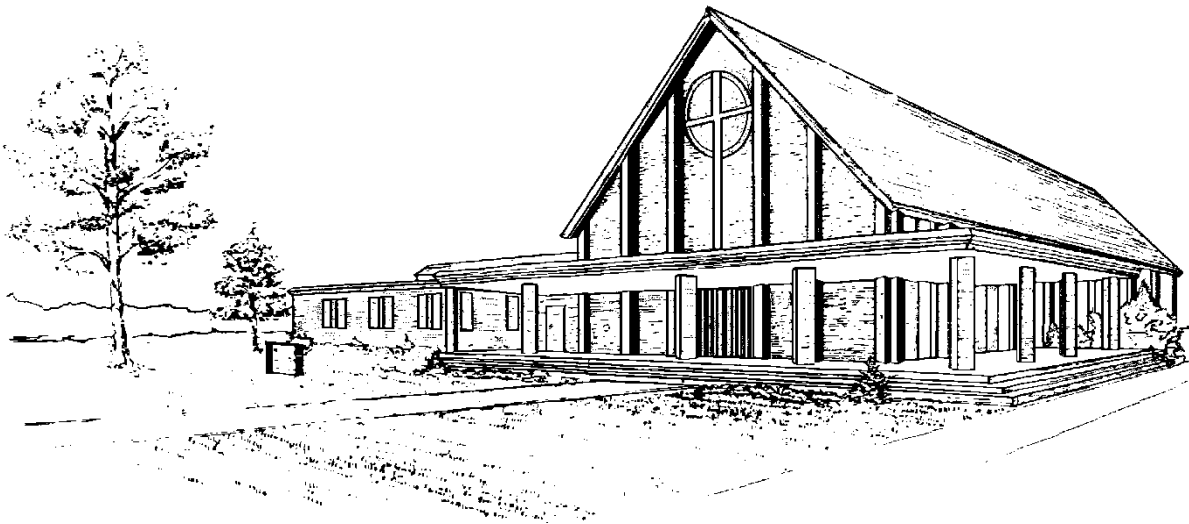


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GATHERING MUSIC

Leonora Knight

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship the Lord our God.

For the Lord is our God, and we are the Lord's people.

As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our ears,

That we might both hear and heed the word of the Lord.

As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our eyes,

That we might both see and perceive the will of the Lord.

As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our hearts,

***That we might understand with our hearts
and turn to the Lord in everything that we do.***

HYMN # 467

How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD

*O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hand has made.
I see the stars. I hear the rolling thunder.
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.*

REFRAIN: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee.

*How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee.
How great Thou art! How great – Thou art!*

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down on lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. (REFRAIN)*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,

*Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. (REFRAIN)*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!" (REFRAIN)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, You made this world, the mountains that rise tall, the oceans that carve depths, the winds, and the waves. You made everything that lives and moves, and, You made us. In times of uncertainty, O God, we confess our fears. We confess our worries, we confess our frailty. We confess that our faith has been shaken at times. We call upon You, Great Creator, to work in us, to restore and renew our faith through Your love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Console us. Help us to deepen our trust in You by our faithfulness in love to each other. Remind us of the call to love our neighbors as ourselves, and through that love, may we find that Your love has been with us all along. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

*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, Amen.*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

..... All this we pray in Jesus' name saying, *Our Father who are 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.*

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

*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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept our offering of praise and our offering of ourselves, O God. You have given us life as well as guidance for living. You have made us partakers of Your own Spirit. We rejoice in the opportunity to receive and share Your Word. May the ministry in which all of us share bear much fruit, bringing an abundant harvest for Your realm. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Me and My Shadow”

Dr. Donald T. Russo

HYMN # 422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

*God, Whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door.
Gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, Gracious Donor of Our Days.*

*Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, Your Son.
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at Your throne.*

*Treasure too, You have entrusted. Gain through powers Your grace conferred.
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the Gospel Word.
Open wide our hands, in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call.
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet, Till we meet, till we meet, God
be with you till we meet again.*

JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, FOLLOWED BY POSTLUDE

Welcome Back, Dr. Don Russo

This morning, we are delighted to welcome Dr. Donald T. (Don) Russo back to the pulpit while Pastor Ann and Bob are taking a few days off. Dr. Russo is a graduate of the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Italy. He earned his Ph.D. from New York University (NYU) in 1984. A retired Christian educator, he has taught religion on the high school level in Brooklyn, and on the college level at Syracuse University.

In addition to teaching, Don is a consultant to various religious groups. He has served as a workshop leader and lecturer at the *Institute for Pastoral Ministry* (Diocese of Brooklyn); a member of the Board of Directors for the *National Council on Religion and Public Education*; Coordinator / Co-Chair of *Religion and Public Policy*; Lecturer at *Jewish and Christian Relations Conferences* at NYU; Executive Secretary / Board of Directors for *The Religious Education Association of the US and Canada*.

Don is committed to interfaith dialogue, and is working with *Project-Genesis Interfaith*, where he lectures monthly. (www.project-genesis.org) He enjoys reading, gardening, and cooking, and hopes that his beloved Dodgers will one day return to Brooklyn. Meanwhile, he is rooting for the Mets.

The Little Food Pantry

We are in need of canned tuna and chicken, cereal, pasta and spaghetti, Chef Boy-R-Dee ravioli, canned fruit: peaches, pears, plums, mandarin oranges, mixed, (no applesauce), rice, and peanut butter and jelly. Thank you for your generosity.

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he Van Cleefs invite you to a
Summer Get Together at the “Greenport Parsonage”
200 Maple Lane, Greenport, NY
Saturday, August 5, at 3:00 p.m. Rain or Shine



The hosts will provide:

Apps:

Chips & Salsa, Cheese Platter, Veggie Platter, Shrimp Cocktail

Main Course:

Italian Bread

Salad

Baked Ziti with Home-made Sauce and Part-Skim Ricotta & Mozzarella

Chicken Marsala, Turkey Meatballs

Dessert:

Carrot Cake

Beverages:

Wines: Merlot, White Zinfandel, and Pino Grigio

Iced Tea

Coca Cola, Diet Coke, Fresca

Yard Games:

Bocce and Corn Hole

If you wish, you may bring a covered dish or a dessert
Please let Pastor Ann know in advance about any food allergies you may have.