

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 14, 2017 @ 10 AM – Rev. Paul Grenier

For Prayer & Contemplation

A baby asked God, "They tell me you are sending me to earth tomorrow, but how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?" "Your angel will be waiting for you and will take care of you." The child further inquired, "But tell me, here in heaven I don't have to do anything but sing and smile to be happy." God said, "Your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you. And you will feel your angel's love and be very happy." Again the child asked, "And how am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me if I don't know the language?" God said, "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak." "And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you?" God said, "Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray." "Who will protect me?" God said, "Your angel will defend you even if it means risking its life." "But I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore." God said, "Your angel will always talk to you about me and will teach you the way to come back to me, even though I will always be next to you." At that moment there was much peace in Heaven, but voices from Earth could be heard and the child hurriedly asked, "God, if I am to leave now, please tell me my angel's name." "You will simply call her, 'Mom.'" –*Anonymous*

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude *Sunshine Ringers* – "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" - traditional

Call to Worship

One: God calls us like Eve to help in the creation of a new world.

All: Let us be a loving companion to our brothers and sisters, and a faithful steward of all creation.

One: God calls us like Deborah to judge right from wrong.

All: Let us stand up for justice and protect those in need.

One: God calls us like Mary to be faithful bearers of your word.

All: Let us shine with the light of the Gospel wherever we go.

One: God calls us like Thecla and Phoebe to begin a new kind of church.

All: Let us worship the Lord in a new way on this new day! Amen.

*Hymn No. 324 "For All the Faithful Women"



Prayer of Renewal

God, you are our father and our mother. You have not fed us a diet of shame or shrinking, but with the milk of your truth. You have made us strong and faithful servants of Christ. You fill us with strength and hope, and you invite us to share in the cost and joys of discipleship. We thank you for your nourishing Grace. And as you have promised us joy and peace in this life and in the world to come, we promise to follow your ways and honor you in everything we do.

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 *Sunshine Singers* – "Jesus Loves Me" - arr. Tucker
Linda Richardson, flute

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 Romans 16:1-16 (NT 164-5 | LP 200)

Sermon "Mothers in the Church" –Rev. Paul Grenier

Presentation of Tithes/Offering

Offertory "For All the Faithful Women" - arr. Young

*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

God, bless these tithes and offerings that they may heal and make whole the lives of all your children, and bless those who give and those who long to give, that we may become living stones of mercy, grace, and justice in the house of your creation. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Woody Ewan, the family of Willard Jones, the family of Diane Taylor, Dorothy Richardson, Sabine Roecker, Kelly Graf, Nick Russo, the family of Brittany Foulk, Dave Wible, Shirley Murphy, Evelyn Gallo, Donna Dietrich, Nic Albadine, Andy Roesler, Allison Daminger, Lynda Ford, the family of Helen Taylor, Sharon Conley, 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.

*Hymn No. 633 "Praise Ye the 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 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" - arr. Bingham

**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 Dorothy Owen, given by the Owen Family

Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Acolyte	Matthew Hwang
Liturgists	Sunday School Students/Jim Scanlon
Greeter	Doris Ducat
Ushers	Vicki Downing, Jeff Downing, Sue LaPierre, Peggy Price
Tellers	Dan Enright, Liz Degori, Vicki Downing



Music Notes

Today's music was chosen especially in celebration of Mother's Day. The prelude is based on the tune "Converse," named for its composer, Charles C. Converse, who wrote it in 1868. The offertory is Gordon Young's contemporary setting of the Finnish folk tune "Nyland." The postlude is based on the tune "Boylston," which is used as an alternate setting for the text "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." We thank the Sunshine Ringers and Singers and Linda Richardson for sharing special music with us this morning.

This Week's Birthdays

- May 14 | Drew Staman
- May 15 | Ed Carson
- May 16 | Denny Meudt
- May 17 | Rose Conroy
- May 18 | George Gruber
- May 18 | JoAnna Contarino
- May 19 | Montana Lovelace-LaPierre
- May 21 | Steve Langlois
- May 21 | Brandon Shannon



<i>This Week May 14-21</i>	
Sunday 14	<i>Mother's Day</i> 10 AM Worship
Monday 15	7 PM Session – Memorial Lounge
Tuesday 16	
Wednesday 17	10 AM Joy Circle 1 PM Faith Circle 7 PM Circle of Life 7 PM Pastor Nominating Committee – ML
Thursday 18	9 AM Preschool Spring Sing – Sanctuary 7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday 19	
Saturday 20	<i>Pitman Spring Craft Show</i> 9:30 AM Grace Circle 5 PM Nerfapalooza Returns! – Social Hall
Sunday 21	10 AM Worship 5 PM Jazz Vespers – Sanctuary/Social Hall

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