

2ND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST JUNE 18, 2017

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# GATHERING

Please prayerfully allow the silent, sacred space of the sanctuary

and the quiet stirrings of the Spirit to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

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**PRELUDE** *“From All that Dwell Below the Skies”* Neil Harmon

*“For the Beauty of the Earth” “All Things Bright and Beautiful”*

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP** - Psalm 90 Rev. Paul E. Gilmore Minister: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O Lord,

# People: so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Minister: So teach us to number our days,

# People: that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

\* **HYMN No. 272** *“God of the Sparrow”* ROEDER

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, striving for your kingdom is often low on our totem pole of priorities, certainly not first, as you command. We worry about so many things, about our safety and security, about wants and desires, about having enough, when you promise to provide that which we truly need. Forgive us, O God, when our striving is self-centered. Help us to strive first for your kingdom, for the goodness, mercy, justice, love and peace of your eternal reign, on earth, as it is in heaven.**

**TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION…**

**KYRIE ELEISON** James MacMillan



# DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please sign the card and pass it to your neighbor. As you pass it back, take note of who is here so we can become better acquainted. Visitors, please give your address, telephone, and e-mail information.

# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Cyril and Ashley Joseph present their daughter, Chloe Sophia Joseph for baptism.

# WELCOME

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Chloe Sophia into Christ’s church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

**CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO CHAPEL AND SUNDAY’S COOL ROTATION**

(Please bring your buck and a can offering with you to Sunday’s Cool)

# THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (unison) Evelyn Bergstrom **May your Word fall into our hearts this day, O God, as breath comes into dust, as water feeds rivers and fields, rich with healing, abundant, alive, and true. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON** Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 **(**OT pages 547-548)

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

# People: Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM** *“Just as a Father”* Luigi Cherubini arr. James Kirkby

Just as a father, full of compassion, Offers loving kindness, unto all his children, So the Lord is gracious to those who love him.

**SECOND LESSON** Matthew 6:25-34 (NT page 6)

Minister: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

# People: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** *“The Uncertain Harvest”* Rev. Paul E. Gilmore

# RESPONDING

**\* HYMN No. 333** *“Seek Ye First”* LAFFERTY

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Minister: The Lord be with you.

# People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray...

# LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

**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.**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS AND OURSELVES**

The Offertory collection will be taken one seating section at a time and ask people to be patient until the ushers can get to their row.

**OFFERTORY** “*Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me”* TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL Refrain: O I know the Lord, I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.

Did ever you see the like before, I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.

King Jesus preaching to the poor? I know the Lord's laid His hands on me. **Refrain**

O wasn't that a happy day, I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.

When Jesus washed my sins away? I know the Lord's laid His hands on me. **Refrain** Some seek the Lord and don't seek Him right. I know the Lord's laid His hands on me. They fool all day and pray at night. I know the Lord's laid His hands on me. **Refrain** My Lord's done just what He said, I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.

He's healed the sick and raised the dead. I know the Lord's laid His hands on me. **Refrain**

\* **DOXOLOGY** OLD HUNDREDTH

# Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SENDING**

* **HYMN No. 267** *“All Things Bright and Beautiful”* ROYAL OAK
* **CHARGE AND BLESSING** (Please be seated for the Choral Response & the Ringing of the Church Bell) **CHORAL RESPONSE** *“God's Peace and Man's Peace”* arr. George Bayley **RINGING THE CHURCH BELL**

\* **POSTLUDE** *“Trumpet Tune in D Major”* David Johnson

# TODAY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Welcome to the Service of Worship for the Lord’s Day. Parents of **infants through age four** are encouraged to take their children to the Nursery School classrooms during our services. **Students in K and up** should follow Mrs. Volanakis to the Common Room.

# Today in Sunday's Cool

Mrs. Volanakis will lead us in children’s chapel and then we will head outside for some fun games and playground play. Please bring your buck and a can and join us. Older children and youth can stay in worship during the summer months or join the children outside, whatever suits your family best.

**Greeters:** The Van de Graaf family; **Worship Coordinator:** Jim Ely; **Ushers:** Peter Bayer, Bill Knobloch, Marlene Powers, Stephan von Jena; **Cross Bearer:** Mavis Asare; **Lay Reader:** Evelyn Bergstrom; **Musicians:** First Presbyterian Church Men’s Choir

**Congratulations** to Cyril and Ashley Joseph on the baptism of their daughter, Chloe Sophia Joseph, great- granddaughter of Anne Kniffin and granddaughter of Edgar Kniffin.

**Flowers today** are in loving memory of Helen F. Campbell, from her loving family.

**Let us keep in our thoughts and prayers: *Continued concerns:*** Neil Coakley; Ann Depuy; Anne Blose Eydt (daughter of Marion Blose); Jennifer Gallagher (a member of the Riehl family); Graham Harden; Vince Lombardi; Doris Mierendorf; Beryl Stone (a friend of the Van de Graaf’s); The Stricos family (friends of Joe and Diana Ruszkowski); John Voorhies. *The Abo Noktah family (our Syrian refugees):* Khaldoun (father), Khawla Alzob (mother), daughters Hanin (12) and Zain (5), and sons Yaman (11) and Ahmed, (10).

**Flower Memorials:** If you wish to have flowers in the sanctuary to celebrate an anniversary, a baptism, a birthday, or to memorialize a loved family member or friend please call Barbara Wentzel, Flower Coordinator, at 203-966-5402 or email at barbarawentzel@mac.com.

**Stock Sale today! Supporting the 2017 Alaska Mission Trip and the Providence Mission Trip and Children and Youth Mission.** In May and June, the MSYG and HSYG mission trip fundraiser will begin. We are selling “Shares of our Mission Trips” and hope you will support us. **Youth Mission Trips: June 25 – June 30 (MSYG/HSYG)** – all rising 6th – 12th graders. Trip will be with Praying Pelican Missions to Providence, RI. Work will be construction and relational ministry. **July 29 – August 6: (HSYG) (completed 9th – 12th Grade)** to Alaska. Please make checks payable to: FPCNC and write “Mission Trips 2017” in the memo line*. “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”* I Peter 4:10



**Cents-ability:** On June 4, we collected $161. Our total collection since we began Cents-ability at our church in November 2011 is $17,404. Thank you for your awareness and generous response to hunger. If you would like more information on Cents-ability or need a Cents-ability cup, please see Robin Lewis. Remember to fill up your Cents-ability cup ‘til it runneth over! **Our next collection is July 2.**

**New Canaan Food Pantry:** Items in need now due to low/no stock are cereal, crackers, pancake mix, syrup, cookies, ketchup, canned tuna, honey, coffee. No beans or soup are needed now. Please drop these items in the shopping cart at the back of the Sanctuary and Robin Lewis will make sure they are delivered to the New Canaan Food Pantry. Please make checks available to “FPCNC” with NC Food Pantry or Food Bank Lower Fairfield County in the memo line.

If you have remembered FPCNC in your estate plans, and would like to be included on the list of members of the **Bell Tower Society**, please let Michelle Olsen in the church office know. Thank you for making plans to leave a legacy.

**Summer Worship Services! Begins at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 25 continues through September 3.** This service will be held “in the round” setting in our air-conditioned sanctuary. Childcare is provided for infants through 4 years old; there is a children's summer activity for grades K-5. Older children remain in the sanctuary with their family. Following the service, at 11 a.m., please join us for a Continental Breakfast on the Terrace provided by our Deacons.

**Summer Office Hours at FPCNC!** Church Office Summer Hours: June 19 - Sept 1, Monday-Thursday 9:00 - 4:00; Friday’s 9:00 – 1:00.

# 2017 High School Graduates

*Emma Dahill,* New Canaan High School, attending Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN *Jack Dahill,* New Canaan High School, attending New York University, New York, NY *Katie Ferguson,* New Canaan High School, attending Lehigh University, Lehigh, PA *Tyler Hill,* New Canaan High School, attending Northeastern University, Boston, MA *Abigail Ker,* New Canaan High School, attending University of St. Andrews in Scotland

*Evan Levinsky,* New Canaan High School, attending Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

*Luke Martocchio,* St. Luke’s School, attending Harvard College, Boston, MA

*Kelly McClymonds,* New Canaan High School, attending Colgate University, Hamilton, NY

*Alex Mella,* Shattuck-St. Mary’s Boarding School, Faribault, MN, attending Northeastern Univ., Boston, MA

*Ryan Mennitt,* New Canaan High School, attending Rhodes College, Memphis, TN

*Will Santora,* New Canaan High School, attending Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York

*Henry Spangler,* New Canaan High School, attending Providence College, Providence, RI *Wyatt Spangler,* New Canaan High School, attending Providence College, Providence, RI *Sam Stoner,* New Canaan High School, attending Bates College, Lewiston, ME

*Will Stoner,* New Canaan High School, attending American University, Washington, DC

*Sarah Van de Graaf,* New Canaan High School, attending University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

# 2017 College/University Graduates

*Cameron Allsteadt,* Elon University, Elon, NC (BA in Strategic Communications)

*Adrienne Bober,* Rhodes College, Memphis, TN

*Allie Ferguson,* Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York

*Carson Gurley,* Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, PA

*Nora Hanna,* Eastern Connecticut State University, Windham, Connecticut

*Elisabeth Kay,* University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

*Madeleine Ker,* Elon University, Elon, NC

*Kevin McEneaney,* Cornell University, Ithaca, New York *Kyle McEneaney,* Providence University, Providence, RI *Meghan McClymonds,* Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT *Patrick Quinn*, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL (BA) *Tyler Sands,* St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY

**SUN. June 18**

**10:00 AM Worship**

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM 178 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan, CT 06840

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**Sacrament of Baptism**

**Rev. Paul E. Gilmore preaching**

10:15 AM Sunday’s Cool 11:15 AM Coffee Hour

**MON. June 19**

2:00 PM Meditation Group

**TUE. June 20**

9:30 AM Leadership Team 8:00 PM Men’s AA

**WED. June 21**

10:00 AM Dorcas Sewing Group

S**AT. June 24**

9:15 AM AA (closed discussion) 10:30 AM AA (open discussion)

**SUN. June 25**

**10:00 AM Worship**

**Rev. Paul E. Gilmore preaching Commissioning the Youth Mission Trips**

10:15 AM Summer Children’s Activities program 11:15 AM Continental Breakfast and Fellowship



**OUR MINISTERS**

The Entire Congregation

**OUR PASTORS**

The Rev. Paul E. Gilmore, Pastor

The Rev. Kathryn Kibbie Laird, Associate Pastor for Children, Youth and Families

**OUR STAFF**

Victoria Shields, Director of Music / Sherry Tate, Cherub Choir director Michelle Olsen, Church Administrator / Tina St. Armand, Office Manager Erika Hagan, Administrative Assistant to Children and Youth Ministries

Kuky and Andres Pereira, Operations/Security Managers / Edgar Torres, Day Sexton

**THE SESSION**

Our Pastors

Scott Beyer, *Clerk of Session*

George Benington, *Bell Tower Society*

Sue Benko, *Communications* Katie Ferguson, *Co-Youth* Linda Ferguson, *Nominating*

Peter Flournoy, *Worship, Music and Arts*

Jennifer Gulden, *Personnel* John Lanaway, *Stewardship* Glenn Mierendorf, *Outreach*

Dede McEvoy, *Strategy Planning*

Andy Petitjean, *Finance*

Lynn Quinn, *Adult Education*

Julie Reeves, *Membership Involvement*

Jan Sulkowski, *Youth Ministries* Kevin Thomson, *Advisory Committee* Sarah Van de Graaf, *Co-Youth*

Jenny Volanakis, *Children's Ministries* Stephan von Jena, *Buildings & Grounds* Barbara Wentzel, *Congregational Life*

**THE DEACONS**

John Servidea, *Moderator*

Erica Bergmans, *Inspirica* Mary Jane Bolin, *Senior Lunch* Peg Bull, *Flock Program* Emma Dahill, *Co-Youth*

Jack Dahill, *Co-Youth*

Cindy Hagopian, *Inspirica*

Karen Hanson, *Memorial Services and Receptions*

Beth Hersam, *Flowers and Cards* Chris Kniffin, *Member-At-Large* Linda Martin, *Baptisms*

Elizabeth Stuart, *Flowers and Cards* Sarah Robinson, *Pastoral Care Team* Kristen Rodgers, *Member-At-Large* Jen Van de Graaf, *Secretary*

Steve Van de Graaf, *Member-At-Large*

Patty von Jena, *Meals-On-Wheels, Treasurer*

*Rev. T. Guthrie Speers, Jr., Pastor Emeritus - Mrs. Marilyn J. Ballantine, Minister of Music Emerita*