

For Prayer & Contemplation

‘...we do not have to despair because life is so brief, but we must not pretend to more because we are so great. Because we are both small and great, we have discerned a mystery and meaning beyond our smallness and our greatness, and a justice and a love which completes our incompleteness, which corrects our judgments, and which brings the whole story to a fulfillment beyond our power to fulfill any story.’

-Reinhold Niebuhr

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude “O God, You Have Called Us”

Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette - *Sanctuary Choir*

Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord!

Praise God in the sanctuary;
Praise God at work and at play, at home and at rest.
Praise God for all God has done for us!
praise God’s greatness and love!

**All: Praise God with trumpets and cymbals,
Praise God with singing and dancing,
Praise God with everything we have!**

One: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord!

*Hymn No. 754 “Help Us Accept Each Other”

Prayer of Confession (From *The Worship Sourcebook*)

**Triune God,
we praise you as the God of love and life.
Though Jesus prayed that we would be one,
we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other
and with you.**

**We break our communion through hostile words
and unkind actions.**

We long for your Spirit to heal us and to correct us.

**We long for you to help us experience communion
with you and with each other as we gather around your Word.**

**Even now, dependent on your grace, we commit ourselves to live
more fully in the unity you desire.**

Through Christ, our Lord.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance (Adapted from Isaiah 44:21-22)

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.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

*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

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

First Reading: *Psalms 91:9-16*

Old Testament PG 548, Large Print 674

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 12:12-31*

New Testament PG 174, Large Print 212

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “A Piece of the Puzzle” - Rev. Drew Harrison

*Affirmation of Faith (Apostle’s Creed)

**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.**

Invitation to Offering

*Offering Hymn No. 710 “We Lift Our Voices”

**“We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to
you: we are offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our
hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we
give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices; we lift our
hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are offering; we are
offering.”**

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Gracious God, your gifts are more than we deserve. We give
you our thanks as we offer up our gifts. Accept them, bless
them, and let them serve your kingdom as we do. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

*The family of Sandra, the family of Gerald & Constance, Meg,
Gorman, Heather, Jeff, Joanna, Timmy, Dorothy, Sara, Jim, David,
Ted, William, Mimi, Rachael, Laura, Russell, Phyllis, Aaron, Nic,
Douglas*

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. 302 “When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace”

***Benediction**

***Benediction Hymn No. 541** (v.1)

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

“God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.”

Postlude “O Waly Waly” (When Fingers Trace) - arr. Diemer

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

<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Liturgist	Bev Ballard
Ushers	Bev Donofrio, Bobbi Wilkins
Acolyte	Kendall Wichart
Coffee Hr. Hosts	The Hwang Family



Music Notes

Today’s prelude is a new hymn text by our former co-pastor, Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, set to the tune “To God Be the Glory,” written by William Howard Doane in 1875. The new words were written to commemorate the establishment of the Presbytery For Southern New Jersey, and will be part of a Presbytery-wide celebration on October 31 (Reformation Sunday). The postlude is Emma Lou Diemer’s 1993 arrangement of the English folk melody “O Waly Waly.” This tune serves as the basis for another Carolyn Winfrey Gillette text, “When Fingers Trace,” featured as hymn #302 in the Presbyterian Hymnal. Ms. Diemer is still actively composing and will turn 94 this November. We thank the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.

<i>This Week’s Calendar</i> October 17-24	
<i>Sunday</i> October 17	10 AM Worship Service 11 AM Bible Study – Agape Room/Virtual 1 PM CROP Hunger Walk – East New Street Park, Glassboro
<i>Monday</i> October 18	
<i>Tuesday</i> October 19	6 PM Youth Group – Outside (ML if bad weather)
<i>Wednesday</i> October 20	10 AM Joy Circle 1 PM Faith Circle 6:30 PM Girl Scouts – Social Hall 7 PM Circle of Life
<i>Thursday</i> October 21	6 PM Youth Group – Outside (ML if bad weather) 7 PM Christian Education Committee Meeting
<i>Friday</i> October 22	
<i>Saturday</i> October 23	
<i>Sunday</i> October 24	10 AM Worship Service 11 AM Bible Study – Agape Room/Virtual

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21st Sunday after Pentecost
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