

First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

7th Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018

10:45 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude	<i>Aria</i>	Peeters
Introit	<i>Now the Green Blade Rises</i>	French Carol

Call to Worship

O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth.

For you the valley shall sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

For you the kinds of the earth shall bow, the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

Great is your name.

Great is your love. Amen.

Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn 14	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	DIX
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Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. We confess that too often we sacrifice our convictions for convenience and our souls for shallow success. We sacrifice your standards for status, your principles for promotion, your absolutes for our ambition. Too often we are seduced by power, prestige, pleasure, or possessions, forgetting the prayer that your beloved Son has taught us. Forgive us our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded spirit. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

..... for all people to live life abundant. Children of God, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*Song of Praise 240	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks</i>	ALLELUIA NO.1
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Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Come let us praise the living God,

Joyfully sing to our Savior.

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*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.)

Words of Welcome

Please sign the black friendship pad and pass to others in your pew.
Children are welcome to participate in the Children in Worship program.

Moment for Mission

Arthur Shippee

Response

Day of Delight Beauty Unbounded

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

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 death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

1 John 5: 9-13 (p. 241)

Psalm

Psalm 1

Second Lesson

John 17: 6-19 (p. 111)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

What Does Prayer Sound Like?

The Rev. J. C. Cadwallader

*Hymn 177

I Will Come to You, You Are Mine

YOU ARE MINE

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

Upon Your Heart

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*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 Thanksgiving

Gracious God, you fill us with good things. Our hearts and lives overflow with your abundant love. With thanksgiving, we bring to you our time, talents, and tithes. Use these gifts that you have given us to feed, serve and bless others. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

The Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

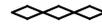
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn 324 *For All the Faithful Women* NYLAND

*Benediction

Postlude *Fantasy on "Westminster Abbey"* Near

*Those who prefer to do so may remain seated.



Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of New Haven. We are glad 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 Friendship Hour following the service.

Participating in worship leadership this morning are:

Liturgist: Sarah Harris Wallman
Ushers: Lynn Autry, Sadako Ohki
Friendship Hour Hosts: Candice and Brian Gray

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 nearby in the Copeland Room, and bulletins for ages 3-6 and 7-12 are found at the entrance.

The Reverend J.C. Cadwallader may be reached at her email: PastorJC@fpcnh.org or the church phone (203) 562-5664. Mondays are her day off.

Youth Room Refresh: After worship today, youth ages 10+ are welcome to gather in the Youth Room at the end of the hall of the Christian Education wing. We'll meet from 12-3 p.m. for lunch and a creative activity to redecorate our space. Speak with Kimberley for more information.

Third Thursday Potluck, May 17th: Pastor JC and Heather invite you to come to the Manse (724 Whitney Ave) for fellowship and food. They'll provide the main dish – maybe we'll grill outside – and you provide a side or dessert. Even if you don't or can't bring anything to share, come on along – there will be plenty. Come anytime after 6:30 pm. BYOB. ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Next Sunday is Pentecost!

Our worship service will include recognition of our confirmands' decision to become members of the church and confirm their baptism.

Pentecost Offering will be collected next Sunday: This denominational offering supports programs for children and youth. 60% of the collection goes to Presbyterian Church (USA) programming and 40% is retained by First Pres for New Haven area programs.

Save the Date! Wednesday, May 23rd @ 7:00 p.m.: Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah* will be performed by members of our choir, along with friends from the choirs of Bethesda Lutheran Church, the United Church on the Green, the Church of the Redeemer and a full orchestra. The performance will be at Bethesda Lutheran Church, located just down the street at 450 Whitney Avenue.

Sunday School for Children and Youth: Regular class programming will continue next Sunday.

Graduating? If you are graduating this year from high school, college or university – or have a family member who is graduating, please make sure the office knows, so the church family can rejoice with you.

Columbus House Homeless Shelter: Seeking a few good people to cook and/or serve and/or provide donations for dinner the first Saturday during upcoming summer months. It only takes a couple hours of your time early in the evening but it's wonderful way to do your bit for mission. New to the church or haven't participated before? Speak to Pat Wales after service. Thanks for helping out...the guests will be very grateful.

Bible Study continues to meet Wednesdays at 2 p.m. The group previews the upcoming Sunday's scripture readings. Contact Ralph Jones if you want to join.

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, 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, cake mixes. Note that they do NOT need canned *green* vegetables.

Volunteers needed! If you've never volunteered, signing up to be a Friendship Hour Host or Usher are a great way to meet a few new people at church. There are new sign-up sheets with opportunities to help through the beginning of the summer.

Sunday Adult Ed: No class at 9:30 am next Sunday, as this morning's class was the final one for the season.

New Gardens: Check out the new "Care of Creation" flower beds alongside the Owens Building! Many thanks to the folks at EMERGE for preparing the garden plots, church folks who planted yesterday, and the following people who made donations during our April celebration of Earth month:



Brian & Candice Gray, in honor of nature.

Melissa Gutridge, in memory of Ray and Edna Young.

Jim Hackney and Scott Haight, in honor of Joyce Mercer.

Dick Hasbany, in memory of George and Helen Hasbany.

Jane Hindenlang and Joel Lachance, in thanksgiving for family and friends.

Isaac Newton Kinity.

Stephen Latham, in memory of Thomas S. Latham, Sr.

Fiona Scott Morton, in memory of Mary Scott Morton.

Betsy Mussmann, in honor of our church family.

Tim and Jean McCloskey, in honor of our amazing sons: Christopher, Andrew and Daniel.

George and Nancy Rupp, in honor of our 6 grandchildren.

Martha and Bill Smalley, in memory of Jane and Bill Smalley.

Nancy Walker and James Clark, in honor of Everett James Pehlivan, our beloved grandson, whose days and years have just begun and who brings us such joy!

Nancy Walker and James Clark, in honor of our beloved pup, Bria Hartly Clark, whose days with us are ending but who has brought us such joy for 7 ½ years!

Robert and Elizabeth Williams.

Christine Whitten, in memory of my sister, Caryl Gormly Gurski, who passed away last month.



Weekly Update on Becoming a Sanctuary Church:

An enthusiastic group of our congregation met in the Miller Gathering Hall on Tuesday evening to receive training from the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship. 19 interested individuals learned about the processes and challenges in making First Presbyterian a Sanctuary church. We kicked off the evening with an icebreaker, encouraging us to share with one why each of us feels called to the work of sanctuary. We then reflected on the core principles of the sanctuary movement, as well as Dr. King's principles of non-violence. We discussed various roles and how our Sanctuary Church will function. There were many questions and concerns at first, but by the end of the training, most participants felt uplifted and more equipped to do the work.

As part of the Sanctuary Coordinating Team, I felt the evening strengthened my personal commitment to make our church a Sanctuary Church through peace and understanding.

- A reflection written by Christine Whitten



At this point, we have approximately 50 individuals interested in participating - and there's plenty of room for more! As we explore becoming a sanctuary church, it is important for us to learn *how* to care for our neighbors. Our friends with the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship are providing trainings to help us explore and equip us for the work of sanctuary.

To participate in the work of sanctuary, you must attend a training session. If you haven't already signed up, visit <https://goo.gl/forms/ZREqfav40QE1frmk2> to register for the May 22nd training session. If you haven't or aren't able to attend any of the already scheduled training sessions and would like to participate, please speak with Pastor JC about possible future training.

This Week

Sunday, May 13	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Friendship Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Youth Room Refresh
Tuesday, May 15	7:15 p.m.	Session
Wednesday, May 16	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Survivors of Homicide
Thursday, May 17	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal at Bethesda
Saturday, May 19	6:30 p.m.	3rd Thursday Potluck at Manse
Sunday, May 20	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for Children & Youth
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Friendship Hour

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.

Jeff Miller, David Miller's brother, who is recovering from surgery.

Kathy Milligan, who is gaining strength in rehab.

Gordon Ambach, who is resting at home.

Louisa Cunningham, a friend of Caty Poole, who is ill.

Molly Myers, a friend of the Latham family.

Stuart Fritts, who is recovering at home.

Jean Struble, Joan Wells' sister-in-law, who is ill.

People who are homeless.

Those who mourn or are victims of gun violence.

The young people who seek change.

Nelson Pinos Gonzalez and Sujitno Sajuti, our immigrant neighbors who are in local sanctuary churches.

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.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2018	John Dinkler Robert Williams	Phillip Phiri
Class of 2019	Lucy Ambach Fiona Scott Morton	Rona Johnston Mary Porterfield
Class of 2020	Sue Balakrishnan Jennifer Herbst	Jennifer Ballew Timothy McConnell
Clerk	Tim McCloskey	
Treasurer	Mike Spicer	

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

Pastor:	The Reverend J. C. Cadwallader
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Christian Educator:	Kimberley Fais
Nursery Care Provider:	Emily Landino

The church office welcomes your announcements and prayer requests for the bulletin. Please send the copy to firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com by Tuesday 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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