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Church



Growing
In God's Love,
Serving
All God's People
through
Rejoicing
Renewing
Reaching out

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A Service for the Worship of God

10:30 a.m.

September 19, 2021

Gathering Around God's Word

Greetings and Welcome

Scott McClymont

Leader: The Light of all life be with you all.

People: And also with you.

***You Never Let Go**

*Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And when I'm caught
in the middle of the storms of this life
I won't turn back, I know You are near*

(Refrain)

*And I will fear no evil for my God is with me
And if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?
Oh no, You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go
In every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go
Lord, You never let go of me*

*I can see a light that is coming
for the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth*

(Refrain above)

*Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You, Yeah!*

*Oh no, You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go
In every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go
Lord, You never let go of me*

Opening Prayer

***Revelation Song**

*Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain Holy holy is He
Sing a new song, to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat
Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain Holy holy is He
Sing a new song, to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat*

*(Refrain)
Holy holy holy, is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore You
(I will adore You)*

*Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and... glory and power be
To You the only One for me*

(Refrain above)

*Filled with wonder, awe-struck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a marvelous mystery*

(Refrain above)

Declaration of Forgiveness and Passing of the Peace

Sarah Zimmerman

Announcements

Lauren Comerford

Hearing God's Word

Children's Message 'Meeting God through Being Hospitable to Others'

(based on Gen. 18:1-8 below. The children, preschool through fifth grade, may leave for Church School after the message.)

- The Lord appeared to Abraham* by the oaks* of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures* of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

Message 'Doubting but Still Seeking in order to Get Glimpses of God'

- based on Gen. 18:9 They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' ¹⁰Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' *(Cont. on next page)*

And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' ¹³The Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?"' ¹⁴Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' ¹⁵But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

Responding to God's Word

***Offering Hymn #391** 'Take My Life' (*verses 1, 2, 5, 6*)

1 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour; at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

***Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

***The Lord's Prayer** (*using debts and debtors*)

(Traditional, p. 16)

All: 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 from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sent Out by God's Word

***Sending Hymn #333**

'Seek Ye First'

(We will repeat the first verse and you are welcome to join the Hallelujah descant then.)

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Repeat first verse or descant below:

Ha-le-lu-jah, Ha-le-lu-jah...ahah
Ha-le-lu-jah, Ha-le-lu-jah

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Welcome to the Worship of God!

Thanks for joining us today. A special welcome to our guests. We hope you found the service meaningful and joyful and please let us know how we might ever be of service. Thanks to our guest organist and pianist this week, Timothy O'Hara.

FannyWood Day Booth

Please stop by our FPC church booth at Fannywood Day. Thanks to Graeme Daniskas for organizing this and to many other youth for their help, including Nemat Iddisah, Charlotte Middleton, Allison Eggert, and Dietrich Jahnke for their help Thursday and today. We will have a ring-toss for FPC stuff along with lots of information and sign-up opportunities. Let's rejoice in this public witness to Jesus!

Bibles and Hymnals

You can use Bibles and hymnals in the front 15 pews (or take one with you to another pew.) There is no evidence that the virus is spread from hand to hand contact but please refrain from touching them if you remain concerned.

Soups for Salvation

We are excited to announce the Soups for Salvation cooking evenings are back to provide delicious soups to those in our community with food insecurities. We will again be partnering with the First Presbyterian Cranford of Cranford Elmora Kitchen to distribute our soups along with their bagged sandwiches. During the pandemic a small group of us were very active making soups from our homes which we distributed on a weekly basis. We distributed over 2,400 meals. We are really thankful for those who helped as the need was especially great and the food lines were long. Starting in September we will be meeting on the second Monday of each month. Our first cooking event will be September 13th, Monday evening, from 7 to 9:30 pm at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church Kitchen. To participate you must be fully vaccinated.

If you are interested in attending please let Joe Turso (jturso18@gmail.com) know. If you enjoy cooking or simply have a desire to help others, please join us for a fun evening.

Food Bank Report this Month

We had a successful Food Drive with Temple Sholom on Yom Kippur. Thanks to our Food Bank regulars below along with Joan Poe, Nancy Bassman, Ken Macari and many other youth volunteers, mostly scouts.

About 70 people picked up from Food Bank on September 18th with many picking up for multiple families. Deacons deliver food to some of our church members who have trouble grocery shopping. Thanks to Emily Sena and her family, Darcie Lubalin and her family, Karen Edwards, Andrew Stewart and many more volunteers.

Office Hours this week

Lauren : 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Mondays

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tuesdays

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Recent Prayer Requests:

Paul and Susan Rack, Mike Camfield, Liz Henderson, Joe Cardoso Family, Zimmerman family, Doris Davis, Stewart family, Joshua Lanz' family, Ginny Kurek, Harpers, Eggert family, Aiden, Janet and Chelsea from Garden of Eden, Rev. Ken Hudson, Bowers family, June Roser's father, Talcott family, Lindemann family.

If there are matters of concern or thanksgiving you would like included in our prayer or if you would like a name removed from the list, please contact Hailey at fanwoodpress@gmail.com.



We now have 215 people who have joined our online 'Journey through the Bible' (Project). Look for the Facebook Group of the same name or ask Pastor David to invite you if you are on Facebook. You can join in person at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays or 7 p.m. on Thursdays or check everything out on Youtube.

