

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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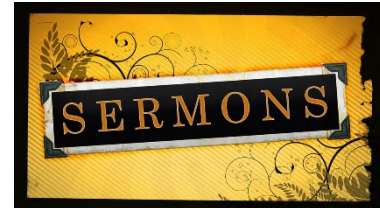
ORDER OF WORSHIP

7th Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White, symbolizing *Holiness*

May 16, 2021

10:00 am



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: Blessed are the poor in spirit

PEOPLE: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

PASTOR: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

PEOPLE: for they shall be satisfied.

PASTOR: Blessed are the peacemakers,

PEOPLE: for they shall be called the people of God.

PRAYER OF ADORATION *Please respond “amen” to this and all prayers making them your own*

PASTOR: Let us pray: Almighty God, we thank you for Jesus Christ,
who lived among us and healed the sick,
comforted the sad, and inspired the strong.

**PEOPLE: Open our eyes so we can see him;
enlighten our understanding so we can know him;
and strengthen our wills so we can follow him.**

ALL: Amen.

*HYMN 339 See Page 7

Be Thou My Vision, Verses 1&2

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You alone, Lord, know how often we have sinned.
We have wasted our time, and gifts, and talents.
We have left undone so many important things.
We have spent our time doing foolish things,
and lived as people without faith and direction.
Forgive us, Lord.
Strengthen us by the knowledge of your Love and Spirit,
and by the support of the Christian community.
And in everything we do, help us to love you and serve others. Amen.
(Silent Personal Confession)**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

READER: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

PEOPLE: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Larissa Sokolof

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

RESPONSIVE READING—Genesis 4:1-16

¹Now Adam knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have produced a man with the help of the LORD."

²**Next she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground.**

³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground,

⁴**and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering,**

⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

⁶**The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen?"**

⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it."

⁸ Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let us go out to the field." And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel, and killed him.

⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?"

¹⁰ And the LORD said, "What have you done? Listen; your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground!

¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

¹² When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth."

¹³ Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear!

¹⁴ Today you have driven me away from the soil, and I shall be hidden from your face; I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and anyone who meets me may kill me."

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! Whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, so that no one who came upon him would kill him.

¹⁶ Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: 1 Corinthians 11: 17-22, 12:27, 13:1-3, 13

PASTOR: The word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Biblical Sermons

Rev. Bruce Schundler

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*HYMN **326** See Page 8

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart, Verses 1&2

STATEMENT OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 PLEDGES AND OFFERINGS – Five Ways to Make an Offering:

1. **Mail in your donation to: First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 1, Branchville, NJ 07826.**
2. **E-giving – Use this option by going to our webpage at: <http://www.fpcbranchville.org> and clicking the link at the bottom of the page.**
3. **Text – Just text the word "GIVE" to 973-874-1277 and follow the link that will be texted back to you. You may make a donation using your credit card, your checking account or savings account.**
4. **Bill Pay – Your bank probably offers this option to make donations one time or on a recurring basis - it's free, and 100% of your gift is received!**
5. **Attend worship and put your offering in the plate in the narthex.**

OFFERTORY

*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 & GREETING

WE GO TO SERVE GOD

*HYMN **338** See Page 9

Kum Ba Yah, All Verses

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

POSTLUDE

BOLD means the congregation reading or singing

*The congregation standing, as able

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME to our worship service this 7th Sunday of Easter. We're glad we can be together again both in-person and online, and hope you find both comfort and inspiration in this service.

GUEST PASTOR – We are happy to welcome back the **Rev. Bruce E. Schundler** as our guest pastor. Bruce is a graduate of Princeton University and Yale Divinity School. He was a full-time ordained minister for six years in New Canaan, CT, Winnetka, IL, and Swarthmore, PA.....but then had to return to a family business where he became the President/CEO of The Schundler Company in Edison, New Jersey for 27 years. Since retiring, he and his wife have worked six summers as seasonal Park Rangers for the National Park Service, and now work leading tours for college alumni associations. He also has worked as a Parish Associate for many years and currently serves at the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church.

MUSIC SUNDAY is next Sunday! We would love to have a variety of musical offerings to share with our congregation, **so please sign today.** Remember, it doesn't have to be fancy – anyone who is interested in singing, dancing, playing an instrument, or doing whatever you'd like to do to share your musical talents with the congregation on Music Sunday is welcome and encouraged to participate.

See or call Kay Hatch (973-459-1238) to sign-up. We'll all be glad that you did.



THE DAISEY ROE THRIFT SHOP is open for business every Saturday from 9am to noon. We are currently accepting clean reusable items (please no electronics), which may be brought in on Saturday mornings from 9am-12pm or call the church office to make arrangements to bring in items. **PLEASE DO NOT JUST LEAVE ITEMS ON THE BREEZEWAY.** It's a fun place to work or shop and we can use your help, so please call Gay or Carol if you'd like to volunteer. Thank you!

DAISEY ROE CHAIN'S SPRING FUNDRAISER – C & C Growers, 156 Hampton House Road (Rte. 206 across from Tractor Supply), is offering the purchaser a 10% discount plus they are donating 10% of the total purchases to Daisey Roe. That money is used directly to support the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Take a hot pink flyer with you when shopping for your spring flowers and hanging baskets. Flyers can be found on the 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 (presbsec@ptd.net or 973-948-3495).



2ND QUARTER MISSION - Our focus for our second quarter of local missions (April, May, and June) is **Communities' Little Helpers**. This group of local children (up to 12 years old led by our own Kristen Reinertsen), gathers to perform acts of community service and kindness. They visit with, make crafts for, shop for, and donate to those in need. Your contributions allow them to purchase items that are necessary for their program activities while they learn the value of helping others. Please mark your donation with CLH on your check or envelope.



CALENDAR OF MINISTRIES AND ACTIVITIES

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Today	10:00am	Worship in Sanctuary – also Livestreamed via Facebook with Guest Pastor Bruce Schundler
Monday	10am-12:30pm	Food Pantry open (food will be pre-bagged to pick up outside)
Tuesday	7:00pm	Pastor Jeff returns from his continuing education week Deacons' Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday	10am-12:30pm	Food Pantry open (food will be pre-bagged to pick up outside)
Thursday	10am-12:30pm	Food Pantry open (food will be pre-bagged to pick up outside)
Saturday	9am-12:00pm	Daisey Roe Thrift Shop open for business

Next Sunday	10:00am	Worship in Sanctuary– Music Sunday also Livestreamed via Facebook

***“I have one life
and one chance to make it count for something.
My faith demands that I do whatever can,
wherever I am, whenever I can,
for as long as I can...
with whatever I have to try to make a difference”
-Jimmy Carter***



326 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

MORECAMBE 10.10.10.10

George Croly, 1854

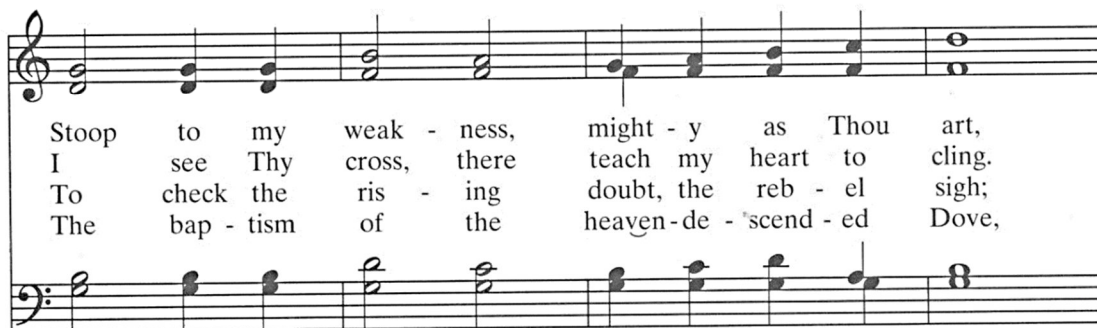
Frederick Cook Atkinson, 1870



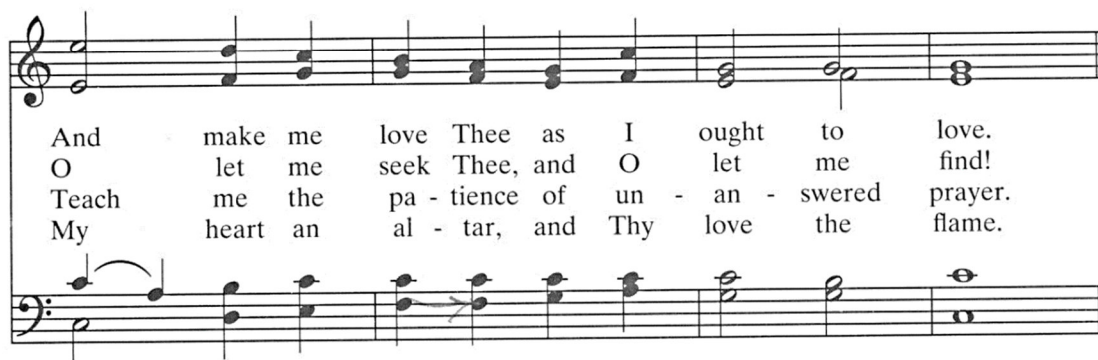
1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2. Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King;
3. Teach me to feel that Thou art al - ways nigh;
4. Teach me to love Thee as Thine an - gels love,



Wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
All, all Thine own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;



Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as Thou art,
I see Thy cross, there teach my heart to cling.
To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;
The bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,



And make me love Thee as I ought to love.
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!
Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
My heart an al - tar, and Thy love the flame.

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Be Thou My Vision

SLANE 10.10.9.10

Ancient Irish poem

Trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905

Vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912; alt.

Irish ballad

Harm. David Evans, 1927

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 3. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Kum ba Yah

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8.8.8.5

African-American spiritual

African melody

1. *Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba
2. Some-one's cry - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's cry - ing, Lord, kum ba
3. Some-one's sing-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's sing-ing, Lord, kum ba
4. Some-one's pray-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's pray-ing, Lord, kum ba

yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!
yah! Some-one's cry - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!
yah! Some-one's sing-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!
yah! Some-one's pray-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

* Come by here.