

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



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PRELUDE
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL
Charnews

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of faith, trusting God's steadfast love.
Take refuge in the Eternal Presence.

We want to acknowledge God first in our lives.

We seek to rely on a Power beyond ourselves.

Gather in silent awe before the Source of All Things.

Climb God's holy hill, giving thanks.

It is not easy to have faith in One we do not know.

It is frightening to realize God's sovereign power.

Know that Christ is the image of the invisible God,
The One in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

We are the Church, gathered in Christ's name.

We are the Body of Christ, seeking to live faithfully.

HYMN # 485

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in. REFRAIN*

REFRAIN: *Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the Earth hear His voice!*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory; great things He hath done!*

*Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son.*

*Bur purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. REFRAIN*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Take away our distractions, O God, so we may be confronted by Your expectations of us. We realize that our busy striving after things has dulled our awareness of You. We have sought fulfillment in ways that deny You and hurt other people. Sometimes our success tramples the needs and brings ruin to the poor. Even our benevolence becomes self-serving. O God, we want to find our hope in the Gospel. Help us and 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

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

Through our offerings, loving God, we proclaim Christ to the world. We dedicate all we are giving to preaching, teaching, and outreach that move people toward maturity in faith. We offer ourselves as advocates for the poor and needy, as seekers for justice, as stewards of hope. May Your glorious Word be opened up among all people. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:8-16
Matthew 6:7-15

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

Dr. Donald T. Russo
"The World's True Novelty: Forgiveness"

HYMN # 280

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

*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.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

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

*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.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *Ours the Journey*

*In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways? REFRAIN*

*REFRAIN: God of Rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We Your people, ours the journey, now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.*

*Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? REFRAIN*

*As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,
Grant that we, Your global village, might envision wider dreams. REFRAIN*

*We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
Each a gift in Your creation, each a love song to be sung. REFRAIN*

*Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
May Your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again. REFRAIN*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE
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Joys and Announcements

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*.

Currently, he is working with *Project Genesis Interfaith*, where he lectures monthly. He enjoys reading, gardening, and cooking, and hopes that his beloved Dodgers will one day return to Brooklyn!

Annual Church Fair

The date has been set for our Church Fair: Saturday, September 24, with a rain date of Saturday, October 1.

As you're doing your spring cleaning, you can start bringing in your contributions for the rummage sale part of the fair. These items will be sorted and priced as they come in, rather than waiting until the day before the fair, as we did last year. There will be a box in the hallway for you to deposit items. (No books, please. We find that they don't sell well.)

We are in need of people willing to chair various aspects of the fair. The list is below, please see Larry Foray if you are willing to help.

- **Rummage Sale.** We have someone who will accept donations and price the items. We need someone to set up tables, arrange the items, and then pack up the leftover items after the fair is over.
- **Food Concession.** This includes determining the menu, purchasing the food, setting up the area, and cleaning up.
- **Raffle.** Getting donations, creating gift baskets, setting up tables, and selling tickets.

- **Publicity.** Updating flyer. Posting ads (both online and in local papers), and posting flyers at local stores.

Food Pantry

Please remember our food pantry when you are doing your grocery shopping. The following items are needed: Peanut butter, jelly, tuna, Spam, pasta, any Chef-Boy-R-Dee products. Thank you for your generosity.

Mark Your Calendar!

Please mark these important dates on your calendar:

- **Saturday, July 30:** Summer Get-together at Van Cleef's home in Greenport, 3:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, October 23:** 150th Anniversary Dinner, 1 p.m., Moose Hall. Ticket information will be available this summer.

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