

The First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday September 13, 2020 – 9:30 AM
Printable bulletin

THE GATHERING

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

The Rev. Jan Willem van der Werff

Prelude

Meditation on "Nettleton"

Paul Manz

Call to Worship

Andrew Benkard

Our God is majestic in holiness,
awesome in splendor,
and worthy of our highest praise.

Who is like the Lord?

Our God blew back the waters,
prepared a path through the sea,
and appeared as a pillar of fire
to light the pilgrim way.

Who is like the Lord?

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Let us sing to the Lord who triumphs gloriously!

Hymn

Crashing Waters at Creation

Tune: NETTLETON
Gail Lee, leading
Martin Tel, accompanist

**Crashing waters at creation, ordered by the Spirit's breath,
first to witness day's beginning from the brightness of night's death.
Parting water stood and trembled as the captives passed on through,
washing off the chains of bondage: channel to a life made new.**

**Cleansing water once at Jordan closed around the One foretold,
opened to reveal the glory ever new and ever old.
Living water, never ending, quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Wellspring, Source of life eternal, drench our dryness; make us whole.**

Invitation to God's Love: Prayer of Transformation

Joyce Cirullo and Phyllis Hauck

**Merciful God, we are quick to ask for grace
when we have fallen short,
for patience when we have stubbornly
turned away from you.
Why are we slow
to show the same mercy to others?
We keep track of wrongs
and cling to our hurts,
rather than offering forgiveness
that could free others and ourselves.
We strive to be more faithful, Lord;
we want to be more loving,
so we kneel before you once again
to ask for patience and grace.
Transform us, we pray.
Pour out your mercy upon us,
until it flows forth from us
through acts of love.**

Silence for Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Joyce Cirullo and Phyllis Hauck

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us share the good news, as we wave to our neighbor and share with each other:

The peace of Christ be with you!

*At this moment you will find yourself in a smaller group for about one-and-half minutes
to share a holy greeting: **unmute yourself** and wish each other the Peace of Christ.*

Faith in Action

The Rev. Rory Chambers

Ministry of Hospitality and Announcements

A brief Special Congregational Meeting is called for the sole purpose of electing two new deacons: Betty Anderson and Nicholas Schultz (youth deacon)

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Exodus 14: 19-31

Narrator: Florence Cohen

The Egyptians: Joyce Cirullo and Phyllis Hauck

The Lord: Andrew Benkard

19 The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. 20 It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. 22 The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. 23 The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. 24 At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. 25 He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

26 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." 27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. 28 The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. 29 But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

30 Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. 31 Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Narrator: This is the Word for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Walking on Dry Land”

The Rev. Jan Willem van der Werff

Hymn

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

GTG 234

Members of our choir lead us singing this recorded hymn

**Come, you faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness!
God has brought forth Israel
into joy from sadness,
loosed from Pharaoh’s bitter yoke
Jacob’s sons and daughters;
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.**

**’Tis the spring of souls today:
Christ has burst his prison,
and from three days’ sleep in death
as a sun has risen.
All the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from the Light to whom we give
laud and praise undying.**

**Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesus’ resurrection!**

**Neither could the gates of death,
nor the tomb’s dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal,
hold you as a mortal:
but today, among your own,
you appear, bestowing
your deep peace, which evermore
passes human knowing.**

THE THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

The Rev. Jenny Lee

Silent Prayer

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 sins,
As we forgive those who sin against us
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

Presentation of Gifts

Although we cannot pass the collection plate, donations and pledges can be mailed to the office, 154 South Mill Road West Windsor, NJ 08550. If you wish to donate online, that option is available on our website via the "Donate" button or use

<https://tinyurl.com/DNPCdonate>.

*(We continue to pay our staff and support our mission during this time.)
Carl Stillwell and Terri DeVincenzo, co-chairs Stewardship and Finance*

Doxology

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

GTG 66 or

*Recorded at Dutch Neck June 4, 2017
Pictures from past confirmation Sundays*

Chorus

**Every time I feel the Spirit
Movin' in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the spirit
Movin' in my heart I will pray.**

**Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,
Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
till I asked my Lord if all was mine.**

Chorus

**Jordan River, chilly and cold,
It chills the body but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track.
It runs to heaven and then right back.**

Chorus

**Oh, I have sorrow and I have woe,
I have heartaches here below.
But while God leads me I'll never fear,
For I am sheltered by God's care.**

Chorus (2x)

Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

Hymn

Christ Be Beside Me

GTG 702

Volunteers lead us singing this recorded hymn

**Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;
Christ be above me, never to part.**

**Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, Light of my life.**

**Christ be in all hearts thinking about me;
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me;**

in ears that hear me Christ ever be.

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Benediction

The Rev. Jan Willem van der Werff

Postlude

Don't Be Afraid - John Bell

Gail Lee, solo
Martin Tel, accompanist

**Don't Be Afraid.
My love is Stronger,
my love is Stronger than your fear.
Don't Be Afraid.
My love is stronger,
and I have promised,
promised to be always near.**

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