



First Presbyterian Church

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

August 2, 2020 at 10:00

During this service, we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. You are invited to bring to worship whatever bread and drink you have available in your home to join us in Communion, trusting that God can do mysterious and miraculous things with ordinary objects like bread and juice and in ordinary places like our own homes.

We Gather to Worship God

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on "O Bread of Life from Heaven" — Franklin D. Ashdown
Mark Cole, organ

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

Doug Gerdts and Nikki Passante

OPENING SENTENCES

Peter Leibensperger

One: God meets us in our greatest need and satisfies us with divine presence and provision.

All: In gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God.

MUSIC

Meditations on FOUNDATION "How Firm a Foundation"

(page 7 below)

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: The promise of our faith is this: for all who call out in truth, God is near.

Therefore let us honestly confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of justice and mercy, we admit that we are not always free of deceit.

We are fooled by the false promises of the world into pursuing things that do not truly nourish us. Hear our cry and save us, dear God, in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Here is good news for everyone:

God is gracious, merciful, abounding in steadfast love, and gives us forgiveness and grace.

We do not have to earn it with sacrifice because it is a free gift from a generous God!

Friends, believe and trust in this good news of the Gospel.

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: Providing God, by your Holy Spirit feed us with your Word, that we might be filled with the bread of life. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

One: Holy wisdom, holy word.

All: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S GREETING**SERMON**

"Walking in with the Cake"

Dr. Gerdts

ANTHEM

"Panis Angelicus" (Bread of Angels) — César Franck
Kelly Leibensperger, soprano

We Respond in Faith

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

A Celtic liturgy designed by John Philip Newell

Great Creator Spirit, from whom all life comes forth: here we gather again with bread and juice seeking your presence, longing once more to be nourished, hungering for wholeness in our lives, for unity on earth and for peace among the nations.

Here we gather with bread and with juice, but with more than bread and juice.

With everything that we see and sense around us, with visible and invisible energies that pulse with life, we join our souls in the song that vibrates throughout the whole of creation.

Into our brokenness came the memory of wholeness.

Into our sickness came the medicine of grace.

Into our fear came the revelation of love.

Christ born among us,

One of us,

Child of heaven,

Son of womankind,

Bearer of forgiveness,

Healer of our nature,

Restorer of wisdom,

Liberator of the oppressed,

Rejected by the religious,

Scorned by the state,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Heart of humanity,

Soul of creation,

Lamb of God.

Come upon us with your Holy Spirit, O God, and upon this bread and this juice, that they may be vibrant with your presence, nurturing what is deepest within us, and making us again one body.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ.

Hear us now, O God, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us:

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.

Distribution of the Elements

Breaking of the Bread

For in the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to God, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me!"

Pouring of the Cup

In the same way, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and after giving thanks, gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This cup is the new covenant sealed with my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

MUSIC Meditations on LINSTEAD “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” (page 8 below)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “For the Beauty of the Earth” — Jason W. Krug Mark Cole, piano



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 below.

MUSIC NOTES FOR AUGUST 2:

Prelude: Choral Prelude on “O Bread of Life from Heaven” – Franklin D. Ashdown

O Bread of Life from Heaven (INNSBRUCK) was composed by Heinrich Isaac (1450-1517). Isaac was a Franco-Flemish composer. The hymn tune is a German Renaissance song. It was first published as a choral movement. The lyricist is unknown. Franklin D. Ashdown (b. 1942) is a composer and medical doctor, who has pursued dual careers for the past three decades. Ashdown is a widely-published composer of organ and choral music.

“How Firm a Foundation”

In John Rippon’s (1751–1836) *A Selection of Hymns* (1787), “How Firm a Foundation” is attributed to simply “K—.” The author of this hymn has never been definitively identified, but the most common candidate is Robert Keene, who served as precentor at Rippon’s church. The text of this hymn is unique in that the first strophe is spoken by the poetic persona, but the remaining verses are in quotes because they are attributed to the voice of God. In these later verses, God assures us that He will be with us through fire, through water, always, and even after death.

Anthem: Panis Angelicus

“Panis Angelicus” (Latin for Bread of Angels) is a single strophe taken from the hymn “Sacris solemniis” by Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274). You will find the translation below:

<i>Panis angelicus</i>	May the Bread of Angels
<i>Fit panis hominum</i>	Become bread for mankind;
<i>Dat panis coelicus</i>	The Bread of Heaven puts
<i>Figuris terminum</i>	All foreshadowings to an end;
<i>O res mirabilis</i>	Oh, thing miraculous!
<i>Manducatur dominum</i>	The body of the Lord will nourish
<i>Pauper, pauper</i>	The poor, the poor,
<i>Servus et humilis</i>	The servile, and the humble.

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” is derived from a Jamaican folk melody now used in worship around the world. Doreen Potter (1925–1980) adopted this melody for Fred Kann’s hymn text in 1975 when they teamed up to publish *Break Not the Circle*, a collection of new hymns. Potter was born in Panama and received her primary and secondary education in Jamaica, where she studied piano and violin. Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” is known as the “Communion Calypso,” but Potter’s tune, LINSTEAD, has taken on a life of its own, now wedded to a number of texts.

Postlude: “For the Beauty of the Earth” – Jason W. Krug

For the Beauty of the Earth “Dix” was composed by Conrad Kocher (b.1786 Wurttemberg, Germany, d. 1872 Stuttgart, Germany). Trained as a teacher, Kocher moved to St. Petersburg, Russia, to work as a tutor at the age of seventeen. Due to his love of the music of Haydn and Mozart, he moved back to Germany in 1811, settled in Stuttgart, and remained there for the remainder of his life. He was organist and choir director at the Striftsckirche in Stuttgart from 1827-1865. Jason W. Krug is a full-time freelance composer, arranger, clinician, and teacher. Since his first publication in 2006, he has published over 300 compositions and arrangements for piano, organ, handbells, and choir.

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 from 11 to 12 on Sunday mornings. Please remember your Deacons Offering! (Or online <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteri11244/Give.>)

A SINCERE THANK YOU FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE FOR YOUR BOTTLED WATER DONATIONS – Sixty cases of water have been delivered to Cathedral Kitchen. Thank you for your cool, thirst-quenching gifts!

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING UP YOUR DRIVE-THROUGH DONATIONS! You are helping to sustain many of our neighbors. **Continuing needs** are 10-pound bags of rice or beans, peanut butter, tuna, sauce, adult diapers – medium or large, feminine hygiene pads, bar soap, and toothpaste. Pasta is off the list for now because St. Wilfrid’s got a donation of 5400 pounds of pasta! And don’t forget bags: paper grocery bags to reinforce the plastic one and newspaper sleeves for hygiene products. Since the pandemic first hit our area in March, St. Wilfrid’s Open Door Clinic has given away 1499 bags of food.

NEXT REQUEST – NEW BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES – Even though the COVID situation makes back-to-school plans fluid, the annual backpack and school supply collection will continue. The Mission Committee is collecting for kids served by Camden Community Center and by St. Wilfrid’s. Look for sales when you shop and drop supplies off at the church drive through on Sundays, 11-noon.

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| • Erasers | • Pencil Box or Pouch | • 12” Ruler |
| • Colored Pencils | • 3-Ring Binders – 1” or 1 ½” | • Junior scissors with 5” blunt tips |
| • Crayons | • Loose Leaf Paper – Wide Rule | • Pocket Folders |
| • Glue Stick | • Calculator | • Composition Notebooks |
| • Handheld Pencil Sharpener | • Dictionary | • Tissue Packets |
| | | • Backpacks (<i>the biggest need for backpacks is Grades 3-8</i>) |

ARE YOU SIGNED UP FOR THE WEEKLY EMAIL? Please let Anne or Doug know if you didn’t receive this week’s news. (Just in case, check your junk mail.) The email is being sent via Mailchimp, return address is support@haddonfieldpres.org. If you know someone who wants to keep up but who doesn’t do email, here is a link to a [“printable” version](#) for you to print and deliver!

FAMILY PANDEMIC BOOK STUDY CONTINUES! The Family Pandemic Group meets next on **Wednesday, August 5th, at 8:00 p.m.**, to continue discussing Brené Brown’s *The Gifts of Imperfection*. This study 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.

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

INFORMAL BIBLE STUDY WITH DOUG – Drop in on Doug's Bible Study on Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. Doug discusses the scripture passage that will be the text for the following Sunday's sermon and entertains your questions and reflections. For Tuesday, August 4th, the focus is 1 Kings 19:9-18. Here's the Zoom [link](#). — hope to see you there!

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.

THIS WEEK'S FPCH BLOG – Go to <http://www.haddonfieldpres.org/blog.aspx> to read Mark Cole's love of gardening. The pictures are beautiful!

SUNDAY SERVICES ARE NOW STREAMING VIA FACEBOOK LIVE AND THE WEBSITE!
Follow the church on Instagram and Facebook – See activities, photos, inspirational messages, and links to interesting articles. Instagram: fpch_1906 and Facebook: @FirstPresbyNJ



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THE WORD

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1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

TEXT: "K" in John Rippons's *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
 MUSIC: American folk melody; Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832, alt.

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LORD'S SUPPER

526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used. ||: ♩. ♩. ♩. :||

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.