



First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

Behold! I make all things new.

June 18, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Call to Worship
It's not you who should solve my problems, God,
But I yours, God of the asylum-seekers.
It's not you who should feed the hungry,
But I who should protect your children
From the terror of banks and armies,
It's not you who should make room for the refugees
But I who should receive you,
Hardly hidden God of the desolate

You dreamed me, God,
Practicing walking upright
And learning to kneel down
More beautiful than I am now,
Happier than I dare to be

Freer than our country allows.
Don't stop dreaming me, God.
I don't want to stop remembering
That I am your tree,
Planted by the streams
of living water.

*Hymn 412

God, Reveal Your Presence

ARNSBERG

Response

Come, O Spirit, with Your Sound

Prayer of Confession

Silence is kept.

Now, we call to mind the great moment when Israel stood at Sinai, where our people entered into Your covenant...From there they went forth to proclaim the laws by which the free may live and the enslaved find hope.

**From that day to this have we,
a people acquainted with miracle and disaster,
encountered You again and again on the path of our life.**

And You are present, O Eternal One,
not on peaks of vision alone;
at any moment we may turn, and find You...
awaiting our search, to lead us,
with many a fall, upward to heights we tremble to climb ...

Distant the goal; at times it fades from sight.
For we are free: free to love, free to build the kingdom;
free to hate, free to tear it down.

And yet the dream is not forgotten,
the vision does not fail – it is the meaning of our lives.

**Come what may, we shall hold fast to it.
And even when the hope seems lost, we shall say:
“The kingdom of heaven could begin today, if we would but hearken to God’s voice.”**

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Praise

This is the Day

THIS IS THE DAY

*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

Paula Burkhard

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 pray.

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson:

Exodus 15:19-20, 22-25

Second Lesson:

Romans 8:15-16, 22-26

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

Come, Holy Spirit

Bell

Sermon

Ashley Markar

*Hymn 764

For the Troubles and the Sufferings

PELAS DORES DESTE MUNDO

*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;

The Offering

Offertory Solo

"Toccata: Ride On, King Jesus"

from *Cantata*

Angela Daniels, soprano

J. Carter

*Doxology

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

Gather the gifts of our hands and hearts, living Spirit.
Use these gifts to build not monuments to your distant glory,
but testaments to your intimate love. 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.

*Hymn 470

There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

LONGING

*Benediction

Postlude

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Spiritual

*Those who prefer to do so may remain seated.



The Call to Worship was translated from the German, "Träume Mich, Gott" in das Brot der Ermutigung, Dream Me, God Dorothee Soelle: Mystic and Rebel by Renate Wind.

The Prayer of Confession was adapted from Gates of Repentance: The New Union Prayer Book for the Days of Awe.

Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of New Haven. We are glad that 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 End of Year Picnic following the service.

Participating in worship leadership this morning are:

Liturgist: Andrew Forsyth

Ushers: Dick Hasbany, Martha Smith

Friendship Hour Hosts: CE Committee

We Welcome Ashley Markar to the pulpit this morning. She is the Outreach Coordinator for IRIS--Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services.

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.

TODAY--Join us after worship for a Friendship Hour in honor of our long-time nursery caregiver, Naomi. We will give her a card and gift of thanks and the CE Committee will provide refreshments.

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.

Summer Daytrip: This Saturday, five youth, three college students, and six more adults will head to Heifer International Farm in Rutland, Massachusetts! Pray for safe travels and a fruitful trip for all.

Fresh Veggies For the Food Pantry: Would you like to help the hungry by visiting a local farm? Are you free for an hour on one Tuesday afternoon this summer? We need drivers to pick up food at Massaro Farm in Woodbridge and bring it to the food pantry in New Haven between 2:30 and 5pm each Tuesday over the summer. It's a simple and easy task and delivers fresh food to the hungry in our community. Driving directions and a sign up sheet are on the Welcome Table. Many dates are available!

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. These are the items most in demand at CCA's food pantry: **Top:** white (not brown) rice, cereal, cake mixes, canned fruit (fresh fruit on last Sunday of the month), peanut butter and jams/jellies. **Secondary:** macaroni & cheese, pasta (not whole wheat), tomato sauces, canned/dry beans, ground/instant coffee, sugar, oils for cooking. Note that they do NOT need canned *green* vegetables.

Kids' Retreat: Saturday, July 8th, 12-4 p.m. - Infants, toddlers, children, and youth are invited to a half-day retreat at the church! Lunch included. Free and open to the community, but spaces limited based on ratio to volunteers. See Kimberley after church, or view the event info on our Facebook page.

Mid-week Bible Study is held on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. Come, bring your Bible and bag lunch and preview Sunday's scripture readings with a group in the Miller Gathering Hall.

Next Sunday: The summer's preaching theme is "Behold! I make all things new," and Michal Beth Dinkler 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 18

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:35 a.m. Friendship Hour for Naomi

Tuesday, June 20

7:15 p.m. Session

Thursday, June 22

1:00 p.m. Bible Study

Saturday, June 24

7:30 a.m. Trip to Heifer Int'l Farm

Sunday, June 25

9:30 a.m. Women's AA
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:35 a.m. Friendship Hour

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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

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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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