

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY

August 9, 2020 at 10:00am Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We Gather Around God's Word

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

WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Leigh Gillis
Rosemary Schultz

Prelude "We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight" by Callahan
Robert Grube, Jr., Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP Donna Graziano

LEADER: Something awakened us this morning - perhaps day's dawning, the smell of brewing coffee, the sound of our alarm, or a child's cry.

PEOPLE: And now we gather with awakened spirits to worship with others the Creator of this day.

LEADER: Something moved us this morning - we left behind a sufficiency of sleep or a restless night, we engaged in feeding and dressing, we are ready for worship.

PEOPLE: And now we gather to worship the Christ who moves among us and to follow the Spirit which leads us into deeds of love.

ALL: May ours be a faith that is both awake and moving. Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION Donna Graziano

Often, we fail to see signs of God's presence in our daily lives. Since we miss these signs, we miss God at work. May God forgive our shortsightedness as we confess our sins together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Donna Graziano

Forgive us, O God, if we have preferred the old to the new, half life to full life, and our own paltry achievements over what you have in mind for us. We have ignored Jesus' teachings which we do not like, overlooked what he says to us in love, and tried to discover meaning in life apart from what we have in you. We have missed the mark. We have chosen to live on memory and nostalgia rather than on trust in you. Have mercy on us, O God, and restore to us the joy of our salvation. May we rise, strengthened by your gracious Spirit, for life today. Deliver us from all our sin, through Jesus, our Lord. 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.*

We Proclaim God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Donna Graziano

Loving God, by your Spirit, may we recognize you in your Word prepared for us this day. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:22-33 Donna Graziano

Scripture Reading: Romans 10:5-15 Rev. Leigh Gillis

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "FAITH AND DOUBT" Rev. Leigh Gillis

We Respond to God's Word

Special Music (Insert) "Song of Faith and Doubt"
Lynn Pinto, Soloist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Leigh Gillis, Tina Hechevarria
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

We Worship With Our Offerings

Call For Offering

Rev. Leigh Gillis

Offertory

“Simple Song“ from Bernstein’s Mass.

Lynn Pinto, Soloist

*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.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

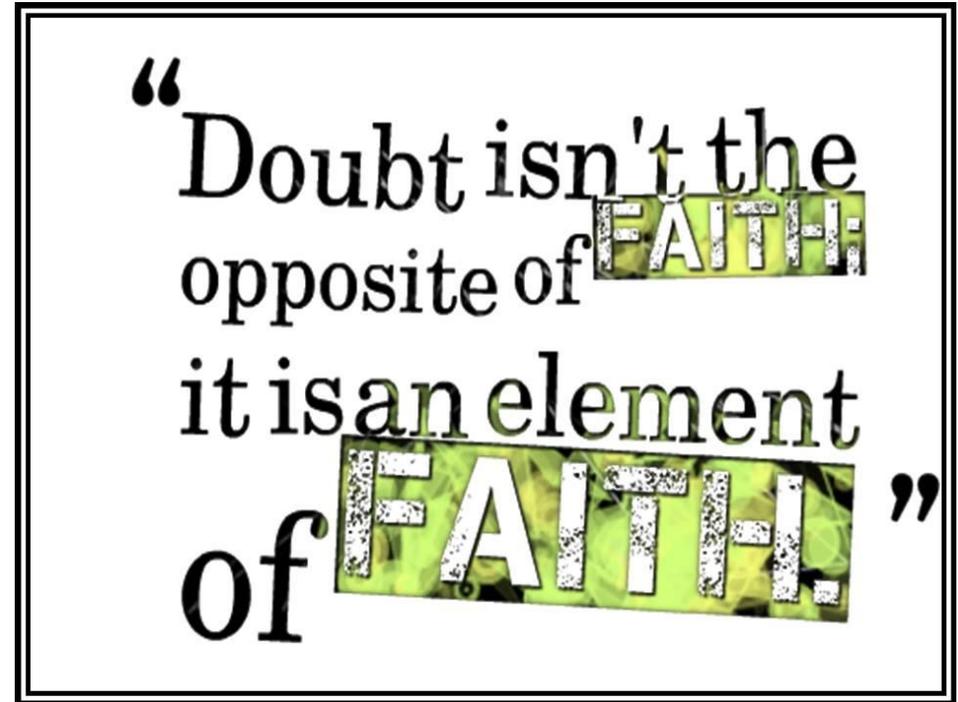
Streaming after the service: Daniel Velez - Children’s Message

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Quote from Paul Tillich

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.*



We send a very big *THANK YOU* to member, Dale Schoustra for making it possible for us to have our picnic on the grounds of Gray Memorial Funeral Home. The setting was beautiful and made the occasion special on a summery day.
Thank you, Dale!

LET'S HAVE A PICNIC!
ON AUGUST 9 AND 23, AT 11:30,
DRIVE OR WALK TO
GRAY'S PROPERTY
ON SPRINGFIELD AVENUE
FOR AN IN-PERSON GATHERING.

*YOU CAN SPREAD A BLANKET ON THE GRASS,
OR BRING A CHAIR.
BRING YOUR FAMILY, LUNCH AND MASKS.*

*WE WILL DISTANCE SOCIALLY
AND ENJOY ONE ANOTHER'S COMPANY*

WORSHIP ON-LINE AT 10
PICNIC AT 11:30
HAVE FUN ALL DAY!!



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Amy will contact the pastor for you.
Pastor Leigh Gillis can be reached at 908-432-3959
pastorleigh@firstprescranford.org.

JOIN US! FPCC has begun a weekly service of morning prayer on Tuesday mornings. You are welcome to gather for "Morningsong". The Morningsong prayer service in the chapel will be at **8:30 a.m.** Thanks to all who responded to the poll. Masks are required.

UPCOMING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - The next Vespers service in the chapel will be August 18 at 6:30 p.m. Masks are required.

On August 30 and September 6 we will be blessed with worship services created by teams of churches around the Presbytery of Elizabeth. They will stream on our platforms at the regular time of 10:00 a.m. The service for Sept. 6 will be recorded here at FPCC in August. The presbytery suggested, helped organize, and will make available these worship services so that all who have worked so hard in our congregations can have a little break from weekly production.

FLOWERS – Flower requests have been received for remaining Sundays in August. Thank you! If you would like to donate flowers in September "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.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are donated by a family in memory of a sister, and father.

TIMELY PASTORAL THOUGHTS - This Covid-19 time IS crazy. Anxiety is rampant. We all have health concerns to consider and financial concerns and loved ones to care about, as well as the world. MAKE your mind take a rest. "Don't be anxious about anything... [be] in prayer." Phillipians 4:6.

Scripture is very clear on the call to followers of Christ in response to the upheaval which is going on now in our society. To be faithful people of integrity, we must put aside our own heritage, our own feelings, our comfort, our pride in what our families historically did or did not do, and do what Jesus calls us to do.

Your calling is clear. A call to prayer is indeed indicated. A call to action is indicated. A call to listen to the wisdom and advice of your session as leaders of the church is indicated. A call to follow Christ is indicated.

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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  
Assistant Music Director– Elsa G. Hahn  
Organist – Robert Grube, Jr.  
Office Administrator – Carol Thee

Sunday Worship Action Team  
Pastor Leigh  
Organist - Bob Grube  
Videographers - Laura Simone, Kris and Colin Farley, Sarah Cassidy  
Sound - Terry Schultz, Rob Berns, Janice Grevious  
Worship Elder - Rosemary Schultz, Tina Hechevarria, assistant

### 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.

Prayers for those who feel forgotten or unloved, for those feeling overwhelmed. Prayers for healthcare and essential workers. We pray for people seeking asylum. 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. We pray for those serving in the military, for married couples facing turmoil, 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](mailto:lindathorn427@gmail.com), or at 908 358 8127.***

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*Our Prayers of Condolence for  
Ellen Walsh and family on the passing  
of her husband, Bruce Klein  
and  
for all who have lost a loved one.*

## SONG OF FAITH AND DOUBT

Lyrics: Leigh B. Gillis 2020    Tune: How Can I Keep from Singing, 1869

I vacillate 'tween faith and doubt  
In each day's routine living.  
And, through it all, I know I stand  
In need of God's forgiving.

REFRAIN: No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to my God I'm clinging.  
Since Christ can still the storms of life  
How can I keep from singing?

Christ came to them across the waves,  
"Take heart; do not be frightened.  
"Where is your faith, you doubting ones?"  
And the dark clouds were lightened.

"All those who call on Christ shall live,"  
Believe these words and follow.  
Our faith is strengthened as we live  
And deepens as we gro-ow.

## FOOD DONATION FOR CRANFORD FAMILY CARE

The Youth Fellowship will be collecting  
food donations at the Church Picnic to  
help Cranford Family Care on

**SUNDAY, 9 AUGUST**

### Things to Donate

- Canned Pasta
- Instant and Regular Coffee
- Mayonnaise
- Jelly
- Mac & Cheese
- Canned Peas
- Corn
- Baked Beans

BRING YOUR PICNIC  
AND  
YOUR DONATIONS!

For More Info Contact Daniel Velez at [daniel@firstprescranford.org](mailto:daniel@firstprescranford.org)