

The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains

Sunday, March 15, 2020 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP

"If you can't do great things, Mother Teresa used to say, do little things with great love. If you can't do them with great love, do them with a little love. If you can't do them with a little love, do them anyway.

Love grows when people serve."

— John Ortberg, The Me I Want to Be: Becoming God's Best Version of You

"Do you often feel like parched ground, unable to produce anything worthwhile? I do. When I am in need of refreshment, it isn't easy to think of the needs of others. But I have found that if instead of praying for my own comfort and satisfaction, I ask the Lord to enable me to give to others, an amazing thing often happens - I find my own needs wonderfully met. Refreshment comes in ways I would never have thought of, both for others, and then, incidentally, for myself." — Elisabeth Elliot

GATHERING MUSIC

Traci Bopp, Musician

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

Dave Sippel, Director of Youth & Family Ministry

-EXPANSION OF OUR HEARTS-

SACRED SILENCE FOR CENTERING

*OPENING ACCLAMATION (responsive)

As we gather, our faith calls us to a spiritual journey,
following Christ wherever we are led.

**Our faith calls us to the spiritual practice of worshipping together.
to open our doors and welcome all.**

Our faith calls us to the spiritual practice of study -
to open our hearts to the ways God wants us to grow.

**Our faith calls us to the spiritual practice of service,
to open our hands to the vulnerable and hurting people of the world.**
So, let us worship God with Open Doors, Open Hearts, and Open Hands.
We are open to fresh movement of the Spirit of God.

*GATHERING SONG #263 (*green Sing! songbook*) **"Open Our Eyes"** (*omit vs. 5*)

OPENING PRAYER

OFFERING OF SONG "Without His Cross" *by Joseph Martin*

Chancel Choir, Karen Mazur, Interim Director

BAPTISM

Violet Joy Brucchieri, daughter of Angelo & Ria

*PASSING THE PEACE May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Children & youth are invited to leave for their classes)

SONG "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

-RECEPTION OF GOD'S WORD-

PREPARATION FOR READING

Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God
as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scriptures.

Our hearts and minds are open.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 2:1-10 (*NRSV Bible page 949*)

*SONG OF PRAISE #56 (*green Sing! songbook*) **"Change My Heart, O God"** vs 1

MESSAGE "The Journey: Serve" *Rev. Kathleen Edwards Chase, Lead Pastor*

-TRANSFORMATION OF OUR LIVES-

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

-COMPASSION FOR THE WORLD-

*SENDING SONG #589 (*blue hymnal*) **"Here I Am, Lord"**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

The altar flowers are offered in memory of Tim Black & Stephen Black given by Pat Black

Message Notes

Prayer List

CONCERNS:

Prayers for victims of the virus, for our economy and those experiencing job loss.

Peter Roy, father of Andrew & Amanda, recent cancer diagnosis

Nevaeh, 9 yr. old that has had multiple heart surgeries and has an upcoming open heart surgery.

Joyce Gruzdis had shoulder surgery and is recovering at home. Cards to 7 Ferndale Place, PP

Kelly Rogers and family after the death of her father. Cards to 53 Brookside Ave., PP

Jeanie Tallman, was hospitalized this past week. Cards to 101 Boulevard, Apt. 146S, Pequannock 07440

Fred, Linda Wilson's friend, passed away this past week. Linda thanks everyone for their prayers during his illness.

Gail Berkshire, Jane Young's friend, recovering from surgery for vocal cord growth.

Dave Hilliard, had second surgery for cancer and will be receiving treatment. Cards to 114 Boulevard, Pequannock 07440

Brian Spring, Pequannock police department, recurrence of cancer. Continued prayers for healing.

Rob Hudson's dad, recovering from another stroke. Cards of support to 1 Brook Place, Westwood, NJ 07675

Sue Benton, Evelyn Van Dyke's daughter, serious kidney problems. Cards to 47302 Branblewood Ct, Novi, MI 48374

LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Candace (Jane Young's sister), **Connie, Bob, Laura** (friend of Eileen Bundz)

In an effort to update the "Long Term Prayer List", we ask that, if you know someone who needs our prayers, please fill out a Connection/Prayer Request card and submit their names. Cards are in the pew pockets of the Sanctuary and the back of Friendship Hall. You can also email the office office@frc-pp.org

NEW HERE? WELCOME!

We are so pleased that you chose to be with us here at First Reformed. You'll find we are a community of faith trying to help people live and love like Jesus in their communities. If you are new to us, we'd love to help along the journey. No matter who you are or how you are, we hope you know you can belong here. Our vision is to be the church in the heart of this town with OPEN DOORS, OPEN HEARTS & OPEN HANDS. If that is the type of church you are looking for, you can take a first step by filling out a connection card, which is located on the table by the entrance to our worship space at 8:30 a.m. service or in the pew at 10 a.m. service. Also, check out our website www.firstreformedchurch.com

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

Believing that **discipleship** is a lifelong journey. There is never a time in our lives when we can be satisfied with our growth or our certainty. Certainty is about being right. Faith is about being guided by what's right and training yourself to do it. FRC's worshipping community welcomes faith with all the doubts, the questions and the mystery. There is also nothing like participating in hands-on service to deepen your faith and put it in action. Throughout the year, we offer many opportunities for missional service.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

This year will be a great one for our middle school and high school youth. The youth will have an opportunity to participate in Bible studies, service projects, fun outings, small groups and overnight trips.

Sunday morning classes open up God's Word in new ways. Wednesday evening FUEL unpacks relevant issues that kids deal with every day. Both of these fun weekly events are supported by a great team of adult volunteers.

Sunday classes meet at 10am on the 2nd to 5th Sundays of each month. Kids will be dismissed from the 10am worship service. The Wednesday evening program is from 7 to 8:30pm in Friendship Hall.

BABIES & KIDZ MINISTRIES

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available at both services. The nursery is located on the main floor of the Ministry Center near the church office. Our Spark Kidz program for children age 2 years to 5th grade begins at 10 a.m. each Sunday in the Sanctuary, where children attend the first 15 minutes of the service with their family and then are dismissed for their individual classes. There they explore the Bible through exciting hands-on multi-sensory lessons. Parents can pick up their children in their classrooms upstairs in the Ministry Center following the conclusion of our 10 AM service.

WAYS TO GIVE

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