

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY WITH HOLY COMMUNION

June 7, 2020 at 10:00am

Trinity Sunday

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

*"Holy, Holy, Holy" by Burkhardt
Robert Grube, Jr.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lou Koehler

Leader: Father of glory and Architect of creation, blessed be your
holy name!

People: Mother of all and sheltering One, we glorify you!

Leader: Son of God and Son of Man, Lord Jesus, we praise you!

**People: Holy Spirit, Comforter and Counselor, we revel in
your presence.**

Leader: Surround us now, Holy Three - Parent, Brother and Guide –
as we gather.

People: Draw us deep into the mystery of your eternal community.

All: Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lou Koehler

Every glimpse of Christ's glory reminds us of the hope we have in our
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, both now and for the future. It also
reminds us of our own inadequacy and insufficiency. Let us go to God
in prayer to confess our sin. Let us pray...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lou Koehler

We confess, triune God, that we have sinned and are in need of
forgiveness. We have sinned against you, Father, by exploiting and
diminishing your creation, both other persons and the natural
world around us. We have sinned against you, Jesus, by being less
than loving toward neighbor - all those whom you loved and helped
above all others. We have sinned against you, Spirit of God, by
ignoring or slighting our mandate to speak up for our faith and for
justice, in spite of God's promise to empower our speech. On this
Sunday dedicated to the mystery of the three-in-one, we offer this
prayer to you, Father, in the name of your gracious Son, in response
to the prodding of your Spirit. 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 Keat Family

We Proclaim God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lou Koehler

**O Lord, no one lives by bread alone but by your eternal Word. By
your Spirit, make us hungry for this spiritual food, that we may live
according to your will for the sake of our savior, Jesus Christ, in
whose name we pray. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 18:1-14

Lou Koehler

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "I Don't Get the Trinity!"

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We Respond to God's Word

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the
third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and
sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence
he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the
body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Ruling Elder Alex Hechevarria

(Those who are present, please respond "we do" on behalf of the
congregation.)

We Worship With Our Offerings

Call For Offering

Rev. Leigh Gillis

Offertory "I Need Thee Every Hour" by Wood
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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Rev. Leigh Gillis

***Invitation to the Table and Affirmation of Faith –**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Leigh Gillis, Rosemary Schultz
Laura Simone

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Words of Institution

Communion of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Rev. Leigh Gillis

Postlude

Robert Grube, Jr.

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

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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: *A Member In Need of Prayer, Newly installed officers of FPCC.*

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.

*Our Prayers of Condolence
to all who are mourning the loss
of a loved one.*



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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

TODAY'S FLOWERS – The flowers are given in loving memory of parents.

OFFICER INSTALLATION – This morning during worship, Pastor Leigh will ordain Alex Hechevarria and install him as a ruling Elder with Karin Burk and Janice Grevious. She will also install Alex Lehner as a Deacon with returning Deacons Linda Newman, Karen Cassidy, Carole Tomlinson and Judy Bobucky. Pastor Leigh will recognize Jim Weisgerber as a Trustee.

As a congregation we support these members and are grateful for their willingness to serve.

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 908- 272-3643 or jbobucky@verizon.net. 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 in 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.

Announcements from the Children, Youth and Family

Office Questions regarding any announcement, please contact the Director of Children, Youth and Family, Daniel Velez at (609) 455-7155 or daniel@firstprescranford.org

1. Congratulations to All Our Graduates and Students!

We are amazed of the dedication and strength you have shown especially during these difficult times. We are immensely proud of you and we would love to bless you with this prayer.

Prayer for Graduates and Students: Let us pray:

Dear God, we thank you that your huge favor, blessing, and powerful light surrounds our graduates and students. We pray that your presence would continually shine on them, and that you would be gracious to them and give them great peace. We ask that you help them to always know how very much they are loved, especially by you. Make them constantly aware that you are always with them; fill them with faith to believe that your words are true and that your Spirit guides them. We ask that they find full confidence in the security of your love and care for them. We pray that you would give them health physically, emotionally, and spiritually, and would protect them from disease, illness, or any harm to their bodies, minds, and spirits. We ask boldly for you to equip them for every purpose you have for their lives and give them constant endurance to run the race well.

In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

“The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you, the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26)

2. Virtual VBS With Our Friends at First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen:

Sadly, Covid19 has provided it difficult for us to plan for a Summer VBS. However, to make up for this we are planning for a Winter VBS. *If you want to join the VBS team please email daniel@firstprescranford.org.* As we plan, we did not want our children to miss out on a Summer VBS. Knowing this our great friends at First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen have invited us to participate in their *Virtual Summer VBS called Great Bible Reef*. This Virtual VBS will be held on **June 29- July 2**. We are thankful and excited to join our extended family at First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen.

To register please email Daniel at daniel@firstprescranford.org.

3. MyCalling Summer Mission Trip Canceled:

The summer mission trip to MyCalling has been canceled due to Covid19. We are saddened over this announcement. However, MyCalling mentioned that they are still providing three activities:

- **Mission Trip "In a Box"**: Even though we cannot gather there is no reason we cannot all still participate in ministry in our own communities! We will be putting together a Mission trip "in a box" with missions your group can do together or separately (depending on the health guidelines in our area).

- **Worship:** We will still be hosting worship online from Sunday July 12th to Wednesday July 15th as well as creating daily devotionals and church time packets to help facilitate conversation in your group.
 - **Leadership Training:** High school leadership is an important part of our ministry and we will still be providing (optional) Joshua and Timothy training exercises and events. We are looking at hosting these on the normal training days of July 10th and 11th.
- More information coming soon.*

4. Youth Fellowship:

Youth Fellowship has been meeting through Zoom every Sunday a 7:00pm! If any youth member wants to join please contact Daniel. Here we provide a safe place where youth members can share their opinions and feelings on world issues, discern what God is doing in the midst of it all, and see how we can be witnesses to God's work.

5. Parent Fellowship:

We would like to provide support and fellowship to our Parents and Guardians at FPCC. For this reason, we will be offering Parent Fellowship through Zoom. The goal is for parents to create community and build each other up during these times. Daniel will be emailing Parents with more information.

6. Sunday Children Messages on the FPCC Facebook Page, YouTube, and Our Web Page:

Remember to join Daniel and Teddy every Sunday at 10:50 am as they share the Children's Message! Also, subscribe to our YouTube Channel and like our Facebook Page to see the latest video or to catch any videos you might have missed! Join in on the fun!

7. Children Sunday School Activities Are Provided on FPCC Facebook Page and on Our Web Page:

Parents Fun Sunday School Activities can be found on the 4Kids page! The activities will be based on the Sunday Children Message!

8. FFPC Guess It Challenge!

For the month of June, we are extending an Art Challenge to the church! Show us how creative you can be. The challenge is to show your favorite bible story, however, don't tell us what it is! The challenge is for us to guess which bible story it is! Fun for the whole church family! Be as creative as you want! You can draw, sculpture, sing, dance or even mime! Post what you created on our FB Page, email Daniel or mail it to the church. Let the challenge begin!