

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 30, 2017 | 10 AM | Rev. Paul Grenier

For Prayer & Contemplation

"The difference between knowledge and wisdom: Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is knowing not to use a tomato in a fruit salad."

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude "We Come to You for Healing, Lord" - arr. Wood

Call to Worship

One: Rejoice, for the Kingdom of God is open to us all!

All: The Kingdom of God is as free and fresh as the air we breathe.

One: Rejoice, for the Kingdom of God is in our midst!

All: The Kingdom of God is as present as the pew we sit on.

One: Rejoice, for the Kingdom of God belongs to the children of God!

All: The Kingdom of God is as close as our neighbor, as welcoming as a hug.

One: Rejoice and sing, for where ever we gather together God is our King!

All: The Kingdom of God is truly in this place. Amen.

***Hymn No. 263** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

Prayer of Renewal (Adapted from 1 Kings 3:6-9 "Request of Solomon")

Lord God, you have shown great and steadfast love to your people. You have blessed those who walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. Now, through your Son Jesus Christ, we have become the inheritors of your grace and glory. But this blessing comes with great responsibilities. You call us to give to those less fortunate, to speak truth to power, to lead the church, and preach your message of love and hope to the world. We rejoice to be your servants, but can be overwhelmed by the responsibilities of carrying out your mission in this chaotic world. So, today we do not ask for riches, or long life, but for an understanding mind, a discerning spirit, and a loving heart so that we can better serve you and be an example for all your people.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Hymn No. 581** "Glory Be to the Father"

"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."

Passing of Peace

Anthem "Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You" – Althouse
Pick-Up Choir

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

Scripture Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (NT 14 & 15 | LP 17 & 18)

Sermon "Modern Parables" –Rev. Paul Grenier

Presentation of Tithes/Offering

Offertory "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" - arr. Biery

***Doxology No. 606**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

(Inspired by King Solomon's Dedication of the Temple 1 Kings 8:23-61)

One: Lord, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below. You have kept your promise of love with us, your servants, who continue wholeheartedly in your way.

All: Praise be to the Lord, who sent his Son Jesus to bring hope and peace to his children. May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our ancestors; may he never leave us nor forsake us.

One: With a joyful heart and a humble Spirit we dedicate these gifts to our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

All: We pray that these gifts, which we have earned through our own labor, be pleasing to our God. May the Lord uphold the missions of this Church and the cause of his people according to each day's need, until all the peoples of the earth know that the Lord is God and that there is no other. Amen.



The Prayers of the People

Please contact the church office for a copy of the prayer list.

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 No. 796** "We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

Benediction

Benediction Hymn No. 295 "Go to the World!"

"Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!' Alleluia. Alleluia."

Postlude "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" - arr. Lowe

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*Please stand as you are able.

- Please be advised that our worship service is filmed from the balcony. Though the camera's focus is primarily on the chancel, there are wide shots that may include parts of the congregation sitting near the front.
- Please promptly pick your children up from Sunday School at the conclusion of our worship service, and join us for coffee and fellowship in the Social Hall – all are welcome!



Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Liturgist	Sue Hummel
Greeter	Doris Ducat
Ushers	Jennifer Grenier, Peggy Price, Vicki Downing, Jeff Downing
Tellers	Jeff Downing, Nancy Stewart, Vicki Downing



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Music Notes

Today's prelude is Dale Wood's setting of an early American folk melody called "Land of Rest," which is believed to be a variant of a much older Scottish or Northern English tune. The offertory is Marilyn Biery's 2014 arrangement of a contemporary praise hymn by Handt Hanson. The postlude is based on the tune "Coronation," which was composed by Oliver Holden (1765-1844), a carpenter by trade, who also conducted singing schools, was a state representative for Massachusetts, and composed and conducted the music for a ceremony honoring George Washington's 1789 visit to Boston. We thank all the singers in our Pick-Up Choir for sharing special music with us this morning!

This Week's Calendar July 30-August 6	
Sunday 30	10 AM Worship/Pick-Up Choir
Monday 31	
Tuesday 1	6 PM Invitation & Outreach – ML
Wednesday 2	4:30 PM Summer Lunch Distribution – Memorial Lounge
Thursday 3	
Friday 4	
Saturday 5	
Sunday 6	8:30 AM Deacons – Memorial Lounge 10 AM Worship



This Week's Birthdays

July 30	Mel Powell
July 30	Rachel Ledden-Albadine
August 2	Clarence Kane
August 2	Cicely Enright
August 3	Hayes Hulitt
August 6	Jordan Riggs
<i>May God bless you on your birthday.</i>	



*The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.
-Psalm 126:3*

Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM
Communion on the first Sunday of the month
Sunday School every week, 10:20-11:05 AM

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