

# First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

*14th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

July 8, 2018

9:30 a.m.

## PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude                      *Intermezzo in E-Flat Major, Op. 117, No. 1*                      Brahms  
Margret Erlendsdottir, piano

### Call to Worship

God calls us to worship, and we come.

**Some with laughter and songs of joy; some with hearts heavy with grief,  
distraction or exhaustion.**

God calls us to worship, and we come.

**Some with eagerness and enthusiasm; some with stress, loneliness or depression.**

As God's dearly loved children, we bring all our joy and pain, all our hurt and hope.

**Into this place of Spirit-given grace, love and hope, we come.**

**Come! Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn 308                      *O God in Whom All Life Begins*                      NOEL

### Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

### Prayer of Confession

**God of Mercy, we confess before you the darkness of our hearts. We  
acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, and revenge,  
toward ambition and pride, which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings.  
Too often have we thus both offended and grieved you. Forgive us this sin and  
permit us to partake of the blessing you have promised the peacemakers, who  
shall be called the children of God. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

..... It is God who will redeem all iniquities. Friends, believe the Good News:

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

\*Song of Praise

*Let All Things Now Living*

THE ASH GROVE

### \*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 row.  
Children are welcome to participate in the Children in Worship program.

Response

*Bind Us Together*

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

Psalm 130

Second Lesson

Mark 6: 1-13

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Authenticity and Trustworthiness*

The Rev. J. C. Cadwallader

\*Hymn 314

*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

The Offering

Offertory

*Nocturne in E-Flat Major, Op. 9, No. 2*

Chopin

\*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, we return these gifts as a token of our gratitude, longing for the conviction and strength to offer our whole lives to your service. Grant us wisdom and discernment to be good stewards of these gifts, that our ministry might bear rich fruit in your creation. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

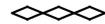
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power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

\*Hymn 727                      *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*                      THE SERVANT SONG

\* Benediction

Postlude                      *Intermezzo in A Major, Op. 118, No. 2*                      Brahms

\*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: Stephen Crocco

Ushers: Ernie Bodenweber, Jean Murray

Friendship Hour Hosts: Community Life and Outreach Committee

**We welcome Margret Erlendsdottir** to the piano this morning. Margaret, who graduated from Yale College in 2015, is currently studying in a joint MD and PhD program at the Yale Medical School. She also is an accomplished pianist, winner of the 2014 William Waite Concerto Competition and occasionally plays at First Presbyterian Church.

**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 next door 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](mailto:PastorJC@fpcnh.org) or the church phone (203) 562-5664. Mondays are her day off.

**Today We Welcome** our friends from Church of the Redeemer, worshipping with us again as they continue discerning their future.

**Volunteers needed to Usher and Host Friendship Hour this summer!** These are easy tasks which make our church a welcoming place. Team up with an old friend or someone new, and sign-up on the sheet on the corner table! Written instructions are provided.

 **Weekly Update on Becoming a Sanctuary Church:** We continue to prepare amid ever changing immigration policy. If you would like to help with our sanctuary effort, please go to this web address (<https://firstpresnewhaven.breezechms.com/form/892647>) to complete our Volunteer Registration form. Members of the Sanctuary Coordinating Team will then be in touch to follow up. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask members of the team by emailing [sanctuary@fpcnh.org](mailto:sanctuary@fpcnh.org).

**The First Pres Summer Book Group** is reading *Go, Went, Gone* by Jenny Erpenbeck, a critical examination of Western refugee policy through the eyes of a man who finds, to his surprise, he has much in common with refugees. Two discussions of the book are planned, one in July and a second in August. For both the first and second get together, use a doodle poll to vote for all of the dates/times you are able to attend. The doodle poll is online at [bit.ly/fpcbook](http://bit.ly/fpcbook). You will be notified which date is the most popular for each session. Questions? Contact Art or Mary Hunt.

**Fresh Produce for Christian Community Action:** In addition, to our non-perishable food donations in the wheelbarrow for CCA, this summer we are asking one volunteer each week to purchase up to \$40 in fresh produce at a local farmers' market or stand and deliver it to CCA as early in the week as possible. Suggestions include collards, Swiss chard, bok choy (and other greens), broccoli, cauliflower, carrots, tomatoes, apples etc., but choose whatever looks best to you. Deliver the produce to CCA at 168 Davenport Ave., New Haven, anytime Monday through Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Delivering it the same day it is purchased is best if that is possible. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, email [mission@fpcnh.org](mailto:mission@fpcnh.org) and we will email you a link to the volunteer form that will allow you to select the week(s) you are available. For more information, see the Mission Committee's flyer at [bit.ly/fpc-cca](http://bit.ly/fpc-cca).

**Ukulele Class and Teacher Training**, usually held on Tuesdays, is taking a break this week, so Kimberley can join Claire and Sadie Turner at the *I Wage Peace* event on the New Haven Green. The programming will resume on Tuesday, July 17th. Contact Kimberley ([kimberley@fpcnh.org](mailto:kimberley@fpcnh.org)) for more information.

**Refugee Craft Fair on July 21:** First Pres will host the Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS) women's sewing group's craft fair from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, July 21st. Come see handiwork for sale and remember cash is preferred. We do need a few volunteers to help out, especially at the end to help make sure everything gets back in its proper place. Contact Lynn Autry if you can assist at any time during the afternoon.

**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.

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

Molly Myers, a friend of the Latham family.

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

Those who mourn or are victims of gun violence.

People who are homeless.

Prayers for our immigrant friends in local sanctuary churches, and for their families.

James Smit, who is 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.

**This Week**

Sunday, July 8	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:35 a.m.	Friendship Hour
Wednesday, July 11	5:00 p.m.	Property Committee
Friday, July 13	4:00 p.m.	Friendship Bracelets
Saturday, July 14	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
Sunday, July 15	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:35 a.m.	Friendship Hour

**The Session of First Presbyterian Church**

Class of 2018

John Dinkler

Phillip Phiri

Robert Williams

James Duncan

Class of 2019

Lucy Ambach

Rona Johnston

Fiona Scott Morton

Mary Porterfield

Class of 2020

Sue Balakrishnan

Jennifer Ballew

Jennifer Herbst

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

Music Director:

Patrick McCreless

Church Administrator:

Martha Smith

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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](mailto:firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com) by Wednesday 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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