

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 23, 2019 • 10 AM • Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

"We are in the dark preliminary stages of a new humanity, together. Imagine! my brother in prison, myself on the run, our friends here and there (in prison, on the run), and in every city in between. Thus, all of us are enabled, in an utterly new way, to probe and ponder the new forms of community, the questions about the future, the usefulness and joy and hope that may arise from this... Am I suffering delusions, or can others see with me the stunning opportunity that opens like a grace before us?"
--Daniel Berrigan, *The Dark Night of Resistance*

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude "Immortal, Invisible" - arr. Sims

Call to Worship

One: We give you thanks this day, O Lord,
for the week that has passed,
and the new dawn that you have set before us.

**All: If the Lord had not been my help,
my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence.**

One: We give you thanks this day, O Lord,
for the way that you sustain us
in long journeys.

**All: When I thought, 'My foot is slipping',
your steadfast love, O Lord, held me up.**

One: We give you thanks this day, O Lord,
that we can set our burdens down
in your presence.

**All: When the cares of my heart are many,
your consolations cheer my soul.**

One: We give you thanks and gather together
to praise and rejoice in your steadfast faithfulness,
that have brought us thus far,
and will lead us to new heights.

All: Let us worship God.

***Hymn No. 12** "Immortal, Invisible"

Prayer of Confession

God of boundless hope, we are more scared, tired, and lonely than we like to admit. We are afraid to stand up for what is right. We are tired of working for changes that do not come. We fill our lives with things we do not need.

Forgive us, Lord, and reveal your kingdom in our lives. Sustain us when the work is hard. Fill the emptiness in our lives with your love, so that your grace flows out from us like an everflowing stream.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone,
a new life has begun!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***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**

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Special Music "Simple Gifts" - arr. Larson
Ed Mitchell and Marilyn Rabbai, piano duet

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

1st Reading: Galatians 3:23-29 NT 189 LP 230-1

2nd Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-15 NT 326 LP 404-5

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "The Long Journey" — *Rev. Drew Harrison*

***Affirmation of Faith** (*A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and

neighbor, and binds us together with all believers

in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit

who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage...

to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and
Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice" - arr. Near

***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**

Lord, we give you thanks for all your gifts. Accept these gifts and teach us to be as generous as you are with what we have.

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.

Teacher Appreciation

***Hymn No. 163** "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"

***Benediction**

***Benediction Hymn No. 539** "We Will Go Out With Joy" *verse 1 only*

Postlude "Immortal, Invisible" -arr. Ashdown

***** *Please stand as you are able.* *****



Worship Helpers

<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Liturgist	Barry Owen
Greeter	Judy Reed
Ushers	Denny Meudt, Pat Meudt, Renee Sheridan, Linda Waller
Tellers	Bev Donofrio, Liz Degori, Bobbi Wilkins
Coffee Hour Hosts	Linda Davis & Gene Cressman



Music Notes

Today's prelude is David Sims' 2017 setting of a hymn tune named "St. Denio," adapted from a Welsh folk melody from the early 19th century. The offertory is Gerald Near's adaptation of the tune "Aberystwyth," originally composed by Joseph Parry (1841-1903). We thank Ed Mitchell for sharing special music with us this morning.



<i>This Week's Calendar</i>	
June 23-30	
<i>Sunday</i> June 23	Family Promise Hosting Week Begins 10 AM Worship 11:15 AM New Member Class – Church Library 11:30 AM Stephen Ministry – Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Monday</i> June 24	6:15 PM Liturgical Music Meeting – Up Kitchen 7:15 PM Worship Committee – Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Tuesday</i> June 25	
<i>Wednesday</i> June 26	8 AM Board of Trustees – Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Thursday</i> June 27	
<i>Friday</i> June 28	
<i>Saturday</i> June 29	10 AM Visitation with George Gruber's Family – Sanctuary 11:30 AM Celebration of Life for George Gruber/Luncheon to Follow – Sanctuary/Social Hall
<i>Sunday</i> June 30	Family Promise Hosting Week Concludes 10 AM Worship

Birthday Blessings



<i>This Week's Birthdays</i>	
June 25	Patrick Bergeron
June 27	Tom Kowalik
June 29	Bruce Roesler
June 29	Molly Fitzpatrick
June 30	Kathie Daly

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Sunday Worship Service @ 10 AM

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