

September 4, 2022
1st Presbyterian of Rockaway
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**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Draw Me Close"

Words & Music by Kelly Carpenter

Arranged by Mark Hayes

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

God, you search me and know me.

Before I sit, you know when I will rise.

God, you search me and know me.

Before I speak, you know what I will say.

God, you search me and know me,

in my joy and despair, in my breathing in and breathing out.

God, you search me and know me.

Your knowledge is too deep to reach, too vast to comprehend.

God, you search me and know me.

Search me, O God, and know my heart.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of power and mercy, only with your help can we offer you fitting service and praise. May we live the faith we profess and trust your promise of eternal life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN 450 BE THOU MY VISION**

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

3 Riches I heed 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.

4 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.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Our sins are not to be hidden from God.

Rather, we bring them into the Light and lay them on the Table, trusting in the One who shaped us for goodness

and will transform our brokenness into wholeness.

Please join me as we pray, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Searching God,

We are so attached to our possessions, we have trouble sharing them. We are so connected to our pleasures that we cannot feel the pain of those around us. We are so stuck on ourselves, we cannot sense our souls slipping away into the shadows.

Most merciful God: loosen us from the grip of the world, so we may feel your healing touch. Sever us from our sin, so your Spirit might bind us to you.

Reshape us, redeem us, renew us, so we may take up our crosses and follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Silent Prayer Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The God who calls us is the God who created us;

the God who formed us is the God who forgives us.

This is the Good News—we are God's new creation.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. 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

Ryon Herin

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

Philemon 1:1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To our beloved coworker Philemon, ² to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸ For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I

wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.

¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.

¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

ANTHEM "Go Light Your World"

Words & Music by Chris Rice Soloist: Laurie Morse

SERMON "Everlasting Friendships of Devotion" Rev. Ryon Herin

***HYMN (See Insert) CLOSE TO THEE**

1 Thou my everlasting portion, more than friend or life to me, all along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with thee.

Refrain: Close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, all along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with thee.

2 Not for ease or worldly pleasure, nor for fame my prayer shall be; gladly will I toil and suffer, only let me walk with thee.

Refrain: Close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, gladly will I toil and suffer, only let me walk with thee.

3 Lead me through the vale of shadows, bear me o'er life's fitful sea; then the gate of life eternal may I enter, Lord, with thee.

Refrain: Close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, then the gate of life eternal may I enter, Lord, with thee.

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 "Pastoral Symphony" by Ludwig Van Beethoven

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

Spirit of the Living God,

Thank you for this day and our place in it. We ask that you would truly mold, shape, re-form each of us each and every day into the people you would have us be. Fill us to overflowing with your wonderful Spirit, and then use us to share the Good News of your kingdom with your people everywhere. This we pray in the name of the living Christ who walks with us now and forever. 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 316 WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL**

1 Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.

2 Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son. As members of each body joined, in him we are made one.

3 Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease. Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.

4 Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess, that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

5 Love can exclude no race or creed if honored by God's name; our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE "Fugue in C Major"
by Dietrich Buxtehude

Please remain seated and give thanks to God.
After the postlude, join us for coffee hour in Fellowship Hall!!

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Homecoming Luncheon

We will be having the Homecoming Luncheon after on September 11th at 11:30am.
All Are Welcome!

Come Enjoy Some Food, Face Painting, Bounce House, Yard Games and Community.
Contact Linda Urwin 201 841-7664 to let her know if you can bring a side or dessert.

Community Breakfasts

Through RiseUp, we will be having a Community Breakfasts on **Saturday the 17th of September**. Come hungry and hopeful! Send an email to Jay Decker if you are interested in volunteering: jdecker10@yahoo.com.

Reminder of the Worship Hour Time Change

Beginning September 11 Worship will begin at 10:30 am
Sunday School will begin September 11 at 9:15 am

YOURS, MINE, OURS



Stephen Ministry belongs to *all* of us!
It's a mission of our church.

Calendar

Sunday, September 4 - Open & close— Pat Budis

9:30 am - Worship Service—Sanctuary, via Zoom and Facebook

11:45 am – Outreach Meeting – BK Room

2:00—4:00 pm - MORE—Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 5 – Labor Day –Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

12:00—1:30 pm - AA Meeting—Sanctuary

7:30—9:30 pm - FA Meeting—Scout Room

Wednesday, September 7

9:00 am—12:30 pm – Office Open

7:00 pm – Property/Cemetery Meeting – Smith’s

7:30 pm – Worship Committee Meeting – via Zoom

Thursday, September 8

9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Office Open

7:00 pm – Outreach Committee Meeting – BK Room & Zoom

Friday, September 9 – Office Closed

6:30 pm – Cub Scout Pack Meeting - FH

Saturday, September 10 –

Sunday, September 11 – Open & Close – Mark Kuschke

9:15 am – Adult & Children’s Sunday School

9:30 am – Worship Service – Sanctuary, via Zoom and Facebook

11:45 am – Homecoming Picnic

2:00 – 4:00 pm – MORE – Fellowship Hall

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Church School—9:15 am

Sunday Morning Worship Service—9:30 am until September 11 then 10:30 am

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