

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 13, 2021 • 10 AM • Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer and Contemplation

“The future is dark, which is on the whole, the best thing the future can be, I think.” - *Virginia Woolf*

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “Children of the Heavenly Father” - arr. Larson
Tyler Bell Choir

Call to Worship

One: God you are our refuge.

All: **You are the shore in sight,
you are the hands that reach out,
you are the ground on which to rest.**

One: God, you are our strength.

All: **You are the life we long for,
you are the refusal to give up,
you are the keys of home we carry with us.**

One: God, you are our help in times of trouble.

All: **We call on you from the ruins and the rubble,
we call on you from the wildness and the deep.
We call on you to meet us in this place!**

*Hymn No. 767 “Together We Serve”

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
we are worn out.
We have felt hopeless, afraid, and alone.
And we have been unkind,
in a thousand ways,
to those you love.

Hold us, God.
Open our eyes to the possibilities you set before us.
Forgive us for what we have done,
and what we have failed to do.
And fill us with your light,
that we might offer the same kindness to each other.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance

One: God never gives up on us.
Instead, God invites us into new life in Christ.
In Him, all things are made new.
All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*Hymn No. 591 “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”
“Halle, halle, hallelujah!
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Hallelujah! Hallelujah!”

*Passing of Peace

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

Time with Children

Scripture Joel 2:26-32 (OT 848 • LP 1039)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “The Future is Dark” - *Rev. Drew Harrison*

*Affirmation of Faith (*Heidelberg Catechism*)

**Our only comfort, in life and death,
is that we belong—
body and soul, in life and in death—
not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior,
Jesus Christ,
who at the cost of his own blood
has fully paid for all our sins
and has completely freed us
from the dominion of the devil;
that he protects us so well
that without the will of our Father in heaven
not a hair can fall from our heads;
indeed, that everything must fit his purpose
for our salvation.
Therefore, by his Holy Spirit,
he also assures us of eternal life,
and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

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

**Thank you for the air we breathe, the water we drink, and
the food we eat. Thank you for families that we can share
with in good and bad, and for strangers who become
friends. Thank you for the new world you are building
among us. In hope, we offer these gifts to share in your
work. 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.**

*Hymn No. 761 “Called As Partners in Christ's Service”

*Benediction

*Benediction Hymn No. 240 (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.”

Postlude “Welcome Table” - arr. Corl

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

Thank you to our Worship Servers

Liturgist
Carol Owens

Ushers
John Fitzpatrick
Darlene Powell



This Week's Calendar

June 13-20

<i>Sunday</i> June 13	10 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM "Who Will Be a Witness?" - Agape Room/Upstairs Kitchen
<i>Monday</i> June 14	7 PM Property Committee 8 PM Compline
<i>Tuesday</i> June 15	8 PM Compline
<i>Wednesday</i> June 16	10 AM Joy Circle 1 PM Faith Circle 6:30 PM "Who Will Be a Witness?" - Zoom 7 PM Circle of Life 8 PM Compline
<i>Thursday</i> June 17	8 PM Compline
<i>Friday</i> June 18	8 PM Compline
<i>Saturday</i> June 19	9:30 AM Grace Circle 3 PM Blue Jeans in the Grove: Drew Hart - Sunset Auditorium, Laurel Ave.
<i>Sunday</i> June 20	<i>Father's Day</i> 10 AM Worship Service - Cole Lacy Scholarship Awards



Music Notes

Today's prelude is Llyod Larson's 2020 arrangement of "Tryggare Kan Ingen Vara," a beloved Swedish folk hymn. It is scored for 2-octave handbells and piano. The postlude is Matthew Corl's 2020 interpretation of an African American spiritual. We thank the Tyler Bell Choir for sharing special music with us today, and for their contributions to our worship services throughout this past year.



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Sunday Worship Service