



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

8:30 & 10 AM

PRELUDE

Lori Yost, Musician

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION *Dave Sippel, Minister of Congregational Engagement*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sisters and brothers, as we gather in the welcome of God's love, as we gather in the joy of our unity in Christ, as we gather in the power of the Spirit, let us listen for the voice of God!

Let us worship God, who has spoken and still speaks to those who attend to the roar or the whisper of the Holy One. Amen!

*OPENING SONG **"Love the Lord"** *by Lincoln Brewster* *Emma Patrimonio, Vocals & Guitar*

Verse 1

Love the Lord your god with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength (REPEAT)

Chorus 1

With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind with all your strength
Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength.

Verse 2

I will serve the Lord
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength
(REPEAT)

Chorus 2

With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength

Bridge

I will love You (I will love You)
I will praise You (I will praise You)
I will serve You (I will serve You)
I will trust You Lord (I will trust You)

Chorus 3

With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
I will love You Lord with all my heart
With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Response

Forgive our misdeeds, and grant us an awareness of your will so that we might be possessed by a spirit of freedom and grace. Encourage us always to focus our faith and to act with purpose. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

MUSICAL OFFERING **"Thy Word"**

Emma Patrimonio, Vocals & Lori Yost, Musician

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Verse 1

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Verse 2

I will not forget Your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side,
I will love You to the end

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV)*

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God**

MESSAGE "Next is Now: Mining Meaning"

Rev. Kathleen Edwards Chase, Lead Pastor

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN **"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"**

I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me the cross before me
The world behind me the cross before me
The world behind me the cross before me
No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, No turning back.

*INVITATION FOR CONNECTION & CONTRIBUTION

*BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL VOTE FOR NEW CONSISTORY MEMBERS

*POSTLUDE

The chancel flowers are offered today in memory of Bill Van Riper (10 AM) given by Mark Convoy and in memory of Bud Muller (8:30 AM) given by Joan, Amy & Audrey

WITH APPRECIATION

- “Pastor emeritus **Andy Rienstra** wishes to thank all who sent cards and notes, made contact by phone and email during his recovery from a recent fall. All your kind thoughts and prayers were greatly appreciated. Although recovery is a slow process, healing is taking place.”

FOR THOSE WHO NEED HEALING

- **Amy Griffith**, prayers for ongoing issues with breast cancer. Cards to 116 Timber Ridge, Pompton Plains
- **Jo Bradford**, is in JDT Renaissance recovering from surgery. She is doing well and may be coming home soon. Cards to 30 Andrews Place, Pompton Plains
- **Donna Lajterman's daughter, Julie**, recovering from surgery. Prayers for healing

LONG TERM ILLNESS OR CANCER DIAGNOSIS

- **Harriet Ritter**, recovering from a stroke in a rehab center
- **Jim Sippel**, Dave's dad, undergoing chemo
- **Luca Ataide**, a 3 yr old from town, was diagnosed with cancer. He is undergoing chemo week 11. Prayers for shrinkage of the tumors and no spreading.
- Rich Rossow's uncle, **Robert Rossow**, treatment for prostate & colon cancer.
- **Anonymous member**, having radiation treatments for lung cancer and dealing with heart issues.
- **Robert Rogan**, Kathleen Pennington's uncle, metastatic liver cancer
- **Adele Ebert**, Shell's mom, has breast cancer and undergoing testing to determine options
- **Jane Young's sister, Candace**, is living with metastatic breast cancer.
- **Genevieve Hilliard Cavaidni**, the mother of Dave Hilliard, has pancreatic cancer.
- Susan De Bell's brother **Paul** treatment for cancer
- **Michael Clark**, Sharon Hollick's son-in-law, monoclonal antibody and radiation treatments for melanoma
- **Diana Dana**, for early stages of Alzheimer's Disease.

FOR OTHER NEEDS, OUR NATION & WORLD

- Prayers for the people who lost their lives & property and all those affected by hurricane Ida this past week
- Prayers for those at risk in Afghanistan & for the Americans there
- Those struggling with mental illness and those with addiction.
- Our nation, Remind us, God, that you have the uncertain and unknowable future in your hands. Please help us to trust that.
- Our nation's leaders, Pray for peaceful interactions that make uniting the country the priority.
- Protection for all the police and military as they seek to keep people safe across our nation

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Consistory Nominees (2021-2024 Term): *We have two candidates nominated by the congregation and recommended by the Nominations Committee of Consistory. **Karen Borduin, Deacon & Judy Reichenbach, Elder.** These individual's names have been published in the bulletin for three consecutive weeks. This timing is required by the RCA in order to allow anyone who has any concerns to bring them forward. Contact VP of Consistory, Roy Okma, by email rokma@optonline.net or cell (862) 262-9474. **The congregational vote for these nominees is Sunday September 19 at the end of both worship services.***

Worship Schedule Beginning Sept 19: Early worship will continue outdoors with the time changing to 8:30 a.m., with livestream on our website or Facebook page. If inclement weather, worship is held in the Sanctuary. A much smaller in-person hybrid worship service is offered in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. It can also be livestreamed and available on our website or Facebook page. Watch recording of those services any time after Noon on Sundays.

A New Look for Online Giving: VANCO, our third party online giving service, has moved to a new visual platform that mimics the shopping cart experience. Now, when you access our web or mobile giving page you will see a separate icon for each giving fund. Please contact Dolores Wagoner dolores@frc-pp.org or Ann Marie Ziffer annmarie@frc-pp.org, Finance Managers, at the office if you have any questions

Mission of the Month for September Will Support Morris Habitat for Humanity: Morris Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that advocates for and builds decent affordable housing to enhance lives and strengthen the community. For over 35 years, Habitat partners, donors and volunteers have built, rehabbed, or repaired more than 600 homes for over 2,000 people around the greater Morris County area as well as in places around the world. To donate, you can mail in a check, place it in the collection kiosk after worship, or donate online securely through our website on the line item: "Mission of the Month." Make checks payable to FRC and note "Sept. Communion" in the memo line.

**Born Again Boutique - Giving New Life to Almost New Clothing
October 9 in Friendship Hall from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Our Women's Ministry will be holding this fundraising event. Start now to collect your gently used and almost new clothing that you wish to donate. Men's, women's and children's items can be donated. Please bring only clean clothing in good condition and if you can keep it on the hanger, that would be a big plus! Accessories like bags, belts and shoes all in almost new condition are appreciated, too. Collection will begin October 7. There will be racks in Friendship Hall to hang clothing on. Hours Oct. 7th 9 am-3pm and 5-8pm and on Oct. 8 from 9-noon. Please do not bring clothing before Oct. 7

Small Group Leader Training - September 26 at 7 PM: Have you ever considered being a small group leader? A thriving small group ministry is central to our mission and vision at First Reformed Church. It's very rewarding, and not as scary as it sounds. We need on-site small group leaders and virtual group leaders. Make plans to join our training and orientation process beginning on Sunday, September 26th at 7:00pm. We'll begin with an overview of the small group vision and goals, and Dave Sippel will address your concerns and questions. Participants that are interested in co-leading a group will then continue to meet on Sunday evenings in October for fellowship, training, and growth. Contact Dave Sippel right away if you'd like to attend dave@frc-pp.org or (973)835-1144 x28.

Cemetery Prices Will Increase in 2022: Beginning January 1, 2022, the First Reformed Church Cemetery will be increasing its prices for all products and services including burial plots, interments, foundations and miscellaneous documentation fees. If you have questions about any of the above, please contact Forrest Harper at 862-926-9813. You may also leave a message at the cemetery office, 973-845-2250.

Spark Kidz Classes Resume In Person & Online: We are excited to welcome back our kids for the new season. In person classes will resume at 10 AM. Kids may be dropped off upstairs in the Ministry Center any time after 9:45. The safety protocols that were put in place last fall will continue for the time being. This includes face coverings for leaders and kids age 4 & up regardless of vaccination status. Parents are also asked to wear face masks when dropping off and picking up. Zoom classes will resume at 9:30 AM for our virtual learners. Contact Janet to register your child or for the link to virtual learning janet@frc-pp.org

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events

- **Laser Tag Lock-In:** Friday evening, October 22nd to Saturday morning, October 23rd. Join the fun at LaserOne in Wantage. Unlimited laser tag plus video games, pizza, and more. Registration is open online. Invite a friend! \$45.00. Middle school and high school youth.
- **Fall Retreat - November 5th to 7th:** This is a great way to get to know each other and grow in your faith. We'll return to the Spruce Lake Retreat Center in the Poconos. Friday, November 5th to Sunday, November 7th. We'll stay in rooms at Spruce Lodge and eat in the dining hall. Safe practices will be in place throughout the event. Registration is available online. Great food, fun activities, worship and more. Middle school and high school youth.