

First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

Behold! I make all things new.

June 25, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Prelude	<i>Voluntary in D</i>	Alcock
Introit	<i>At the River</i>	Copland

Call to Worship

We gather to worship God,
whose creative imagination never fails:

For the sake of God, we will search for the outcasts.

We gather to praise our God,
whose steadfast love never weakens:

For the sake of Jesus, we will lift up all who have fallen.

We gather to offer our best to God,
who walks with us through eternity:

For the sake of the Holy Spirit, we will walk with the weary.

*Hymn 258 *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!* DEO GRACIAS

Prayer of Confession

Silence is kept.

We confess to you, O Lord, that we are not the people we would like others to think we are. We are afraid to admit even to ourselves what lies in the depths of our souls. Yet we know we cannot hide our true being from you. You know our inner being; still you love us. Grant us your forgiveness and cleansing, we pray, and grant us also the assurance of your presence always, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Know that whoever is in Christ is a new creation.

"The old has passed away, behold, the new has come.

All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us ... and gave us the ministry of reconciliation."

Friends, put on the new being and become ambassadors for Christ, for we are forgiven.

Amen.

*Song of Praise

This is the Day

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*The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Before sitting, please greet those around you with words of Christ's peace.)

Moment for Mission

Members of the Youth Group

Words of Welcome

Please sign the black friendship pad and pass to others in your pew.
Children through age 10 are welcome to participate in
the Children in Worship program, leaving during the sung invitation to prayer.

Response *Come, O Spirit, with Your Sound*

*Hymn 43 *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord* ON EAGLE'S WINGS

*Affirmation of Faith ~ *excerpted from the Belhar Confession*

We believe

• that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

• that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:28-31 (p. 668)

Second Lesson: Acts 1:1-8 (p. 118)

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response *Come, Holy Spirit* Bell
(sing in two parts)

The Offering
Offertory Solo

The Bird's Song
Arthur Shippee, solo

Vaughan Williams

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

Gracious Friend and Savior, your blessings to us are free and abundant. It is with grateful hearts that we present our offerings, believing that you will multiply and use them in order that the kingdom of God on earth will bear much fruit. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

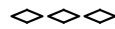
The Lord's Prayer

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.

Sermon *New Community: On Waiting and Creating* Michal Beth Dinkler

*Hymn 686	<i>God of Our Life</i>	SANDON
*Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Hornpipe</i>	S. S. Wesley

*Those who prefer to do so may remain seated.



Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of New Haven. We are glad you are here. We seek to be a warm and welcoming community of Christian people. If you are new to this congregation, please introduce yourself to others sitting around you, and to the pastor, so that we may welcome you personally. During the Words of Welcome, add your name to the Friendship Pad. Please plan to stay for the Friendship Hour following the service.

Participating in worship leadership this morning are:

Liturgist: Robert Williams
 Ushers: Mary Porterfield, Jane Hindenlang
 Friendship Hour Hosts: Martha Smith, Sadako Ohki, Mary Porterfield

We Welcome Michal Beth Dinkler to the pulpit this morning. An active member at FPCNH, she also teaches New Testament at Yale Divinity School . Her special interest is the writings of Luke.

The Reverend Susan Reisinger can be reached at her email pastorsusan@fpcnh.org or her cell phone (856) 261-5436. Her day off is Friday.

Nursery care is provided each morning in the Owens Community Building nursery. Infants and children are also welcome in the service and encouraged to participate fully in worship. A rocking chair is available next door in the Copeland Room, and bulletins for ages 3-6 and 7-12 are found at the entrance.

Children in Worship: Share a time of kid-sized community and worship in the nursery shortly after the morning's announcements. The atmosphere and content tend to be ideal for ages 4-10, but all ages are welcome.

Save the Dates-July 8 & 9: Meet the PNC's candidate for our new pastor. The PNC will host a Meet and Greet on July 8th; Kids Meet and Greet at 3:30 and the Church Family Meet and Greet 4:30-6:30. We invite all of you to join us and meet the PNC's candidate. On July 9th at 9:30 a.m., the pastor candidate will be leading the worship service at 9:30 a.m.

A Congregational Meeting has been called by Session for July 9th following worship for the purpose of acting on the PNC's recommendation.

New Church Directory: Please add or check your contact information in the yellow draft version on the corner table. This is for everyone in our church community, not just members.

Volunteers needed! The signup sheets for ushers and Massaro Farm pickups are nearly empty! Take a look at the opportunities to help on the table in the corner. Printed instructions are available and you can ask for more info.

Our church donates fresh produce from **Massaro Farm** to Christian Community Action's food pantry, and we need volunteers to pick it up and drop it off on Tuesdays. Please take a moment after worship to sign up to help on a Tuesday this summer. Instructions and directions are posted with the sign-up sheet.

Help Needed: We're growing! We need to add to our current team of Sunday school teachers for the 2017-2018 year. Due to our block scheduling pattern and some inter-generational CE events, teachers lead approx. 22 weeks from Fall to Spring. We also welcome creatives who wish to help with children's music, writing, and acting projects throughout the year.

Food Donations for Needy: Pick up an extra item at the grocery store to help fill the green wheelbarrow in the Copeland Room. At the end of each month the food is delivered to Christian Community Action's emergency food pantry.

Play & Pray Kids' Retreat and PNC's Meet & Greet: Saturday, July 8th, 12-4 p.m. - Infants, toddlers, children, and youth are invited to a half-day retreat at the church! Lunch included. Games and team-building. Free and open to the community, but spaces limited based on ratio to volunteers. See Kimberley after church, or check our Facebook page.

Next Sunday: The summer's preaching theme is "Behold! I make all things new," and The Reverend Arthur Shippee will be preaching.

In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (Philippians 4:6)

When you pray, offer prayers for ...

Our country and its leaders.

Church members and friends who seek God's healing grace, including Ken Haynam, at Benchmark Senior Living in Hamden.

For Jeff Miller, brother of David, who will be continuing cancer treatments.

Debbie Tenney, for healing and strength.

Jeanette Murphy, for healing and strength.

Prayers for those who live in the midst of conflict.

Prayers for those who do not have enough to eat.

Prayers for the people of Kenya, as their election season approaches.

Andrew McCloskey, serving with the Peace Corps in Mozambique.

James Smit and Patrick Copeland, who are serving in the armed forces.

Those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis.

Prayers for other people and situations in need of our supplications.

This Week

Sunday, June 25	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:35 a.m.	Friendship Hour
Monday, June 26	11:00 p.m.	Inkling Deadline
Tuesday, June 27	4:00 p.m.	Ukulele
Thursday, June 29	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Saturday, July 1	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
Sunday, July 2	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:35 a.m.	Friendship Hour

The Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2017

Lynn Autry

Candice Gray

Jane Hindenlang

Bruce Peabody

Class of 2018

Gary Cline

John Dinkler

Phillip Phiri

Robert Williams

Class of 2019

Lucy Ambach

Rona Johnston Gordon

Fiona Scott Morton

Mary Porterfield

Clerk

Tim McCloskey

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Mike Spicer

First Presbyterian Church of New Haven is a More Light Congregation and part of Presbyterian Promise. Both organizations are dedicated to the full inclusion of lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual and questioning individuals.

The Staff of First Presbyterian Church

Interim Pastor:

Susan Dee Reisinger

Music Director:

Patrick McCreless

Church Administrator:

Martha Smith

Christian Educator:

Kimberley Fais

Nursery Care Provider:

Naomi Brinton

The church office welcomes your announcements and prayer requests for the bulletin. Please send the copy to firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com by Wednesday before noon to be included in the Sunday Bulletin.

Please remember that parking is available at the Hooker School on Sunday mornings when lawn or street parking is unavailable.

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