

TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2020

829 Salem Road - Union, New Jersey

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

**Bob Grube
First Presbyterian
Church of Cranford**

CALL TO WORSHIP

LAY LEADER

Praise the Lord!
Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful,
for the Lord takes pleasure in the people.
Let the faithful sing for joy.

OPENING PRAYER

LAY LEADER

Almighty God,
whose ways are far beyond our understanding,
help us to trust your judgments
so that we may do your will
by loving you and one another.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

LAY LEADER

Amid the countless things
that human beings cannot fully comprehend about God,
there stands this:
God so loves us as to bathe us with grace
and feed us with mercy
and forgive us our sins.
Confident in the love of God,
let us pray together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

ALL

**Lord God,
while we were still slaves to sin,
you died for our salvation.
Yet we still worship the false gods of the world,
forgetting that you are Lord.
Loving worldly wealth,
we have not loved you with our whole heart
nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

Building Faith, Changing Lives, Sharing Christ

**Trusting worldly strength,
we have not trusted your word
nor followed the Word-made-flesh.
Forgiving by worldly norms,
we have not shown mercy to others
as you have shown mercy to us.
Forgive us yet again,
we pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

LAY LEADER

Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ.
And Christ died for us;
Christ rose for us;
Christ reigns in power for us;
Christ prays for us.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

GLORIA PATRI

ALL

**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.**

THE PEACE

LAY LEADER

Renewed through the gifts of God's Spirit,
let us share our visions and dreams of peace
by exchanging signs of Christ's peace with one another.
The Peace of Christ be with you!

CHILDREN'S STORY & SONG

**Rev. Tracey Henry
Clinton
Presbyterian Church**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Claire Davis, RE
Central
Presbyterian Church**

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 32:22-31

Claire Davis, RE

Romans 13:8-14

**Rev. Leigh Gillis
1st Presbyterian
of Cranford**

SERMON: *“LOVE: THE FULFILLING OF THE LAW”*

Rev. Leigh Gillis

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from “A Brief Statement of Faith”

Rev. Leigh Gillis

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

LAY LEADER

Let us be glad in our Maker and rejoice in our King.
Let us praise God's name with dancing and music;
let us bring to God our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: HYMN #606

*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

LAY LEADER

Ever-present God,
just as Jesus promised to be among us
when two or three gather in his name,
be among us now that these offerings may become instruments of your love and justice.
In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**Rev. Rhonda
Meyers and
Rev. Dave
Meyers**

SPECIAL MUSIC -

**Rev. Dave
Meyers**

BENEDICTION

Rev. Leigh Gillis

POSTLUDE

Bob Grube

Special thanks to Elizabeth Presbyterian Elders for their participation in today's worship!

- Claire Davis, ruling elder, Central Presbyterian Church, Summit
- Rev. Leigh Gillis, First Presbyterian of Cranford
- Bob Grube, Organist, First Presbyterian of Cranford
- Rev. Tracey Henry, Clinton Presbyterian Church
- Rev. Dave Myers, Linden Presbyterian Church
- Rev. Rhonda Myers, First Presbyterian Church of Springfield

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Merle Lyte
- 4 Howard Bryant
- 4 Sangi Sangekar
- 18 Richard Corritore
- 21 Pastor Ron
- 22 Diane Smith
- 24 Kathy Kreie

"TIME FOR PRAYER"

6:00 PM on Wednesdays

Praying by teleconference. All may call in to pray and/or make prayer requests: Dial-in using your phone: 1 717-275-8940 Access code: 367 0530