

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ  
 The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
 Sunday, September 17, 2017 | 10 AM | Rev. Jeanie Collins

**Welcome & Sharing Information** Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

**Prelude** "What Is This Place" - arr. Sedio

**Call to Worship** (*Psalm 103*)

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul!  
**All: And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!**  
 One: Bless the Lord, O my soul!  
**All: And do not forget all God's benefits!**  
 One: God forgives,  
**All: And redeems,**  
 One: Crowns you with love and mercy...  
**All: Renews your youth like the eagle's.**  
 One: We come together to worship and praise!  
**All: Praise the Lord with all you are!**

\***Hymn No. 619** "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

**Unison Prayer for Forgiveness**

We could just accept, but we judge others by those standards we cannot even meet. We could welcome all sisters and brothers, but if they are different or scary, we hold them at contempt's length away from us. We could have patience with family and friends, but tap our feet and drum our fingers until they do what we want. Forgive us all the stupid and mean things we've done, and the times we should have spoken up or acted with love, and we just stepped aside. Hear our silent confessions.

*(Silence is kept.)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

\***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** "Day by Day" - How – Sanctuary 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**

Hebrew text Genesis 50:15-21 OT 48 LP 60  
 From Paul's Letter to the Church in Rome 14:1-12 NT 163 LP 198  
 From the Gospel according to Matthew 18:21-35 NT 20 LP 24-5

**Sermon** Rev. Jeanie Collins

**Presentation of Tithes/Offering**

**Offertory** "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" - Rodriguez

\***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**

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

**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. 384** "Soon and Very Soon"

**Benediction**

**Benediction Hymn No. 62** "Love the Lord Your God"  
 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart. Love the Lord your God with all your soul. Love the Lord your God with all your mind. Love the Lord your God with all that you are."

**Postlude** "All Depends on God's Blessing" - Karg-Elert

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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.



Every Sunday, please join us in the Social Hall following worship service for coffee and fellowship at "Coffee Hour." All are welcome.



Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Acolyte	Ellie Sanker
Liturgist	Karen Daly
Greeters	The Russell Family
Ushers	Sue LaPierre, Dave Nicastro, Denny Meudt, Pat Meudt
Tellers	Jean Brod, Bobbi Wilkins, Bob Webb



# September

## This Week's Birthdays

<b>September 17</b>	Gary Bogardus
<b>September 20</b>	Rosemary Salotti
<b>September 23</b>	Chelsea Johnson
<b>September 24</b>	Treacey Nicastro

*May God bless you on your birthday.*

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## Music Notes

Today's prelude is Mark Sedio's 2017 setting of a hymn first published in the Netherlands in 1626. The anthem is a setting of a famous text attributed to Richard of Chichester. The offertory is Penny Rodriguez' 2003 blend of two hymn tunes, "Quietude" by Harold Green, and "Canonbury" by Robert Schumann. We thank Tyler Cesario and the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.

## This Week's Calendar | September 17-24

<i>Sunday</i> September 17	<b>Family Promise Hosting Week Begins</b> <b>10 AM</b> Worship with Rev. Jeanie Collins <b>11:15 AM</b> Sunshine Singers Practice <b>11:15 AM</b> Christian Ed. Committee – Up Kitchen
<i>Monday</i> September 18	<b>6:30 PM</b> PCoC Community Prayer Service
<i>Tuesday</i> September 19	<b>1 PM</b> Faith Circle – Upstairs Kitchen <b>7 PM</b> Circle of Life – Church Library
<i>Wednesday</i> September 20	
<i>Thursday</i> September 21	<b>7 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal <b>8 PM</b> Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> September 22	
<i>Saturday</i> September 23	<b>Family Promise Hosting Ends</b>
<i>Sunday</i> September 24	<b>10 AM</b> Worship <b>11:15 AM</b> Sunshine Singers Practice <b>5 PM</b> Jazz Vespers – Sanctuary/Social Hall



**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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