

WELCOME TO *church*

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 2023

Enter in SILENCE

Wait with REVERENCE

Worship from JOY

PRELUDE: *"Concerto for Trumpet in D major"*
Opus 6, No. 7 by Tomaso Albinoni

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFIRMATION OF MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission Statement

**As disciples of Jesus Christ,
led by the Holy Spirit,
we experience God's unconditional love,
and we witness to others
by discovering and sharing our gifts.**

CHORAL INTROIT:

Chancel Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: This is the day the Lord has made.

**P: Let us rejoice and be
glad in it!**

L: God is love and those who abide in love,
abide in God.

P: And God abides in them.

L: This is the day the Lord has made. Let us
worship God and be glad!

* HYMN OF PRAISE: *No. 210. Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)

***Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:***

***Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.***

Cont'd.

*Time, like an ever rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.*

*Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *In silence then unison*

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, our mind, or our strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

In your mercy, dear God, forgive what we have done, help us amend what we are, and guide us in your truth that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory and power of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: Hear and accept the good news! . . .
Believe that you are forgiven and live in
peace.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are
forgiven! Let us forgive one
another.**

* CELEBRATION OF CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS: *No. 466 v. 1*

***O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of God's grace!***

* EXCHANGE OF CHRIST'S PEACE:

*Please share Christ's peace by using the peace sign
or by waving to those in the Sanctuary.*

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS & OFFERTORY:

Our God has blessed us, so let us extend
God's Blessing as we present our Tithes and Offerings.

Offertory: "Adoration " by Florence Beatrice Price

*Thank you for being faithful stewards of your
church family with your prayers, your time,
talent, and your financial resources.*

Contributions may also be made:

- *Electronically on the church website at fpcb-nj.org;*
- *By reoccurring electronic withdrawal; or by*
- *Mailing your offering to the church:
P.O. Box 385, Blairstown, NJ.*

* DOXOLOGY: *No. 592*

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;

praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

~ Being baptized today is Josephine Yock,
born September 9, 2020 to parents Jason & Kristin Yock ~

ASSISTING WITH THE BAPTISM:

Elder Deb Albrecht

Hear the words of Jesus:

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28: 18–20

Hear also these words from the Holy Scripture:

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4: 4–6

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6: 3–4

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; For all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3: 27–28

The promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.

Acts 2: 39

MINISTER:

Obeing the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promise, we baptize those whom he has called.

In baptism God claims us and puts a sign on us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection.

By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice. Let us remember and rejoice in our own baptism, as we celebrate this sacrament.

PRESENTATION OF THE CHILD

RENUNCIATION OF EVIL AND AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S LOVE:

Q. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world, which defies God's righteousness and love?

A. I renounce them.

Q. Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior trusting in his grace and love?

A. I do.

Q. Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word, and showing his love, to your life's end?

A. I will, with God's help.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; and he ascended into heaven; he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life-everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our
thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Holy Lord, God almighty. We give thanks
. . . now and forever. Amen.

THE ACT OF BAPTISM & THE BLESSING

PRESENTATION OF JOSEPHINE YOCK:

Jesus, Friend, So Kind and Gentle

***Jesus, friend, so kind and gentle.
Little ones to thee we bring.
Grant to them Thy dearest blessing,
let thine arms around them be;
Now enfold them in thy goodness,
from all danger keep them free.***

Elder: Josephine Violet Yock, you are now received into the holy catholic church.

In baptism, . . . Let us affirm our commitment to this child of God.

People: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Josephine Violet Yock into the Body of Christ and the family of God. We promise to love her, encourage her, share the good news of the gospel with her and teach her the way of Jesus that she might grow in the full knowledge and truth of Christ's love. Amen.

* BAPTISMAL HYMN: *No. 498 (vv. 1, 3, 4)*
Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

***Child of blessing, child of promise,
Baptized with the Spirit's sign,
With this water God has sealed
You unto love and grace divine.***

***Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
God's you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you:
Live as one who bears Christ's name.***

***Child of God, your loving Parent,
Learn to listen for God's call.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
Trust and love God more than all.***

DECLARING GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 3: 13–20

Moses assembles the elders to lead.

13 But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" **14** God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.' " **15** God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

Cont'd.

¹⁶ "Go and assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, has appeared to me, saying: I have given heed to you and to what has been done to you in Egypt. ¹⁷ I declare that I will bring you up out of the misery of Egypt, to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey.' ¹⁸ They will listen to your voice, and you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; let us now go a three days' journey into the wilderness, so that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.' ¹⁹ I know, however, that the king of Egypt will not let you go except by a mighty hand. ²⁰ So I will stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all my wonders that I will perform in it; after that he will let you go.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 17: 1–11

Jesus prays for the disciples' unity.

17 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

Cont'd.

⁶ "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

ANTHEM:

Chancel Choir
Soloist, Willow Kessler

"My Prayer" by Penny Rodriguez

MEDITATION:

Pastor David Harvey

Spelling P R E S B Y T E R I A N
— History Matters

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN: *No. 280 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (vv. 1, 4, 5)*

***Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.***

***The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.***

Cont'd

***When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.***

PRAISES &
Prayers





Happy Birthday!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, 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.**

DEPARTING IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN: *No. 339 Be Thou My Vision* vv. 1, 3

***Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.***

***Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.***

* CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE & BENEDICTION:

* CHORAL BENEDICTION: Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE: "Preghiera" by Cesar Franck

Our worship has ended — our Christian Witness begins!

**Please join us in Fellowship Hall
for refreshments & fellowship.**