of such).

Would you please donate any new or "lovingly used" winter coats (not windbreakers) to the cause? We're accepting all sizes for men, women, and children. Darker colors are preferred.

Your donations can be dropped off at the 24-hour collection vestibule (glass enclosed) at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 508 Green Pond Rd., Rockaway Township.

Deadline to donate coats is Sunday, October 17.

Let's keep our neighbors warm this winter!

Thank you for your generosity.

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