The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

6th Sunday of Easter • The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Sunday, May 9, 2021 • 10 AM • Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer and Contemplation

Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?
— *Abraham Lincoln*

Welcome & Sharing Information   Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude   "Variations on 'Veni Creator Spiritus' Theme and Fanfare"
(Come, Holy Ghost) - Briggs
Linda Davis, Marilyn Rabbai - organ duet

Call to Worship

One: Holy Spirit, fall afresh on us, give us rest—
All: Rest from our labors, rest from our weariness, rest from our worries.
One: Holy Spirit, fall afresh on us, give us peace—
All: Peace in our nation, peace in our homes, peace in our hearts.
One: Holy Spirit, fall afresh on us, give us inspiration—
All: Inspire us to serve, inspire us to dream, inspire us to hope.
One: Spirit of God, we come into this place seeking refuge in you. Grant us rest and peace. Fill us with your Spirit, and inspire us again with your word. Amen.

*Hymn No. 278   "Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire"

Prayer of Confession   (*BCW*)

O Lord our God,
you call us to work for a world
where all will be fed and have dignity,
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.
You call us to seek justice and peace,
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.
You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,
but we do not insist on freedom for all.

Forgive us, O Lord,
Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,
so that all may know your justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance

One: "How could I forget you," says the Lord?
        "I made you, you are mine.
        I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud,
        and your sins like mist.
        Return to me, for I have redeemed you."
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Hymn No. 591   "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

"Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!"

*Passing of Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

Time with Children

Baptism & Welcoming New Members

Drew, April, and Jack Staman

One: As many of you were baptized into Christ
        have clothed yourselves with Christ.
All: There is no longer Jew or Greek,
        there is no longer slave or free,
        there is no longer male and female;
        for all are one in Christ Jesus...
One: ...there is one body and one Spirit,
        just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
All: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
        one God and Father of all,
        who is above all and through all and in all.
One: ...together with the whole church, let us confess our faith:
All: I believe in God, the Father, almighty,
        creator of heaven and earth.

        I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
        who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
        born of the Virgin Mary,
        suffered under Pontius Pilate,
        was crucified, died, and was buried;
        he descended to the dead.
        On the third day he rose again;...

        he ascended into heaven,
        he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
        and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

        I believe in the Holy Spirit,
        the holy catholic church,
        the communion of saints,
        the forgiveness of sins,
        the resurrection of the body,
        and the life everlasting. Amen.
One: ...with joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into the body of Christ.
All: Alleluia! Amen!

Scripture   Acts 10:44-48   (NT 130 • LP 158)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon   "From the Margins to the Center" - *Rev. Drew Harrison*

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

*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

Eternal God, creator of the world, and giver of all good. We thank you for the earth, our home, and for the gift of life. We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ, who brought us healing and redemption. We give our gifts and ourselves to you, in joyful thanks and praise. Amen.

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.

*<u>**Hymn No. 285**</u>   "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

*<u>**Benediction**</u>

*<u>**Benediction Hymn No. 240**</u> (v2)   "Alleluia, Alleluia"
"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Give praise to his name. Spread the good news o'er all the earth. Jesus has died and has risen. Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Give praise to his name.

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

WELCOME
to Our Newest Members!

Thank you to our Worship Servers
Liturgist
Bev Ballard
Ushers
John Fitzpatrick
Renee Sheridan

Music Notes

Today's prelude is a pairing of two movements from David Briggs' 2016 set of variations on a 9th century Sarum plainsong. Veni Creator Spiritus is one of the most popular chants still being sung in churches today. David Briggs is an English organist and composer, currently serving as Artist-in-Residence at St. John the Divine in New York City, who is famed for his improvisations.

This Week

This Week's Calendar • May 9-16	
Sunday May 9	**10 AM** Worship Service
Monday May 10	**7 PM** Property Committee **7 PM** Worship Committee Meeting **8 PM** Compline
Tuesday May 11	**7 PM** Invitation & Outreach Committee **8 PM** Compline
Wednesday May 12	**8 PM** Compline
Thursday May 13	**8 PM** Compline
Friday May 14	**7 PM** Theology on Tap **8 PM** Compline
Saturday May 15	**9:30 AM** Grace Circle
Sunday May 16	**10 AM** Worship Service **11:15 AM** Christian Ed. Committee

happy mother's day

A Mother is a blessing from God

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Sunday Worship Service