

The First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan



**A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
14 DECEMBER 2020, 9:30 A.M.**

WELCOME TO THIS TIME OF REMEMBRANCE AND REFLECTION

The congregation's sung words are in ***bold italics***

Prelude “Prelude” from *Suite No. 2 in D minor, BWV 1008* J.S. Bach

Welcome Rev. Scott Herr

Hymn “God of Compassion, in mercy befriend us”

***God of compassion, in mercy befriend us,
giver of grace for our needs all-availing.
Wisdom and strength for each day ever send us,
patience untiring and courage unfailing.***

***Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,
stilled our rude hearts with your word of consoling.
Wrap now your peace, like a mantle, around us,
guarding our thoughts and our passions controlling.***

***How shall we stray, with your hand to direct us,
you who the stars in their courses are guiding?
What shall we fear, with your power to protect us,
we who walk forth in your greatness confiding?***

Scripture Unison Reading Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Anthem “Lead Me, Lord” Samuel Wesley

Scripture Reading Romans 8, *selected*

Reflection

Prayer

Hymn

“Amazing Grace”

*Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!*

*I have already come; 'Tis grace hath brought me
safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be, As long as life endures.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.*

Benediction

Postlude “Allemande” from *Suite No. 1 in G major, BWV 1007* J.S. Bach

Please see these references that follow to learn about how some people have acted in response to gun violence.

- *Sandy Hook Promise* (SHP) “seeking common sense solutions to make our communities and country safer.”
<http://www2.sandyhookpromise.org/>
- *Safe and Sound* is developing safety guidelines for school districts across the country. <http://safeandsoundschools.org/>

National groups working to prevent gun violence:

- *Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence:*
www.giffordslawcenter.org
- *The Brady Campaign:* www.bradycampaign.org
- *Mayors against illegal guns:* <http://www.mayorsagainstillegalguns.org>
- *Everytown for Gun Safety:* www.everytown.org

Gone, but not forgotten.

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TRAGEDY IN NEWTOWN



1ST ROW: Charlotte Bacon, Age 6 • Daniel Barden, Age 7 • Rachel D'Avino, Age 29 • Olivia Rose Engel, Age 6 • Josephine Gay, Age 7 • Dawn L. Hochsprung, Age 47 • Dylan Hockley, Age 6

2ND ROW: • Madeleine F. Hsu, Age 6 • Catherine V. Hubbard, Age 6 • Chase Kowalski, Age 7 • Nancy Lanza, Age 52 • Jesse Lewis, Age 6 • Ana Grace Marquez-Greene, Age 6 • James Mattioli, Age 6 •

3RD ROW: Grace McDonnell, Age 7 • Anne Marie Murphy, Age 52 • Emilie Parker, Age 6 • Jack Pinto, Age 6 • Noah Pozner, Age 6 • Caroline Previdi, Age 6 • Jessica Rekos, Age 6

4TH ROW: Avielle Richman, Age 6 • Lauren Rousseau, Age 30 • Mary Sherlach, Age 56 • Victoria Soto, Age 27 • Benjamin Wheeler, Age 6 • Allison N. Wyatt, Age 6

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