



First Presbyterian Church

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 19, 2020 at 10:00

We Gather to Worship God

PRELUDE

Rubrics “The Peace May Be Exchanged”— Dan Locklair

Mark Cole

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

Doug Gerdts and Nikki Passante

OPENING SENTENCES

from Psalm 8

Peter Leibensperger

One: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: You have set your glory above the heavens.

One: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

All: the moon and the stars that you have established;

One: what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

All: Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

MUSIC

Meditations on IN BABILONE “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” (page 6 below)

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Siblings in Christ all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. We did not receive a spirit of captivity to fall back into fear, but we have received a spirit of adoption. Let us then confess our sin with the freedom of children who know how deeply they are loved.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, your creatures cry—creation groans—but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise.

We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility:

we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy.

It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference.

Life-giving God, wash us clean.

Restore our imaginations and our hearts.

Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing,

for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Sisters and brothers, hear the word of the Lord. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God says unequivocally, irrevocably: you are my own; you are forgiven; and I need you to be about my business in the world.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free to begin life anew. Amen!

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

We Listen to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: Holy One, you love with a father's tenderness, a mother's zeal. Move now in our hearts. Breathe through the words we hear, the songs we share, the burdens we carry, until we discover our purpose in your liberating love, for we long to join creation's praise. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

One: Holy wisdom, holy word.

All: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S GREETING

ANTHEM

Adagio in g minor — R. Giazotto

Tina Edmonston, cello

SERMON

"We Wear the Mask"

Dr. Gerdts

We Respond in Faith

MUSIC

Meditations on EAST ACKLAM "For the Fruit of All Creation"

(page 7 below)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude on LOBE DEN HERREN — John S. Dixon

Mark Cole, organ



WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN HADDONFIELD ONLINE! God is present wherever people gather—even virtually. Please be in touch if you have news to share or would like more information or to talk to a pastor. Contact information is below.

DEACONS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS – Last week, scholarship recipients were announced. Here is some information about these accomplished graduates. Congratulations!

Payton Anderson – Payton describes the Mission trips as her most meaningful faith experiences, where she could have a positive impact on other people’s lives. Being part of our church has taught her to be more open to other people’s ideas. Payton has participated in choirs and bells for many years and is planning to go to the University of South Florida.

Carson Grabowski – Carson was the first person who was baptized by Pastor Bill Getman at First Pres and he has been engaged in church life ever since. He has been teaching Sunday School for the Pre-K and Kindergarten Class together with his grandparents for the last three years and has taught vacation bible school even longer. His patience with the little kids, and his kindness and empathy are remarkable. Carson is planning on studying at Rutgers, Camden.

Delaney McGlade – Delaney is very mature and dedicated and has participated actively in many aspects of the life of our church. Most notably she was selected to be on our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee where she spent over one year in this discernment process, making thoughtful contributions. Delaney has also been a vital part of our music program, talent shows, youth services, youth group and, last but not least, mission trips. She is planning to attend Kean University.

Victoria Wilson – Tori was active mainly in the children’s choirs and bell choir and describes how Confirmation Class helped her explore her relationship with God, deepen her faith and build relationships with the other confirmands. She is planning to attend Elon University.

MUSIC NOTES FOR JULY 19:

Prelude – Rubrics

Rubrics: A Liturgical Suite for Organ in Five Movements was composed in the spring of 1988, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, by Dan Locklair. The work was commissioned by the Organ Artists Series of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for their tenth anniversary year celebration. Culminating on April 16, 1989, the world premiere of *Rubrics* was performed by the American organist, Mary Preston. The title for each movement comes from the *Book of Common Prayer’s* rubrics or instructions for the rites and services in the Episcopal Church. The movement “The Peace may be exchanged” (from “Thanksgiving for a Child,” *BCP* page 445) is a lyrical aria, featuring a solo stop color accompanied by strings and double pedal throughout, and is based in D major.

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

This hymn text was written by Frederick W. Faber (1814–1863) who was raised in a Calvinistic, Huguenot family. Faber chose to serve in the Roman Catholic Church in 1845, but he believed that Roman Catholics should sing hymns like those written by John Newton, Charles Wesley, and William Cowpe. He wrote 150 hymns in pursuit of this goal. The tune, IN BABILONE, is a traditional Dutch melody written by Julius Rontgen (1855–1932). Rontgen studied music in Leipzig until he moved to Amsterdam in 1877. There, he taught at the Amsterdam Conservatory, and in 1886, he became the conductor of the Society for the Advancement of Musical Art. He was a friend of leading composers of his day, including Liszt, Brahms, and Grieg.

Anthem Adagio in g minor — R. Giazotto

The Adagio in G minor is a neo-Baroque composition originally written for strings and organ, but Mark Cole and Tina Edmonston will play an arrangement for piano and cello. This work is commonly attributed to the 18th-century Venetian master, Tomaso Albinoni (1671–1751), but it was actually composed by the 20th-century musicologist, Remo Giazotto (1910–1998), purportedly based on a newly discovered manuscript fragment written by Albinoni. Modern musicologists still debate whether the alleged fragment was real or a musical hoax perpetrated by Giazotto.

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

Francis Jackson (b. 1917) wrote EAST ACKLAM in 1957 at York Minster Abbey, where he had a long and distinguished career as organist and music master. The tune’s name refers to the hamlet northeast of York, England, where Jackson lived since 1982. In our arrangement, Tina Edmonston will play the melody on verse one and then will premiere a new descant on verse three. We hope you enjoy!

Postlude – “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” is a hymn based on Joachim Neanders’s German hymn “Lobe den Herren,” published in 1680. The melody used by Neander, published in 1665, exists in many versions and is based on a folk tune. The text paraphrases Psalm 103 and Psalm 150. In 1863, Catherine Winkworth published her English translation of Neander’s hymn.

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN’S SUNDAY PARTICIPATION – Each week Youth Director Gab Heimerling emails out a story and activities for friends in preschool through 2nd grade. Contact her at gheimerling@haddonfieldpres.org to get on the email list. Resources can also be accessed on the website.

DRIVE-THROUGH OFFERING continues in the church parking lot each week between 11 and noon on Sunday mornings. (For online giving, use <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteri1244/Give.>)

THANKS FOR THE BOTTLED WATER! Last Sunday, 19 cases of water were dropped off to share with Cathedral Kitchen. You all are amazing! We are still accepting donations of bottled water, any size and any quantity from a 6-pack to a case. Bring to church drive-through or drop off on Ed Hess’s porch: 15 W. Mt. Vernon Ave., Haddonfield.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING UP YOUR DRIVE-THROUGH DONATIONS!

A note from Jill Mascena – and a new request for fans and dehumidifiers:

*In addition to peanut butter, tuna, pasta, sauce, Mac n cheese, adult diapers-medium and large, hygiene pads, soap, toothpaste... We need paper grocery bags, newspaper bags, and **fans and dehumidifiers**. These may be dropped off at the drive through after church each Sunday (11-12) or in the bin behind Grace Church anytime. It is emptied daily at 4 p.m. Check the website: opendoorcliniccamden.org!*

Some of the people who are so thankful for the weekly food gifts that they have been helping with the outdoor yard work! God at work. Some of the regular volunteers are even learning Spanish from them!

And, if you want to volunteer in some way from home-we can always use more peanut butter n jelly sandwiches as we give them out with the bags and produce big grins! Call Jill Mascena. 856-428-7342 for more info on anything!

YOU make a difference!

ARE YOU SIGNED UP FOR THE WEEKLY EMAIL? Each Thursday, church news, calendar, and information are emailed to all members and interested parties. Doug and Anne did their best to get everyone included on the email list, but we know a couple of you were missed. If you didn’t receive this week’s news, check your junk mail. If it’s not there, send Anne or Doug an email and you will be added to the list. The email is being sent via Mailchimp, return address is support@haddonfieldpres.org.

PASTOR NIKKI'S ZOOM BIBLE STUDY – Pastor Nikki's Thursday Bible study continues its exploration of the Gospel of Mark. Discussions take place on Thursdays at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Here is the [link](#). Join Nikki at any time for fellowship and discussion!

TUESDAY A.M. BIBLE STUDY WITH DOUG IS ON VACATION THIS WEEK – Check back next week for Doug's weekly Zoom conversation about the following Sunday's scripture reading.

THE PORCH BIBLE STUDY will meet on Zoom at 7 p.m. on July 22. We will take August off and resume on Wednesday, September 16th. We will continue working through Pastor Max Lucado's study: "Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name." If anyone would like Kristin Carberry to add them to our Zoom email list, they should contact Deb Nussbaum at debranussbaum1987@gmail.com.

FAMILY PANDEMIC REBOOT! The Family Pandemic Group will resume its meeting cycle starting on July 29th at 8:00 p.m., with a new direction. We will be doing a book study on Brené Brown's *The Gifts of Imperfection*.

One of the most powerful mandates of Jesus is to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. While we've been taught much about loving our neighbor, we have learned little about loving ourselves. Self-love is not 'selfish,' but necessary if we are going to live the life that our Creator designed for us. Our study together will help us grow in discerning the difference between selfishness and self-love, provide tools to engage in practices that exhibit self-love, and most importantly – we will learn how to unhook ourselves from the oppressive structure of perfectionism.

If you would like to attend please e-mail Gab Heimerling who will provide the zoom link. Purchasing the book is recommended – it can be found for \$8.97 on Amazon. If cost is an issue we are happy to supplement. Questions? More information? Please contact Gab Heimerling or Pastor Nikki.

THIS WEEK'S FPCH BLOG – Staff blog posts continue. This week, Rebecca Mannion reflects on gratitude. Go to <http://www.haddonfieldpres.org/blog.aspx>



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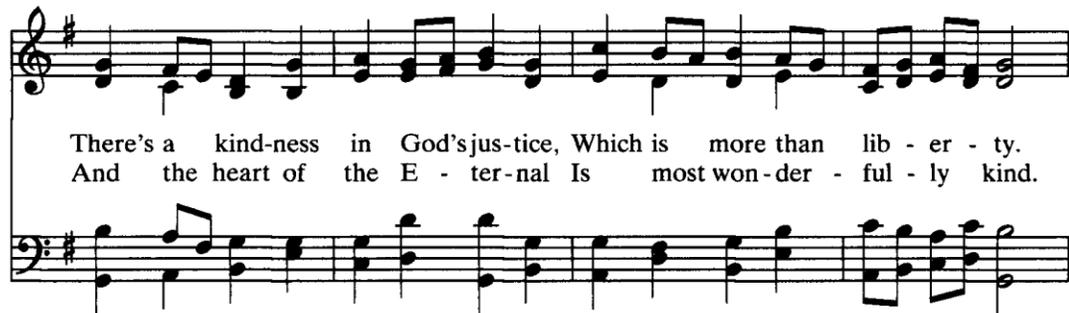
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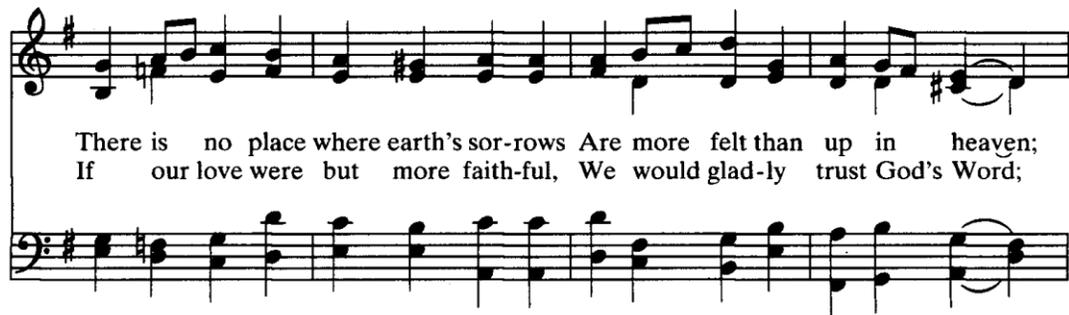
Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)

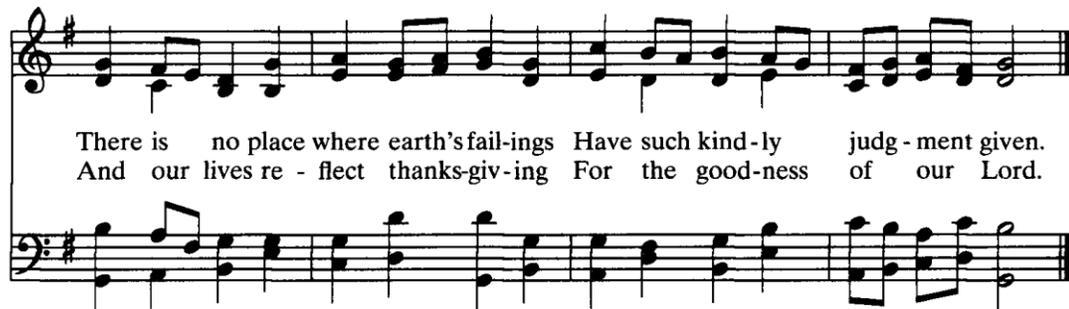

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures of the mind;



There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.
And the heart of the E - ter-nal Is most won - der - ful - ly kind.



There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, We would glad-ly trust God's Word;



There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind-ly judg - ment given.
And our lives re - flect thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.

For the Fruit of All Creation

EAST ACKLAM 8.4.8.4.8.8.8.4

Fred Pratt Green, 1970

Francis Jackson, 1957



1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.

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For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, Thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God.

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For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that still con - found us,

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Fu - ture needs in earth's safe keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
 In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 Most of all that love has found us, Thanks be to God.