

# The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

## World Communion Sunday

### Peace & Global Witness Offering

Sunday, October 7, 2018 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

#### For Prayer & Contemplation

'Everyone who comes in the name of the Lord should be welcomed.'  
— *The Didache*, a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> century text on Christian life and practice

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

#### Prelude

\*Processional Hymn No. 388 "Come, All You People" (repeat 3x)

#### Call to Worship (from *Belonging to God*)

One: Who are you?

All: I am a child of God.

One: Who are we?

All: We are children of God, the family of faith.

One: What does it mean to be children of God?

All: We belong to God who loves us and calls us God's own.  
In life and in death we belong to God.

One: Let us worship God together.

#### Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have tried to keep your blessings for ourselves. We have put up walls around your grace and refused to share it with others.

Forgive us, Lord, and restore us to wholeness in our relationships with each other. Make us disciples who proclaim and share your goodness with all.

#### Moment of Silence

#### Assurance of Forgiveness

One: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit has set you free from the law of sin and death.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

\*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 "Let the Children Come" – Burrows – *Sanctuary Choir*

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

(Children will return during final hymn.)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

#### Scripture

1. Job 2:1-10 OT 454 LP 559

2. Mark 10:2-16 OT 46 LP 56

Sermon "Let Them Come" — *Rev. Drew Harrison*

\*Affirmation of Faith (from *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*)

We believe that we were created to live with God,

who desires the prayers of our hearts.

Our hearts long for God,

for we need God's help and guidance every day.

As Jesus taught us, we call upon God like little children who know that God cares for them and loves them.

We believe that all good things come from God.

Even in our most ordinary needs, God cares for us completely.

We believe that when we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us, we are praising God for being able and willing to do everything we ask in this prayer.

We give ourselves over to God's wise and gracious rule, because we know that God can be trusted to make all things work together for good, now and forever.

#### Invitation to Offering

Offertory "Come, All of You" - Thai folk song, arr. Latva

\*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 whose giving knows no ending, we offer to you our possessions, our skills, and our gifts, in thanksgiving for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Communion

#### Invitation to Communion

#### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Sanctus Hymn No. 328 "Praise God, All You Nations"  
(choir first time, congregation repeats twice)

#### 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

#### 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. Drew Harison*

Communion Hymn No. 770 "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"  
(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

Prayer after Communion (*The Worship Sourcebook*)

O amazing God, you come into our ordinary lives and set a holy table among us, filling our plates with the bread of life and our cups with salvation.

Send us out, O God, with tenderheartedness to touch an ordinary everyday world...

...with the promise of your holiness. Amen.

\***Hymn No. 769** "For Everyone Born"

**\*Benediction**

\***Benediction Hymn No. 838** "Standing on the Promises" verse 4  
 "Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. Standing, standing, standing on the promises, standing on the promises, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, standing on the promises, standing on the promises, I'm standing on the promises of God."

**Postlude** "We Are Marching In the Light of God" - arr. Howarth and Titus

\*\*\*\*\* **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 join us in the Social Hall for Coffee Hour and fellowship. All are welcome.

 <b>This Week's Calendar</b>  October 7-14	
Sunday October 7	8:30 AM Deacons – Memorial Lounge 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice
Monday October 8	Columbus Day 5 PM Youth Group – Social Hall 7 PM Property Meeting – Church Library
Tuesday October 9	6:30 PM Invitation & Outreach – Memorial Lng.
Wednesday October 10	6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Training – Pitman Methodist
Thursday October 11	8 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday October 12	6:30 PM Compline Worship Service (Outdoor; replaces Theology on Tap this week) – Church Front Lawn
Saturday October 13	9:30 AM PW Core Board – Upstairs Kitchen
Sunday October 14	10 AM Worship 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 4:30 PM Confirmation Class – Memorial Lounge

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*"God's Open House"*

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Thank you to our Worship Servers	
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<b>Liturgist</b>	Darlene Jacobson
<b>Greeter</b>	Peggy Price
<b>Ushers</b>	Bev Donofrio, Cathy Russo, Bobbi Wilkins, Karen Daly
<b>Tellers</b>	Ilean Brod, Bobbi Wilkins, Karen Daly



Happy Birthday to...	
October 8	Bobbi Wilkins
October 8	Mitchell Conley
October 9	Rev. Paul Grenier
October 9	Ginnie Mitchell
October 13	Steve Riggs
October 14	Pete Vignola, Jr.



*Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM*

-  Communion on the first Sunday of the month
-  Sunday School each week from 10:20-11:05 AM



**Sanctuary Flowers**

Today's Sanctuary Flowers are given by the Donofrio family in memory of Salvatore & Marie D'Onofrio.

**Music Notes**

Today's offertory is based on a Thai folk tune called "Soi Son Tud," from a 2008 collection of Asian organ music by Milwaukee composer Jayne Latva. The anthem is Mark Burrows' 2017 setting of a Swahili text, "Waacheni watoto waje kwangu" (Let the children come to me). We thank the Sanctuary Choir and percussionists Maggie Carson, Matthew Hwang, and Jacob Hwang for sharing special music with us this morning.