

**13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 28, 2020
1ST PRESBYTERIAN OF ROCKAWAY**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us by name into the presence of holiness as God's holy people.

We answer this call by the grace of God through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Come, let us worship God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Father of our lord Jesus Christ, who gives us birth by water and Holy Spirit, teach us how to live always in integrity of body, mind, and spirit, in obedience to your love. In the name of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN 394 CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION Latin, 7th century

**Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help for ever, and our confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts and stay;
come, with your loving-kindness; hear your servants as we pray;
and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.**

**Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain,
What they gain from you forever with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory evermore with you to reign.**

**Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three, and ever one:
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The mystery of God brings the promise of life, but we doubt the Spirit's power to overcome death. The resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son, reveals that nothing is impossible with God. Let us confess our sin and receive new life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have failed. We have allowed sin to run our lives, to shape how we act toward others, and to kill our relationship with you. In your great mercy, forgive us. Change even our bodies from implements of destruction to instruments of your peace; for the sake of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, servants of Christ, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, you are clothed, fed, and sheltered by the Holy One who knows your every fiber. Be assured of God's desire that your prayers for mercy are heard and have been answered. In the name of the holy Trinity and in the wisdom of God, your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Blessed Lord, who caused the scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the hope of eternal life. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

GENESIS 22:1-18

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." ⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹² He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

¹⁵ The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, ¹⁶ and said, “By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, ¹⁸ and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.”

Psalm 13

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

²How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

³Consider and answer me, O LORD my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

⁴and my enemy will say, “I have prevailed”; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

⁵But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

⁶I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

MATTHEW 10:37-42

³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

SERMON

TRUSTING GOD

HYMN 39

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Thomas O. Chisholm

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

[Chorus]

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

[Chorus]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

[Chorus]

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Christine Sine
**We believe in God above us,
Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.**

**We believe in Christ beside us,
Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.**

**We believe in Spirit deep within us,
Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.**

**We believe in God's resurrection created world,
Where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.**

**We believe in God above, beside, within,
God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three,**

We believe in God.

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 463 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

John Rippon

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said-
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My gracious, omnipotent hand.**

**"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy trouble to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consum, and thy gold to refine.**

**"The soul that on Jesus doth lean for repose,
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE