

The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains

September 22, 2019 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP

"Trust God in the dark until the light returns." - A.W. Tozer

"Liberation theology shows that spirituality and action are connected from the very beginning and can never be separated. Some people set out to act first, and their inner experience is given to them on the journey itself. Others have an inner experience that then leads them into action. It does not matter on which side you begin, but eventually, action and spirituality must meet and feed one another. When prayer is authentic, it will always lead to actions of mercy; when actions of mercy are attempted at any depth, they will always drive you to prayer." - Richard Rohr, Daily Meditations (2013)

GATHERING MUSIC

Lori Yost, Musician

WELCOME The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Dave Sippel, Director of Youth & Family Ministry

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

SACRED SILENCE FOR CENTERING

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE #215 (blue) **"When Morning Gilds the Sky"**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

God of Mystery, we are constantly amazed by the depth and breadth of your love. Over and over again, you turn our expectations inside out and upside down. And still we don't understand the radical nature of your grace. We play by our own rules of justice, even when it means excluding those we are called to love and defend. In our darkest moments, we doubt if we are worthy of your trust. God, help us remember that you give us all the tools we need; that through the solid foundation of your love, we find the strength to follow your call as true disciples of Jesus Christ.

Surprise us again, O God. Surprise us again. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*SONG OF RESPONSE **"Alleluia! Alleluia! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!"**

Musical score for the song "Alleluia! Alleluia! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!". The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a treble and bass clef. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! In Je-sus Christ we are for-given!". The chords are: A, E, Bm, A/C#, D, Bm/D, Esus, E, A.

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

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

*SONG #293 (green) **"We are Marching in the Light of God"**

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF CONSISTORY Rich Rossow, Deacon Elect

CHORAL ANTHEM "O Lord, How Majestic Is Your Name"

Chancel Choir, Karen Mazur, Interim Director

SONG OF ILLUMINATION #11 (green) **"Be Still, for the Presence"**

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 5:1-2, 7:8-23 (NRSV bible page 45)

MESSAGE "Unraveled: When Expectations Unravel"

Kathleen Edwards Chase, Lead Pastor

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY **"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son & Holy Ghost. Amen.

*SENDING SONG #408 (blue) **"How Firm a Foundation"**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

The chancel flowers are offered in memory of Patricia Marie Hellyer,
Given by Mike, Amy & Phoebe Patterson

Sermon Notes

Prayer List

JOYS:

Blessings to **Walt Stelzenmueller** who will turn 85 tomorrow Sept. 23. Cards to 104 Hillcrest Dr., Wayne 07470

FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE:

The family of Neil Lacomia (Alyse Cafasso's father) who passed away Aug. 31. A service will be held here on Sunday, Oct. 13th at Noon.

The family of Kathleen Pennington, after the death of her step grandfather Bill Reilly Sept 1. Kathleen also lost her father recently. There will be a memorial service for him, Bernie Rogan, on October 5 at 11 a.m. in Grace Chapel followed by a repast. Cards to Kathleen & Bryan 27 Slingerland Ave., Pequannock 07440

The family of Donna Aldom, who will be having a memorial service here for her on Sept. 27 at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary followed by a repast in Grace Chapel.

CONCERNS:

Sandy Bernstein, recovering from a fall at The Villa JDT. Cards to 520 Newark Pompton Turnpike, #210, PP

Pat Horner, hospitalized last week. Cards to 4 Pearl Ave., PP

Brian Farley, broke his foot and is in rehab at JDT. Cards to 520 Newark Pompton Turnpike, #205, PP

Steven G., 15 yr. old who was hit by a car last Friday while walking home from a football game. Prayers for healing

Eleanor Handel, for healing. 101 Boulevard, Apt G58, PP

Doris Hayenhjelm, who is in Rehab at JDT..

LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Yvonne Hughes, Amy Finigan's sister, **Ewa Toczyska** (Eve Lotito's aunt), **Jan Savage** (Jane Young's friend), **Ada Sauer** (Carolyn Connerton's nephew's daughter), **Valerie Floyd** (Joan Muller's cousin), **Susan Rayner**, **Rusty Ayers** (receiving Hospice), **Diane Grossmueller** (Joan Muller's niece), **Brian Spring**, **Connie**, **Jamie**, **Bob**, friend of Joann Warner, **Andres Echevarria**, **Jennie Byram**, **Eugene Fletcher**, **Carol Ratz**, **Kathy** (Sue Leonard's friend), **Candace** (Jane Young's sister), **Michael Barch**, **Gavin Brady**, **Blair Ludemann**, **Cheryl**, **Lawrence Trumpore**, **Jim** (the Bundz's neighbor)

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

This morning, as we kick off a new season, we are focusing on our kids programs. Next week, we are excited to share some new opportunities to learn, grow, connect, and serve. 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.

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