



First Presbyterian Church
of New Canaan

10TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 10, 2018

** Please rise as you are able in body or spirit..*

GATHERING

*Please prayerfully allow the silent, sacred space of the sanctuary
and the quiet stirrings of the Spirit to prepare your heart and mind for worship.*

PRELUDE *Choral Varié du sur lè thème du 'Veni Creator', Op. 4* Maurice Duruflé

INTROIT *Welcome* Michael Minard

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Michael S. Piazza

***EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 442** *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA

TIME OF CONFESSION Rev. Kathryn Kibbie Laird

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF GENERAL CONFESSION (UNISON)

Mothering God, gather us close so that we may feel safe enough to open that deepest parts of our souls to you. We believe that you are the One from whom all life flows but we confess that we do not always live as though our lives are divine gifts. Perhaps this is why we do not treat one another as sacred sisters and brothers. On this holy day, and in this holy room remind us God of Grace of all the ways we have been unloving and unkind, so that in our honesty we may be healed and do better. You, who are Mother and Father of us all give us the courage to be honest with you as now we open our very souls to your healing grace in the silence of these moments.

PRAYER OF SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON James MacMillan

Lord, have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy. Christ have
mer-cy, Christ have mer-cy. Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

**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.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

*Children are invited to Sunday's Cool rotation.
Please bring your buck and a can offering with you to Sunday's Cool.*

THE WORD

ANTHEM

There Is a Season

Alfred V. Fedak

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and time to uproot; a time to kill and time to heal; a time to break down and time to build up; to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven, a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and time to dance; a time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones together, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, to everything there is a season, a time to seek and time to lose; a time to keep and time to cast away; a time to rend and time to sew; a time to keep silent and time to speak; a time of love and a time of hate; a time for war and a time for peace. To everything there is a season.

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (NT page 181)

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 3:20-35 (NT page 37)

Stephan von Jena

One: Please rise in body or spirit in reverence to the words of Jesus.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: We listen for a word from God:

The crowd came together, and there were so many that they could not even eat. When Jesus' family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin," for the scribes had said, "He has an unclean spirit." Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

One: This is the Gospel of hope.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Family – There's an App for That

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN No. 354

Guide My Feet

GUIDE MY FEET

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray...

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

LITANY OF RECOGNITION OF AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE CHOIR

One: We rejoice that God, who taught the stars to sing, gives the gift of music with which to sing God's praise.

All: We rejoice that God has called together this choir in this time and place to sing his praise, to lead us in worship and to lift our hearts in wonder.

One: We offer thanks to God for the gifts these musicians have been given that they faithfully share week by week.

All: We are grateful for their hours of preparation, their constancy in times of change, and the joy they bring to their special ministry.

One: For all this and for all the ways you have allowed God's grace to flow through your spirits and through your voices, we give you thanks and we give thanks to God. Let us pray:

God of awesome beauty, the heavens cannot contain your glory, nor our words and music contain our gratitude for your grace. We rejoice that you gather us to sing your praise and that you bless us, not only with music that deepens and entralls us, but with musicians who perform music that renews and inspires us. For our choir, for Victoria, who have trained and conducted them, and for guest musicians, all of whom have contributed to building the mysterious link of song and soul, we thank you. May this summer respite be a time of refreshment and renewal that they may return to us in the fall with fresh energy and commitment. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS AND OURSELVES

Please sign the card and pass it to your neighbor. As you pass it back to the center, take note of who is here so we can become better acquainted. Visitors, please give your address, telephone, and e-mail information.

OFFERTORY

Jubilate Deo

Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before her presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord she is God: it is she that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are her people, and the sheep of her pasture. O go your way into her gates with thanksgiving, and into her courts with praise; be thankful unto him and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory be to the Mother 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.

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SENDING

*HYMN No. 464

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Please be seated for the choral response & the ringing of the church bell.

CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be in My Head

George Bayley

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

POSTLUDE

Prelude in B Major, Op. 7, No. 1

Marcel Dupré

TODAY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Welcome to the service of worship for the Lord's Day. Parents of **infants through age four** are encouraged to take their children to the nursery school classrooms during worship. **Students in pre-K through seventh grade** should follow their teacher to the common room.

Today in Sunday's Cool: grades PreK-4th will hear about the Fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:16-26, and will use face paint to share the unique gifts God has given them. We can do wonderful things because God made us! **In the Tate Youth Barn**, our Tweens (5th-7th grade) will celebrate the awe-inspiring story of the coming of the Holy Spirit on all believers by revisiting the story of Pentecost in Acts 2: 1-21.

Greeters: Peter and Nancy Flournoy; **Worship Coordinator:** Jim Ely; **Ushers:** George Benington, Glenn Mierendorf, Caroline Turpin, Stephan von Jena; **Cross Bearer:** Patty von Jena; **Lay Reader:** Stephan von Jena; **Musicians:** The First Presbyterian Church Choir; Schola Cantorum

Flowers today are in celebration of Lindsay Benko and Christopher Gardner, daughter of Sue and Steve Benko.

Flower Memorials: If you wish to have flowers in the sanctuary to celebrate an anniversary, a baptism, a birthday, or to memorialize a loved family member or friend please contact Barbara Wentzel, Flower Coordinator, at 203-966-5402 or via email at barbarawentzel@mac.com.

Memorial Service: **Dr. David Brown's** memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 30 at 11 a.m., followed by a reception in the common room.

Let us keep in our thoughts and prayers: *Continued concerns:* Grace Chung; Neil Coakley; Graham Harden; Bob Jackson; William Boyd Kegg; Vince Lombardi; Jim Mierendorf; Alanna Ruszkowski; The Stricos family (friends of Joe and Diana Ruszkowski); Betsy Stewart (Jim and Denise Riehl's niece); Poppy Stewart (Tucker Murphy's grand-niece). The Abo Noktah family (our Syrian refugees): father Khaldoun, mother Khawla Alzob, daughters Hanin and Zain, and sons Yaman and Ahmed.

STOCK SALE: INVEST IN OUR SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIPS!

Please support our Summer youth mission trips by "investing" in our annual "Stock Sale," running through June 17! **Youth Mission Trips: June 24-June 29 (middle and high school youth groups)** for all rising 6th-12th graders. Trip will be to Boston, MA. Work will be construction and relational ministry. **July 7-July 14: (high school)** for students who have completed 9th-12th grades to Costa Rica. We will do a church ministry including a book drive for a local community, as well as mercy ministry (handing out food and praying with the community's poorest in their homes), and various kinds of children's ministry and games including crafts, memory books, and sports. Visit our display outside the common room after worship to purchase your stock. Shareholders will receive a stock certificate, daily e-mail updates from the mission trips with photos and news, and a seat at the popular fall Shareholder's Luncheon, at which our youth will talk about their trips and share a slideshow of their mission work. **Thank you for your generous support! We literally can't do this mission work without YOU!**

Children's Book and Sports Equipment Collection for HSYG mission Trip to Costa Rica

The high school youth group mission trip will be collecting Bibles and other books for children and youth during the next two months to create a library in Rio Cuarto, Costa Rica. We also will be collecting previously-loved children's jerseys of any kind to create a sports camp for the children of Rio Cuarto. Please look for our bins in the front hallway and consider donating during May and June. Blessings, Rev. Kibbie Laird and HSYG.

Deacon Missions: Driving.

Do you ever need a ride to or from church or church events? The deacons can help! Do you attend church or church events and would you be willing to be on an email list of potential drivers for others? The deacons can help there, too! The deacons are looking to expand our driving mission by developing a list of potential drivers beyond the current Board of Deacons.



We also are seeking to reach out to those who may need rides to assure that all church members are able to attend church services and events. If you can be an occasional driver, or you or anyone you know need rides to church, please call Tina at the church office at 203-966-0002 or stop by the deacon table in the common room after church today.

Stewardship.

Thank you all so much for your GREAT response to the recent appeal from Associate Pastor Rev. Kibbie Laird and Clerk of the Session Scott Beyer. Many of you already stepped up and generated incremental and new pledges and gifts. We're incredibly grateful to the families and individuals who so quickly contributed an additional \$81,000, bringing us up to \$763,000. This puts us within reach of our \$800,000 2018 operating budget goal. We're not quite there yet, however, and great First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan programs and services are still in jeopardy. If there's any way you can consider an additional pledge for 2018, please contact Barbara Wentzel, Stewardship Chair; Armin Thies, or the Church office at 203-966-0002 or visit fpcnc.org/stewardship to pledge or donate electronically TODAY! Every donation and pledge are a blessing to this congregation and its mission, as are you.



No Gift Too Small! The Bell Tower Society, which allows members of the community and the community of the faith at First Presbyterian Church to bequeath enduring statements of faith, welcomes gifts and bequests of all sizes. Every dollar given makes a difference in serving the long-term welfare of our church. If you have questions about remembering the church in your estate plans, please contact our acting office administrator, Jim Beall in the church office at 203-966-0002.



New Canaan Food Pantry: Items in need now due to low/no stock are canned stew, dry milk, Parmalat, pancake mix (add water only), syrup, packaged pasta dishes, packaged potato dishes, brownie mix, applesauce, and crackers. **No beans or soup are needed at this time.** Please drop these items in the shopping cart at the back of the Sanctuary, and we will make sure they are delivered to the New Canaan Food Pantry.

Cents-ability: On June 3, we collected \$155. for Cents-Ability, a small first step in the battle against hunger and poverty. We invite members of all ages in our congregation to contribute a few cents at every meal. This simple act is an expression of thanks for what we have received. It is also a commitment to share with others in response to Jesus' command, "You give them something to eat." When members bring their offerings to church on the appointed Sunday, all those coins "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" as they are received and dedicated. Our total collection since we began Cents-ability in November 2011 is \$19,115. Thank you for your awareness and generous response to hunger. If you would like more information on Cents-ability or need a Cents-ability cup, please call the church office at 203-966-0002. Remember to fill up your Cents-ability cup 'til it runneth over! **Our next collection is July 1.**



A Celebration of Graduates of All Ages! Are you or a family member a recent graduate? If so, we would like to acknowledge you in the **June 17 bulletin**. Please email our office manager, Tina St. Armand, at tina@fpcnc.org to add your name, school, and degree to the list.

Calling all men! Father's Day is coming soon, on **Sunday, June 17**. Traditionally, we gather any man interested in singing to lead worship on this Sunday. **We will have one rehearsal on Thursday, June 14, from 7:30-9:30 p.m.** The music, camaraderie, and goodies after rehearsal make for a fun experience for all! If you are interested in joining, please email Victoria Shields, Director of Music, at victoria@fpcnc.org. Hope to see you there!



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Church Office Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

- 9:15 AM Deacon/Elder Breakfast
- 10:00 AM Worship Service**
with Rev. Dr. Michael Piazza
- 10:15 AM Sunday's Cool for PreK-7th grade
- 11:15 AM Coffee Hour
- 11:30 AM Children's Ministry Committee

MONDAY, JUNE 11

- 6:30 PM Purple Heather Dancers

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

- 1:00 PM Leadership Team
- 8:00 PM Men's A.A.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

- 10:00 AM Music Librarians

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

- 7:30 PM Men's Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

- 9:15 AM No A.A. (closed)
- 10:30 AM No A.A. (open)

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

- 10:00 AM Worship Service**
with Rev. Dr. Michael Piazza
- 10:15 AM Sunday's Cool for PreK-7th grade
- 11:15 AM Coffee Hour
- 11:30 AM Board of Deacons



During the first half of 2018, Khaldoun Abo Noktah (pictured) and his family have taken strides toward self-sufficiency in America, including obtaining green cards, new employment and a car. First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan (FPCNC) has been supporting this Syrian refugee family since 2016.

FPCNC began our joint prep with the First Presbyterian Church of Stamford (Fish Church) in the Spring - gathering furniture, exploring community resources, and other set up work required by IRIS, the non profit agency that works with the US state dept to resettle refugees.

OUR MINISTERS

The Entire Congregation

OUR PASTORS

The Rev. Dr. Michael S. Piazza, Interim Pastor
The Rev. Kathryn Kibbie Laird, Associate Pastor
The Rev. Mary Marple Thies, Parish Associate
The Rev. Christopher G. Tate, Parish Associate

OUR STAFF

Victoria Shields, Director of Music / Sherry Tate, Cherub Choir director
Jim Beall, Acting Church Administrator / Tina St. Armand, Office Manager
Erika Hagan, Administrative Assistant to Children and Youth Ministries / Edgar Torres, Day Sexton

THE SESSION

Our Pastors

Scott Beyer, Clerk of Session

George Benington, Bell Tower Society

Sue Benko, Communications

Laurel Carlson, Youth Ministries

Carole Clarkson, Worship, Music and Arts

Linda Ferguson, Nominating

Lisa Gifford, Congregational Life

Jennifer Gulden, Personnel

Julie Hoffman, Member-At-Large

Freia Mierendorf, Co-Youth

Glenn Mierendorf, Outreach

Dede McEvoy, Strategic Planning

Andy Petitjean, Finance

Lynn Quinn, Adult Education

Julie Reeves, Membership Involvement

Charles Robinson, Co-Buildings and Grounds

Rose-Scott Rothbart, Co-Buildings and Grounds

Kevin Thomson, Advisory Committee

Spencer Reeves, Co-Youth

Jenny Volanakis, Children's Ministries

Barbara Wentzel, Stewardship

THE DEACONS

Jen and Steve Van de Graaf, *Co-Moderators*

Carson Allsteadt, *Co-Youth*

Erica Bergmans, *Inspirica, Meals-on-Wheels*

Mary Jane Bolin, *Senior Lunch*

Peg Bull, *Flock Program*

William Dooley, *Co-Youth*

Cindy Hagopian, *Inspirica*

Karen Hanson, *Memorial Services and Receptions*

Beth Hersam, *Flowers and Cards*

Chris Kniffin, *Member-At-Large*

Nichole LaBadie, *Co-Youth*

Linda Martin, *Baptisms; Flock Program*

Sarah Robinson, *Pastoral Care Team*

Kristen Rodgers, *Cards and Flowers*

Kathleen Servidea, *Cards and Flowers*

Elizabeth Stuart, *Flowers and Cards, Treasurer*

Ashley Walker, *Co-Youth*

The Rev. T. Guthrie Speers, Jr., Pastor Emeritus - Mrs. Marilyn J. Ballantine, Minister of Music Emerita