

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship  
July 14, 2024 – The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews / Tyler Hago

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said, “Blessed are the poor in spirit,”  
He taught that the realm of God is theirs.

***We read that those who mourn are blessed.***

***Jesus said they shall be comforted.***

The meek will inherit the earth.

The merciful will obtain mercy.

***All who hunger and thirst for righteousness are blessed.***

***Jesus said they will be filled.***

Blessed are the pure in heart and the peacemakers.

They are God’s children and will see God.

***Those persecuted and falsely accused are blessed.***

***Even in the face of evil, we will rejoice.***

HYMN

*He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought*

HE LEADETH ME

*He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!*

*Whate’er I do, where e’er I be, still ‘tis God’s hand that leadeth me.*

REFRAIN: *He leadeth me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me.*

*His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.*

*Lord, I would place my hand in Thine, nor ever murmur nor repine.*

*By waters still, o’er troubled sea, still ‘tis Thy hand that leadeth me. REFRAIN*

*And when my task on Earth is done, when by Thy grace the victory’s won,  
E’en death’s cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.*

REFRAIN

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*O God, we confess that we have accepted the world's wisdom as our guide. We have been impressed by the power of weapons and the importance of high positions. We measure worth by the number of possessions we command. We have been unkind in our speech and uncaring in our deeds. We have doubted the power of the Cross to save. Turn us around and forgive us, Holy God, that we might be blessed. 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 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.*

### 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

God wants our full commitment and devotion, of which our giving is only a symbol. God calls us to lives of mercy and peacemaking, for which our offering can make a beginning. So let us gather our gifts in a virtual way and offer them to God in thanksgiving and in praise.

### 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

*We devote ourselves and these tokens of our thankfulness toward the realization of Your reign among us, Loving God. We pray for purity of heart as we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and as we seek to become peacemakers. We rejoice in this opportunity to share in the extension of Your realm. Bless us and our offering, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Amos 4:1-2; 5:21-24; 7:12-15  
Matthew 5:1-2; 7:13-14. 21-23

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“What Law? Who Said?”

Dr. Donald T. Russo

HYMN # 306

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

CRUSADER'S HYMN

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
O Thou of God to Earth come down.  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in blooming garb of spring.  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling starry host.  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels Heaven can boast.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God, our Creator, we are family.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my silent vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS**

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

This morning, we are delighted to welcome Dr. Donald T. (Don) Russo back to the pulpit while Pastor Ann is taking some time 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 President of Greenport Ecumenical Ministries, Co-Director of Project Genesis Interfaith, and 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*.

### **Summer Yard Sale – Saturday, August 17**

People have been most generous in donating items to our Church Fair. Our downstairs storage area looks like Fibber McGee's closet!

Therefore, we have scheduled a summer yard sale for Saturday, August 17, to try to clear some space. We are not going to have vendors, but if you would like a table to sell some of your own stuff, please see Pastor Ann.

### **Church Fair – Saturday, September 21**

This is the big event we all look forward to every year. We'll have our own stuff for sale, there will be vendors, food, and our Health Fair will be incorporated into the festivities. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more information.

### **You May Now Donate On Line**

Simply put your cell phone into camera mode, hold it up to the funny little square thing (no need to take a photo), and the link to our church website will pop up. The "Donate" button is on the opening page.



### **Food Pantry**

Now that school is out, our Little Food Pantry is being heavily used. In fact, it gets emptied just about every day. We need everything – please pick up a few things when you go grocery shopping. Thank you.

## **Summer Get-Together at the “Greenport Parsonage”**

Save the date! Pastor Ann would like to invite her Church Family to the “Greenport Parsonage” for a Summer Get Together on *Saturday, August 3, at 3:00 p.m.* Details to come – please mark your calendar!

### **Brahms’ Requiem**

Please let Pastor Ann or Marian Adams know if you are interested in learning the Brahms ' "Ein Deutes Requiem" to be sung in German on Oct. 27. Since there's only one rehearsal with the entire group on Oct. 26, we have a lot to do on our own.

Instructions in German pronunciation will begin late July or early August (date to be determined by attendees). Music sectionals will start later in August.

### **Pastor’s Phone Number**

Pastor Ann is giving up her land line at home, as the only people who seem to be using it are robo-callers. So, please delete (631) 477-0329 from your devices.

Her cell-phone number is (631) 275-3461. Texts are welcome.

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