

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ
The Fifth Sunday in Lent & the Sacrament of Communion
Sunday, April 2, 2017 @ 10 AM – Rev. Paul Grenier

For Prayer & Contemplation

"It is not possible to pray without employing the imagination and the understanding. Yet we should make use of them only for the sake of moving the will, and then no more. Some say that it is not necessary to use the imagination to represent to ourselves the sacred humanity of the Savior. Maybe it is not necessary for those who are already far advanced on the mountain of perfection. But for those of us who are still in the valleys — though we wish to be climbing — I think it is expedient to make use of all our faculties, including the imagination. This imagination, however, ought to be quite simple, serving as a sort of needle with which to thread affections and resolutions into our mind. This is the great road, from which we should not take leave until the light of day is a little brighter and we can see the little paths." -St. Francis De Sales

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude "Here, O My Lord, We See You" - arr. Powell

Call to Worship

One: Friends, the Kingdom of God is closer than you think.

All: **The glory of God will be revealed to all who open their hearts to the Lord.**

One: Open your eyes and see the wonders of God's Creation!

All: **To those who have eyes let them see!**

One: Open your ears and hear the word of the Lord!

All: **To those who have ears let them hear!**

One: Open your hearts to the presence of God and enter the Kingdom!

All: **We will open our hearts to Jesus Christ, for he is the King of Kings and our Lord now and forever.**

***Hymn No. 517** "Here, O My Lord, We See You"

Prayer of Renewal

God of deep, abounding, astounding, boundary-breaking love, forgive our closed doors; forgive our closed eyes and ears; forgive our insulated living, forgive our safe and comfortable tables. Help us to open our minds to your offering of unlimited possibilities. Help us to open our hearts to your offering of unconditional love. And help us to open our doors and extend the invitation of your grace to our neighbors.

Moment of Silence

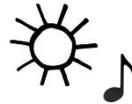
Assurance of Forgiveness

***Hymn No. 584** "Glory, Glory, Glory"

"Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high! Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high! And on earth peace to all people in whom God is well pleased. And on earth peace to all people in whom God is well pleased."

Passing of Peace

Anthem *Sunshine Singers*



"Ubi Caritas" (Where there is charity and love) - arr. Mayo

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 *John 11:38-44* (NT 105, LP 128-9)

Sermon "Imagining God!" -Rev. Paul Grenier

Presentation of Tithes/Offering

Offertory "As We Gather at Your Table" - arr. Petersen

***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**

With God all things are possible, so we stand with God and ask for his blessing on our offering in anticipation of the day when the impossible will become possible, where no one shall go hungry or homeless, and all tears will be wiped away!

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

For the wheat whose crushing was for bread; for the bread whose breaking is for life; for life your seemingly endless seed; a seed for wheat, and bread, and life; we thank you O' God! For the fruit whose crushing is for wine; for the wine whose flowing is for blood; for blood whose pouring out is life; our life in you, O' Fruitful Vine. We thank you O' God! For life whose crushing was for love; for love whose spending was to death; for death whose mourning is our joy; full joy, and birth to lasting life! We thank you O' God!

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

Evelyn Gallo, Donna Dietrich, Nic Albadine, Andy Roesler, Allison Daminger, Lynda Ford, the family of Helen Taylor, Sharon Conley, Shirley Murphy, Douglas Hoffman, Michael Allen, Patricia Collins, Phyllis Bullock-Beaufait, Dolores Cheesman and family, Fred & Doris Oltmann, Gary Wriggins, Cathy Russo, Marie Roberts, Deborah McLaverty, Dot Clay, Glenn Raudenbush, Erin Fitzpatrick, Montana Lovelace-LaPierre

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."

the Social Hall – all are welcome!

***Communion Hymn No. 507** “Come to the Table of Grace”

(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

One: Lord God, your holiness surrounds us like a fragrant wind from Mount Zion.

All: **Your spirit has breathed new life into our aging bodies and restored our souls.**

One: We have heard your voice resounding in our hearts and minds.

All: **The good news of the Gospel calls us to follow your righteous paths.**

One: We have tasted your love in this holy meal;

All: **The bitterness of sacrifice, and the sweetness of salvation.**

One: We have seen your grace in the church around us;

All: **In the acceptance of the church, and the forgiveness of our sins.**

One: We have felt your presence in our hearts,

All: **For we live and move in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

***Hymn No. 170** “You Walk along Our Shoreline”

Benediction

Benediction Hymn No. 540 “Farewell, Good Friends!”

“Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends! Shalom, shalom. Till we meet again, till we meet again, shalom, shalom.”

Postlude “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” - arr. Petersen

***** *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

Music Notes 

Today’s prelude is Robert Powell’s 2013 setting of the hymn tune “Morecambe,” originally written in 1870 by Frederick Cook Atkinson and named for a coastal town in northern England. The offertory and postlude are both taken from a 2012 suite of ten organ settings by Lynn L. Petersen. We thank the Sunshine Singers for sharing special music with us this morning.

Happy Birthday to You

April 3 | Dot Blyth



Holy Week Schedule

- **April 9 – Palm Sunday** – Labyrinth walk-through in Social Hall following worship
- **April 13 – Maundy Thursday** – Potluck Dinner in Social Hall from 6-7 PM followed by Worship Service at 7:30 PM in Social Hall
- **April 14 – Good Friday** – Prayer Contemplation, Labyrinth walk-through and Stations of the Cross from 4-7 PM in Social Hall
- **April 15 – Saturday** – Community Easter Breakfast beginning at 9 AM at Pitman Road Church of Christ – 500 Pitman Road (Get your tickets now!)
- **April 16 – Easter Sunday** – Worship Service at 10 AM

This Week | April 2-April 9

Sunday 2	8:30 AM Deacons – Memorial Lounge 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 6 PM Youth Group – Social Hall
Monday 3	7 PM Session – Memorial Lounge
Tuesday 4	6 PM Invitation & Outreach – Memorial Lng.
Wednesday 5	7 PM PNC – Memorial Lounge
Thursday 6	7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday 7	
Saturday 8	9:30 AM PW Core Board – Upstairs Kitchen 10 AM PW Kitchen Cleaning – Social Hall
Sunday 9 	<i>Palm Sunday</i> 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Labyrinth walk-through – SH 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice

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Thank you to our Worship Servers

Communion Servers	Jennifer Hwang, Dave Nicastro, Betsy Wriggins, Barbara Stech
Acolyte	Courage Walker
Liturgist	Sunday School/Linda Richardson
Greeter	Doris Ducat
Ushers	Linda Waller, Karen Daly, Sunday School
Tellers	Glenn Stevick, Steve Langlois, Karen Daly