



First Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 21, 2020 at 10:00

We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Hymn Selections

Sharing the Peace *(Let us bless one another with the peace of Christ.)*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Be gracious to us, O God, for to you we cry.

All: We call on you in the midst of trouble. We know you will answer us.

Leader: Gladden our souls, O Lord. We lift up our souls to you.

All: Turn to us. Be gracious to us. Give us your strength.

Leader: There is no one like you, for you alone are God. Let us join our hearts and voices to worship the Lord!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will for us. We betray our neighbors and desert our friends, and run in fear when we should be loyal. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. God, have mercy on us. Lead us once more to table, and once more, unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace, to whom be praise forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends believe the good news of the Gospel: God does not love us *when* we change, God loves us so that we *can* change. The old life is gone, and the new Life has begun.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

We Listen to the Word

Scripture

Genesis 21: 8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting

it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Sermon

"Dare to Look"

Rev. Nikki Passante

We Respond in Faith

Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Lord, make us instruments of your peace

Where there is hatred, let us sow love

Where there is injury, pardon

Where there is doubt, faith

Where there is despair, hope

Where there is darkness, light

And where there is sadness, joy

O Divine Master, grant that we may

Not so much seek to be consoled as to console

To be understood, as to understand

To be loved, as to love

For it is in giving that we receive

And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned

And it's in dying that we are born to Eternal Life

Benediction

Postlude

Hymn Selections



WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN HADDONFIELD ONLINE! We are happy to have you with us wherever you are. We all are the church for each other, even when we're apart. Please be in touch with us if you have news to share or would like more information or to talk to a pastor. Contact information below.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO THE CONGREGATION:

Out of an abundance of caution for those who have been conducting worship on Sunday morning, this week's worship service will look different. After conferring with session and staff, music staff was asked not to participate this Sunday out of the need to have as few people in the Sanctuary as possible. Please be assured that next Sunday we will return to our 'regular' format. Pastor Nikki will be playing piano for both the prelude and postlude, and she asks that everyone be sure to be masked and practice social distancing in your everyday lives, because she assures us you do not want her playing piano regularly!

In that same vein of safety and concern, the drive-thru after worship for both your monetary and food contributions will be structured differently as well. Warren Pross will continue to be available, but he will

be inside his car. When you pull up, you will put your monetary contributions in the basket, and any food contributions you will need to place into Rose's trunk, or as Warren directs from a distance. Please wear your mask and all contact must be limited.

Please continue in a gracious spirit of flexibility as we continue to navigate a variety of necessary changes for your health and safety.

May the peace of Christ guide your understanding through these destabilizing times!

*In Christ's Service,
Nikki Passante and Peter Leibensperger*

WE WELCOME PASTOR DOUG GERDTS TO OUR STAFF TOMORROW, JUNE 22! Read about our new transitional pastor [here](#). Doug's FPCH email address is doug@haddonfieldpres.org.

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN'S SUNDAY PARTICIPATION – Each week our youth director emails out a story and activities for our friends in Preschool through 2nd grade. Contact Gab Heimerling, gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org, to get on the email list. Resources can also be accessed on the website.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING UP YOUR DRIVE-THROUGH DONATIONS! You are helping to sustain many of our neighbors. **Continuing needs** are peanut butter, tuna, pasta, sauce, adult diapers – medium or large, feminine hygiene pads, bar soap, and toothpaste. Pet supplies are back on the list: dog food, cat food, and cat litter. And don't forget grocery bags, especially paper. Thank you for your love and caring! (For online giving, use <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteri11244/Give>.)

PASTOR NIKKI'S ZOOM BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES – Pastor Nikki will be holding a Zoom Bible Study Thursdays from 7:00pm – 8:00pm to study the Gospel of Mark. **You don't need a special invitation.** This link will work every week, no password needed: us02web.zoom.us/j/87502910885. Join Nikki for a time of fellowship and discussion!

OUR PANDEMIC FAMILY GROUP MEETS THIS WEEK! This is a small group geared towards parents and young couples where we share our stories and struggles with scripture in hand. We will meet in 3-week blocks with a break in between. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 24th, and we will meet on July 1st and July 8th respectively, at 8:00 on Zoom. Contact Gab Heimerling for the link: gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org. You are welcome to join us anytime you like – if you just need to talk, to be around other people, to pray or to hear how others are coping – you are invited.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE CHURCH BUILDING IS CLOSED – No one should enter the building. If a staff member has given you permission to be there, you must wear a mask and gloves.

THE JUSTICE AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE HAD COMPILED A LIST OF RESOURCES FOR ADDRESSING RACISM – the list is on our website [here](#) and is available on the list of Resources on Realm. We welcome your reading and listening recommendations. Send an email to Becky Bryan, rebeccabryan@me.com, chair of the JAC.

THE DEACONS NEED YOUR SUPPORT! The Deacons thank you all for your support and continue to ask for your help during this time. Your contributions are greatly beneficial to the Deacon's as the funds go towards families in need, Deacon scholarships, and the faith-based organizations within our church community including: AIDS ministry, Caring Hearts, Interfaith Care Givers, UrbanPromise, Feed My Starving Children, IHOC, Women's Prison Ministry, St. Wilfrid's, Guatemala Milk Project, and Mission Trips. Your contributions help us meet the needs of these deserving organizations, and that is why we ask for your assistance. Thank you and we greatly appreciate all of your help. Stay safe and healthy!

THE FPCH BLOG HAS RETURNED! Over the next several weeks, staff members will be contributing. Go to <http://www.haddonfieldpres.org/blog.aspx> This week Peter Leibenspreger asks “What is the most difficult prayer for you to pray right now?”

FOLLOW THE CHURCH ON INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK – We are sharing activities, photos, inspirational messages, and links to interesting articles. Instagram: fpch_1906 and Facebook: @FirstPresbyNJ

*Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.
Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.
You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all day long.
Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.
Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my cry of supplication.
In the day of my trouble I call on you,
for you will answer me.
Psalm 86:1-7*



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