

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost & the
Sacrament of Communion
Sunday, July 2, 2017 | 10 AM | Rev. Paul Grenier

For Prayer & Contemplation

I pledge allegiance to the cross of Christ, and to the faith for which it stands, one God, with Christ as Lord over all, one Church, universal with grace and salvation for all. I acknowledge all people to be my brothers and sisters in the mystical body of Christ, and I vow to treat all people with the love and mercy that Christ has bestowed upon me. For God so loved the world that he sent his only son, so that all who believe in him shall not perish but receive eternal life. Then, I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. I acknowledge the rights of elected officials and qualified professionals to make decisions for the greatest good of our nation and its people. I vow to abide by the laws and procedures of the United States of America and its institutions, even though I may not agree with their philosophy, unless these laws directly oppose me to the God whom I worship and serve, for there is no authority except for that which the Lord God has established.

“A Pledge to God and Country,” by Rev. Paul Grenier

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “Rock of Ages” - arr. Ashdown

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 89)

One: Let us rejoice for the Lord has made a covenant with all people!

All: O Lord, forever will we sing of your love; from age to age we will proclaim your faithfulness.

One: Happy are the people who know the Word of the Lord, for they walk in the light of your presence.

All: For you are the glory of our strength, and by your favor our might is exalted!

One: We only need to look around to be persuaded that God’s love is established forever, the Lord is as constant as the stars in the heavens.

All: Truly, the Lord is our ruler; the Holy One of Israel is our King. Amen.

***Hymn No. 338** “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

Prayer of Renewal (Prayer of Dag Hammarskjöld)

Lord God, as we pray: let your name be hallowed - not my name, let your kingdom come - not my kingdom. Your will be done - not my will. Let us live in peace with you, with humanity and with ourselves, and deliver us from fear. Amen.

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/Special Music “It Is Well With My Soul” - arr. Keveren
piano duet: *Matthew Gerace* and *Marilyn Rabbai*

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 Genesis 22:1-14 [OT 17-8 | LP 21-2]

Sermon “Parenting Problems” –Rev. Paul Grenier

Presentation of Tithes/Offering

Offertory “How Great Thou Art” - arr. Purifoy
trumpet solo: *Don Zimmerman*

***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**

Welcoming one, bless these gifts with your spirit. Transform these gifts into the balm that your world needs. In these gifts, may we welcome in a new world of love. Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise to God.

Great Communal Prayer of Thanksgiving

Compassionate God, you are the voice behind the word who comes in Jesus Christ. When we feel worthless God reminds us we are blessed so we may be a blessing to others. When temptation and worry threaten to overwhelm us Christ comes with the good news of your pardon in his hands, setting us free, so we may walk in the new light of your hope. We remember his love and grace offered to all, we hear his welcome extended to each of us, as we speak of that mystery of our faith: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Pastoral Prayer

One: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

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.

Words of Institution Rev. Paul Grenier

Blessing of Bread:

**ברוך אתה ה' א-לוהינו, מלך העולם,
המוציא לחם מן הארץ**

Translation: “Blessed are You, LORD our God, King of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.”

Blessing of Wine:

**ברוך אתה ה' א-לוהינו, מלך העולם, בורא
פרי העץ**

Translation: “Blessed are You, LORD our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.”

***Communion Hymn No. 525** “Let Us Break Bread Together”

(Communion Servers, please come forward.)

Ushers will direct the congregation to come forward by pews, forming two lines to receive communion through intinction.

The Sharing of the Supper

Unison Prayer After Communion

Lord God, alone we are in doubt and darkness, but with you our path is clear. Lord God, alone we are lost and wandering, but with you we are truly home. Lord God, alone we hunger and thirst for righteousness and recognition, but with you we are truly known. Thank you, O Lord, for this community and this communion. May we continue to drink from your cup of blessing, and share your extravagant welcome with the world. Amen.

***Hymn No. 438** "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

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 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" - arr. Lowe

*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!

Sanctuary Flowers 

In memory of Marie Scheetz, given by her daughter, Elaine Marie Scheetz.



Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Communion Servers	Jim Smathers, Mike Jurkiewicz, Linda Richardson, Susan Burkart
Liturgist	Nancy Polhamus
Greeter	Susan Burkart
Ushers	Carol Schoepske, John Fitzpatrick, Karen Daly, Peggy Price
Tellers	Carol Schoepske, Terri Lovelace, John Fitzpatrick

Music Notes

Today's prelude is Franklin Ashdown's 2016 setting of the hymn tune "Toplady," originally written by Thomas Hastings (1784-1872) and named

for Augustus Montague Toplady, the author of the text "Rock of Ages." The postlude is David Lowe's contemporary arrangement of the tune "Materna" by Samuel Augustus Ward, organist and choirmaster at Grace Episcopal Church in Newark, New Jersey. Ward had originally written the music for another hymn, "O Mother dear, Jerusalem" in 1882. His music was not matched with the famous poetry of Katharine Lee Bates until 1910, when the fortuitous combination was titled "America the Beautiful" and became one of the most popular of America's patriotic songs. We thank Matthew Gerace and Don Zimmerman for sharing special music with us this morning.



Happy Birthdays Week's Calendar July 2-9	
	10 AM Worship
	Church Office Closed
	Fourth of July
	4:30 PM Summer Lunch Distribution – Memorial Lounge
Thursday 6	
Friday 7	
Saturday 8	
Sunday 9	10 AM Worship

This Week's Birthdays

July 3	Cassie Musselman
July 9	Cleo Zimmerman
July 9	Meg Unger
<i>May God bless you on your birthday.</i>	

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