

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY

May 31, 2020 at 10:00am

Pentecost

We Gather Around God's Word

We invite you to listen quietly during the Prelude and prepare
for the service to begin.

WELCOME

Rev. Leigh Gillis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rosemary Schultz

*Prelude "There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit in the Air" by Doris Akers
Robert Grube, Jr.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Larry Imboden

Leader: We are the Easter people!

People: We have witnessed the Resurrection of our Lord.

Leader: We are now called to be people of the Pentecost.

People: We are called to boldly share the good news of God's love.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

People: For God has done wondrous things for us.

Leader: Open your hearts, O people, to God's great power and love.

People: We open our hearts to hear God's word for us and to

joyfully proclaim Jesus Christ as our Savior.

All: Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Larry Imboden

The God revealed to us in the pages of scripture is a welcoming and inclusive God who directs us to love one another. We seek to remove all the barriers that keep us from that love. Let us come now to confess our sin, all that separates us from others and from God. Let us pray together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Larry Imboden

Spirit of the living God, it is easy for us to find fault with the church. Even though it is your body it is made up of many human members. We are distracted from your church's true nature when we pick apart and judge others in it. Forgive us for denying the power of your Holy Spirit, which can do mighty things in spite of our weaknesses. Send that Spirit among us with power and enthusiasm, that we may be a living church proclaiming your Word. In that Spirit we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Leigh Gillis

**We Give Glory to God*

*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.*

*Special Music "The Day of Pentecost" by Hal Hopson**

*Larry Imboden, Narrator
Tina and Carina Hechevarria, Mackenzie Cruz, Elsa Hahn*

We Proclaim God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Larry Imboden

Open our hearts and minds, O God, by your Spirit, that we may hear with refreshed hearts and renewed minds your Word prepared for us this day. Through Christ, the Living Word, we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 11:24-30

Larry Imboden

Gospel Reading: Acts 2:1-21

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "GOD'S POURING OUT"

Rev. Leigh Gillis

We Respond to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Leigh Gillis, Rosemary Schultz

Laura Simone

THE LORD'S PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - From "A Brief Statement of Faith"

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve...

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

We Worship With Our Offerings

Call For Offering Rev. Leigh Gillis

Offertory *"Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire"*
Robert Grube, Jr., Organist

**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

Rev. Leigh Gillis

Benediction

Rev. Leigh Gillis

Postlude

Robert Grube, Jr.

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Mission Statement

*As the body of Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we seek to live God's Word and inspire others to
embrace Jesus' commandment to love one another as
the Lord loves us.*

Prayers of the Church Family

Pray for those in the FPCC Family facing health challenges and the loss of family members.

Pray for loved ones and friends of the FPCC Family.

We pray for people seeking asylum or a better life. We pray that as a nation, we respond to all people in need in a way that Christ would affirm. We pray for the youth of FPCC and the adults who are in their lives. Prayers for peace, understanding and love for all. Prayers for students and teachers. We pray for God's blessing for all in need, for those serving in the military, for married couples facing turmoil, *first responders*, those in leadership of our nation, and for peace in our country and the world.

Emergency and immediate prayer support is available for friends and family of the Church! To add someone, contact Linda Thorn at lindathorn427@gmail.com, or at 908 358 8127.



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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Streaming after the service: Daniel Velez - Children's Message

Sunday Worship Action Team - Pastor Leigh, Bob Grube, Organist, Laura Simone, Videographer, Terry Schultz, Sound, Rosemary Schultz, Worship elder

*From Elsa about the Special Music selection - This is the manuscript copy. It was a commissioned anthem for the Plainfield Area Children's Choir Festival in 1984. I participated with the FPCC Youth Choir, which became the Crusader Choir. I conducted a few times during the eight years we were involved. The Choir had about 120-150 kids from 8-10 choirs. Hal Hopson later published the anthem, but made changes I didn't like, so we are doing it from the manuscript!

*Our Prayers of Condolence
Family and friends of Joyce Owen on her passing
Family and friends of seven year old Kendall Breosnik
on his passing*

The Ministers of the First Presbyterian Church, Cranford NJ:

The Entire Congregation of FPCC

Pastor – Rev. Leigh B. Gillis

Director of Children, Youth and Families - Daniel Velez-Acevedo

Music Director – Alison R. Nead

Assistant Music Director – Elsa G. Hahn

Organist – Robert Grube, Jr.

Office Administrator – Carol Thee

PASTORAL CARE – For Pastoral Care needs and concerns, contact President of Deacons, Amy Aaroe at 908-403-5321. Amy will contact the pastor for you.

Pastor Leigh Gillis can be reached at pastorleigh@firstprescranford.org and at 908-432-3959.

CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT FROM PASTOR LEIGH

This is a time to support one another and to reach out when you need support. I know from "virtual" meetings with ruling elders and deacons that they are working mightily to reach out to each one of the church families. You will also note that my cell number is printed here in the bulletin and I am available. Also, the church phone is being checked periodically for messages or call Carol at home (908-272-4731) and she will be happy to connect you with someone to answer your concerns or needs. Please let us support you in prayer, if nothing else, and support one another in this way.

Blessings for the week to come,
Pastor Leigh

"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14

FLOWERS - We are taking requests for flowers for the Chancel Table at Sunday services. If you would like to donate flowers "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" someone, contact Judy Bobucky at jbobucky@verizon.net or 908- 272-3643. The flowers will be delivered by the Deacons after the service to someone who is in need of support at that time. The cost is \$50 which can be mailed to the church directly. Please be sure to note that the money is for flowers.

FROM ELSA - As you know, it is obvious that we will not be back into the sanctuary for group worship for quite a while. However, one of the things that sets us apart from many other church broadcasts is the inclusion of a soloist to enhance the worship. So again, I ask your support and the support of your friends/family for the many weeks between now and, hopefully, early September.

Your performance need not be professional, but devotional. It need not be singing, but could be instrumental, or even dance, recitation--but not, I think, stand-up comedy. It could be any number/combo of people, but no more than, say, 4-5 people. Your grandchild who plays an instrument, the family singing a hymn--all of these would be appropriate and welcome.

In this time of isolation, the joy that your performance would bring to all those watching at home would be a great gift. Please consider signing up with elsagailhahn@gmail.com or 908-756-7551.

THE NEXT PAGE – was created by Creative Amy Aaroe!



HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020



The First Presbyterian Church of Cranford invites you to join the Congregation to take part in our live stream Lord's Supper.

**PLEASE JOIN PASTOR LEIGH ON-LINE AT 10 AM
VIA FACEBOOK LIVE OR YOUTUBE
AS WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION.**

Prepare your elements ahead of time:
Pour some fruit juice, wine, or beverage of choice into a glass.
Select a small piece of bread, a cracker, or a cookie.

Gather your family for worship.

We will partake the elements together
as Pastor Leigh leads us.

**“I AM THE VINE — YOU ARE THE BRANCHES” “DO THIS IN
REMEMBRANCE OF ME”**



*The Sunday Worship Action Team (SWAT) of
First Presbyterian Church Cranford
has been working to develop meaningful worship
for all of us.*

*Many congregants miss taking communion, but in this
time of isolation, it is important to be together — apart.*

*With that in mind, SWAT is proposing the plan above.
We hope it is worthwhile for you.*

*Also, in consideration of the probability that we continue to
worship virtually through the summer, FPCC will celebrate
Communion in this fashion on July 5 and August 2, 2020.*