

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 24, 2021

1st Presbyterian of Rockaway

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Here I Am to Worship”

Words & Music by Tim Hughes

Arranged by Mark Hayes

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us begin this day by rejoicing!

The Lord has done such wonderful things for us.

Let us be glad!

The day before us is uncertain.

We know not what we will encounter on our way.

Wherever we go, we go forth as people of the living God,

And we go forth to touch the lives of all with his healing touch.

Let us begin this day with rejoicing!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, our Provider. We worship you as the one who meets our needs,

who grants our daily bread, who restores our humanity.

We worship you as the God who knows human need from experience, who knows

want, and thirst and humiliation. Open the eyes of our heart, that we may feel our

place in this world, as your people.

Where there is need, teach us to learn where our wealth lies, and help us to give.

Where there is injustice, teach us to learn the causes, and help us to fight.

Where there is brokenness, teach us to learn of our own brokenness, and help us

to bring wholeness.

Help us to look to you, that we neither remain ignorant of the world, nor lose

ourselves in despair at its brokenness. Help us to carry our cross, to accept your

gift of new life, to bring that gift to others. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord of wisdom, we thank you for giving us your word so we can grow in our relationship with you. Open our eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions. Be our teacher, so we can live and obey your word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

JEREMIAH 34:7-9

For thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸ See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹ With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations^[a] I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

PSALM 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

² Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”

³ The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

⁴ Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

⁵ May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

⁶ Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man

said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵² Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

SERMON WE CANNOT HEAL OURSELVES ALONE Rev. Dr. Nancy Young

***HYMN 796 WE COME TO YOU FOR HEALING, LORD**
We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul,
And pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.

As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain,
We know you come among us still with power to heal again.

You touch us through physicians' skills, through nurses' gifts of care,
And through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.

Through nights of pain and wakefulness, through days when strength runs low,
Grant us your gift of patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.

We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain,
In trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Rev. David Englis, UCC)

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.

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 450 BE THOU MY VISION**
Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou are;
Though my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I head not, nor vain empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Offertorio Pastorale"

Anonymous

Please remain seated and give thanks to God..

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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

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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.

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, 1st, 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, 989.430.2185)

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MANSE WORK DAY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30
9AM – 3PM

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