

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

7th Sunday of Easter - Online

Liturgical Color: White, Symbolizing Holiness

May 24, 2020 – Jeans Sunday 10:00am



WE GATHER GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

"Morning Has Broken"

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: Let us worship God.

Beloved God, you create places for us to discover your love:

PEOPLE: Trees, to stretch our eyes to the heavens;

PASTOR: Flowers, to see the beauty nearby;

PEOPLE: Wind, to hear the constant flow of your grace;

PASTOR: Grass, to dance in barefooted delight;

PEOPLE: Clouds, to show infinite varieties of creation;

PASTOR: Each other, to point out the blessings

PEOPLE: and to make music into praise.

PRAYER OF ADORATION *(Please respond "Amen" to this and all prayers, making them your own)*

*HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

1. **For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.**

Refrain: Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. **For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light. (Refrain)**

LITANY OF THANKS FOR ALL OF LIFE'S JOYS

Leader: O God, we have so many big things to thank you for,

People: we often forget to thank you for the little things.

Leader: So, we thank you for the shock of steaming water from a shower,

People: and for the fragrance of fresh coffee.

Leader: We thank you for the miracle of transportation that allows us to go farther than we ever could on our own.

People: We thank you for new flowers, growing courageously,

Leader: and for mornings where we wake up refreshed and ready to face a new day.

People: We thank you for the blessing of knowing so many decent people,

Leader: and for knowing a few truly wonderful people as friends.

People: We thank you for the joy of being known by them, just as we are,

Leader: even as we know them, just as they are.

People: We thank you, Gracious God, for encouraging us to talk to you naturally, about any and everything.

Leader: We thank you that you are patient with our trivial concerns,

People: and for being merciful with our failings.

Leader: So, may our whole lives be a litany of thanksgiving to you –

People: and to your Son and your Spirit, who are the source of our life with all its joys. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Me and God"
Cully Opilla, guitar

Mike & Corbin Opilla, vocals

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 1:6-11a

Pastor: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

"Let's Get to Work!"

Pastor Jeff Hatch

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

DONATING OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS – 4 Ways to Make an Offering (*pick your favorite!*)

- Please either **mail** in your donation to First Presby. Church, PO Box 1, Branchville, NJ 07826, or
- **Go to our webpage** at www.fpcbranchville.org and choose **E-giving** at the bottom of the page, or
- **Text** the "GIVE" to **973-874-1277** and follow their further instructions, or
- **Use Bill Pay** from your bank's online webpage to donate one time or on an auto-recurring basis.

OFFERTORY

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

*THE DOXOLOGY – HYMN 592

***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.***

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*HYMN 564

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

**1. O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountains majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God she His grace on thee,
And crowned thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!**

**2. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!**

WE GO TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION & **3-Fold "Amen"**

HYMN 586

POSTLUDE

* Indicates the Pastor standing, which you may do also in body or spirit

BOLD indicates the congregation singing or saying

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS TO ALL IN OUR MUSIC SUNDAY LAST WEEK! We appreciated hearing you all - the music was wonderful!



PLEASE GIVE – Our donations are down significantly, yet our church has ongoing expenses for maintenance, upkeep, salaries and the missions we support. If you are able to give, please do so. In addition to the options of mailing in a check, using Bill Pay at your bank, or using our e-Giving service, you have the option of giving through texting on your phone. Just text the word **GIVE** to 973-874-1277 and follow the link that will be texted back to you. You can donate using your credit card, debit card, checking or savings account.



NEXT WEEK is the last Sunday of the month, so that means there will be a Junior Sermon for children. Have the kids ready to view our worship about 5 minutes in!

NEW OFFICE HOURS – Secretary Laura is now in the office: Mondays 7-8:30am, Tuesdays 5:30-7:30pm, Wednesdays 8am-6pm, Thursdays 5:30-7:30pm and Fridays, 7-8:30am, and may be reached at 973-948-3495 or presbsec@ptd.net.



THE KAREN ANN QUINLAN HOSPICE has an online bereavement group. Call 973-948-2283 or go to www.kaqhospice.org for more information.

THANK YOU to Linda Osborne for painting all the benches in front of the church. The benches look great!

DAISEY ROE CHAIN'S SPRING FUNDRAISER – C & C Growers, 156 Hampton House Road (Rte. 206) in Newton, is giving 10% off of what you buy from them, and donating that 10% to the church. Take a hot pink flyer with you when shopping for your spring flowers and hanging baskets. Flyers can be found in front of the doors to the Fellowship Hall, or you can either call or email Laura at the church and she will mail one to you.



CALENDAR OF MINISTRIES AND ACTIVITIES

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Today	10:00am	Worship Livestream via Facebook
Monday	All Day	Memorial Day – office closed
Tuesday	2:00pm	NJ Missional Communities Transition Team – pastor only
Wednesday	10am-12:30pm	Food Pantry open (food will be pre-bagged to just pick up)
Thursday	10am-12:30pm	Food Pantry open (food will be pre-bagged to just pick up)

Next Sunday	10:00am	Worship Livestream via Facebook
	1:00pm	Youth Group Zoom Gathering

YOUTH GROUP – Meets next Sunday online via Zoom at 1pm. Watch your email this week for your invite. Hope to see you then!

**YOUTH
GROUP**

HAPPY SPRING!

