

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship  
May 22, 2022 – 10:30 a.m.**

**Meeting ID: 876 3374 9414  
Passcode: 327702**

**Dial in: 1 (646) 558-8656**

**497 Pulaski Road  
Greenlawn, NY 11740  
Phone: 631-261-2150  
[www.greenlawnpresbyterianchurch.org](http://www.greenlawnpresbyterianchurch.org)**

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN  
May 22, 2022 – 10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE  
Organ

Leonora Colletti,

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL  
Charnews

Dan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to this place of prayer; God is calling us.  
Come, all who are burdened. There is healing here.

***We have come to hear the Word of God.***

***We have brought with us all that weighs us down.***

Let voices of praise greet the One who calls us.

Be glad together and sing for joy.

***Our hearts respond with hope for a new day.***

***Our voices join in thankful prayers and praise.***

God reigns among us and fills the world with light.

We are invited to make our home with the living God.

***May God's ways be known within and among us.***

***May God guide all nations in ways of peace.***

HYMN # 144

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*

HYFRYDOL

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne!*

*Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone!*

*Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.*

*Jesus out – of every nation hath redeemed us by His blood.*

*Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.*

*Alleluia! He is near us. Faith believed nor questions how.*

*Though the cloud from sight received Him when the forty days were o'er.*

*Shall our hearts forget His promise, "I am with you evermore."*

*Alleluia! Bread of angels, Thou on Earth our food, our stay.*

*Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to Thee from day to day.*

*Intercessor, Friend of Sinners, Earth's Redeemer, plead for me.*

*Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.*

*Alleluia! King Eternal, Thee our Lord of lords we own.*

*Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Thy footstool, Heaven Thy throne.*

*Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on Earth both Priest and Victim in the Eucharistic feast.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Almighty God, we have wandered far from Your love. We have neglected Your Word in the torrent of words that we hear and read every day. Our hearts are troubled amid the conflicts and violence of our world. Sometimes we find it easier to withdraw from everything, to resist change, lest it require more of us. We know You are reaching out to heal us; help us to respond. We know we are surrounded by Your love. Let us feel it deep within, that we may reflect that love to all we meet. 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

*For the hospitality of Your Good Earth, for the people You have given us to love, for the tasks You have called us to do, we give thanks, gracious God. Our offerings are a measure of our faith and evidence of our gratitude. We dedicate ourselves with our gifts, that Your reign may be realized in the places where we live and work, and far beyond our personal reach. Amen.*

### THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 67  
John 14:23-29

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“What Does God Really Want?”

Dr. Donald T. Russo

HYMN # 361

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus hath fled?*

*“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”*

*“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow.  
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”*

*“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply.  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”*

*“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes.  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right.  
A story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light!  
For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,  
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to Earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

*We've a song to be sung to the nations that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,  
A song that shall conquer evil, and shatter the spear and sword,  
And shatter the spear and sword!*

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,  
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to Earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

*We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above  
Has sent us His Son to save us, and show us that God is love,  
And show us that God is love!*

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,  
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to Earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

*We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow has trod,  
That all of the world's great peoples may come to the truth of God,  
May come to the truth of God!*

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,  
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to Earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

POSTLUDE

Leonora Colletti, Organ

## **Joys and Announcements**

### **Welcome, Dr. Don Russo**

This morning, we welcome Dr. Donald T. (Don) Russo to the pulpit while Pastor Ann and Bob are attending a Rotary function.

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!

### **Coffee Hour**

Many thanks to Barbara and Dan Charnews for hosting Coffee Hour this morning.

### **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:** 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, 1 p.m., Moose Hall. Ticket information will be available this summer.

### **STAFF**

#### **Pastor**

Rev. Dr. Ann M. Van Cleef  
[pastorannsutton@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorannsutton@yahoo.com)

#### **Director of Music**

Leonora Colletti

#### **Custodian**

Gary Prentiss

#### **Financial Secretary**

Betty Chatfield

#### **Webmaster**

Irene Lang

#### **Administrative Assistant**

Leonora Colletti  
[fpcgoffice@gmail.com](mailto:fpcgoffice@gmail.com)

#### **Fellowship Director**

Debbie Eitel

#### **Treasurer**

James Dean

#### **Benevolence Secretary**

Susan Perrotta

#### **Building Use Manager**

Larry Foray

### **THE SESSION**

#### **Susan Perrotta, Recording Clerk**

#### **Class of 2022**

Diane Kirchoff  
Gary Prentiss

#### **Class of 2023**

Arlissa Dean  
Kathleen Gerlach  
Craig Satterlee

#### **Class of 2024**

Debbie Eitel  
Larry Foray  
Susan Perrotta