



SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

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PRELUDE

Let Everything That Has Breath – Mark Hayes

Linda Sweetman Waters, Piano

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL to WORSHIP

Come, let us praise God together

in the company of his gathered people.

For the works of our God are unparalleled.

Everything He does reveals his glory and majesty.

Our God is full of grace and mercy,

and his righteousness never fails.

So come and worship, all you who revere the Lord,

for reverence and awe is the foundation of true wisdom. **Amen.**

*HYMN 469 – *Morning Has Broken*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, source of life and grace, we are aware that we are, at times, prisoners of fear and habit. Through the healing touch of Christ, set us free to live and to love, that we may be the people you have created us to be. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

*HYMN 579 – *Gloria Patri*

*PASSING of the PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Olivia Davis *and* Lucy Dickinson

PSALTER READING ~ Psalm 111

ANTHEM

Bridge Over Troubled Water - Paul Simon, arr. Kirby Shaw

The Chancel Choir Brian Princing, Guitar and Linda Sweetman Waters, Piano

Dr. Edward Schmiedecke, Director

I'll be your bridge o'er troubled water, when you're down, I will carry you....When you're weary, feelin' small, when tears are in your eyes I will dry them all. I'm on your side. Oh, when times get rough and friends just can't be found, like a bridge over troubled water, I will lay me down. When you're down and out, when you're on the street, my Lord, when evening falls so hard I will comfort you. I'll take your part. Oh when darkness comes and pain is all around, like a bridge over troubled water, I will lay me down. I'll be your bridge o'er troubled water, when you're down, I will carry you....Sail on silver girl, sail on by. Your time has come to shine, all your dreams are on their way. See how they shine! Oh if you ever need a friend, look around, I'm sailing right behind. Like a bridge over troubled water, I will ease your mind. I'll be your bridge o'er troubled water, when you're down, I will carry you....like a bridge over troubled water, I will lay me down.

EPISTLE READING ~ Galatians 3:26-29

SERMON

God Made US a Family ~ Luke, Maddie and Johnny Eliya

MUSICAL OFFERING

You've Got a Friend In Jesus - Carole King/Charles Converse

Carol and Edward Schmiedecke

Brian Princing, Guitar ~ Linda Sweetman Waters, Piano

When you're down and troubled and you need some lovin' care, and nothin' is goin' right, close your eyes and think of me and soon I will be there to brighten up even your darkest night. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear. What a privilege to carry everthing to God in prayer! If the sky above you grows dark and full of clouds, and that old north wind begins to blow, keep your head together and call my name out loud; soon you'll hear me knockin' at your door. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer! Now ain't it good to know that you've got a friend when people can be so cold? They'll hurt you, yes and desert you and take your soul if you let them. Oh, but don't you let them. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge - take it to the Lord in prayer. You've got a friend.

CALL to OFFERING

Please venmo @FirstPres-RidgewoodNJ,
drop your offering in the plate on your way out,
or mail check to the church. Thank you!



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PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

As God's people, called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the church,
the whole human family, and all the world, saying: **Hear Our Prayer.**

That churches of all traditions may discover their unity in Christ
and exercise their gifts in service of all. In faith, let us pray to the Lord, **Hear Our Prayer.**

That the earth may be freed from war, famine, and disease, and the air, soil,
and waters cleansed of poison. In faith, let us pray to the Lord, **Hear Our Prayer.**

That those who govern and maintain peace in every land may exercise their powers
in obedience to your commands. In faith, let us pray to the Lord, **Hear Our Prayer.**

That you will strengthen this nation to pursue just priorities so that the races may be reconciled;
the young, educated; and the old, cared for; the hungry, filled; and the homeless, housed;
and the sick, comforted and healed. In faith, let us pray to the Lord, **Hear Our Prayer**

That you will comfort and empower those who face any difficulty or trial:
the sick, the disabled, the poor, the oppressed, those who grieve and those in prison.

In faith, let us pray to the Lord **Hear Our Prayer**

We thank you for your church. And we remember now those who have gone before us,
those who have died in the faith, trusting that they are in your care.

Transform us, O Lord, strengthen your people so that we may live in the world
as those you have chosen and called; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Now let us pray together the words our Savior taught us:

**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.**

*HYMN 339 – *Be Thou My Vision*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Bless the Lord My Soul from Godspell – Steven Schwartz
Brian Princing, Guitar ~ Linda Sweetman Waters, Piano

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Chancel Flowers are given today by the Feeney Family in memory of Patrick Thomas Feeney.

*Please stand if you are able.

SCRIPTURE READINGS
for SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

PSALTER READING

Psalms 111

¹Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. ²Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. ³Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. ⁴He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful. ⁵He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. ⁶He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. ⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. ⁸They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. ⁹He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. ¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 3:26-29

²⁶For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Morning Has Broken

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Eleanor Farjeon, 1931

Gaelic melody
Arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

1. Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

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Be Thou My Vision

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Ancient Irish poem
Trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
Vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912; alt.

Irish ballad
Harm. David Evans, 1927

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
3. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.