

YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday, June 19, 2022

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PRELUDE

Bless the Lord, O My Soul from *Godspell* - Steven Schwartz
Brian Princing, Guitar and Linda Sweetman Waters, Piano

OPENING PRAYER ~ Cole Bellorgey

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ Luke Eliya

MINUTE *for* MINISTRY

First Friends @ the Shell ~ Dana Feeney

CALL *to* WORSHIP ~ Hudson Feeney

We come to you this day, with burdens and cares in our hearts.

Lord, take these burdens from us and ease our souls.

We come to you this day, with fear and uncertainty about the future.

Lord, calm our fears and help us to place our trust in you.

Come, let us worship God whose love is abundant.

Let us praise the God of our salvation who watches over us always.

Amen.

*HYMN 338 – *Kum ba Yah*

PRAYER of CONFESSION ~ Olivia Davis

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is different.

We confess that it is easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who do not look like we do, love like we love, or think the way we think.

We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love.

We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living.

We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE *of* FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI – HYMN 579

*PASSING of the PEACE ~ Luke Eliya

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MaryEllen Castaldo ~ Director of Children and Family Ministries

PSALTER READING

Psalm 22 ~ Dante Torielli

MUSICAL OFFERING
Blessings - Laura Story
Samantha McDevitt, Soprano
Brian Princing, Guitar and Linda Sweetman Waters, Piano

We pray for blessings, we pray for peace, comfort for family, protection while we sleep. We pray for healing, for prosperity. We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering. And all the while, You hear each spoken need, yet love is way too much to give us lesser things. 'Cause what if your blessings come through raindrops? What if Your healing comes through tears? What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near? And what if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise? We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear, and we cry in anger when we cannot feel You near. We doubt Your goodness, we doubt Your love, as if every promise from Your Word is not enough. And all the while, You hear each desperate plea, and long that we'd have faith to believe. 'Cause what if your blessings come through raindrops?.... When friends betray us and when darkness seems to win, we know that pain reminds this heart that this is not, this is not our home. It's not our home. 'Cause what if your blessings come through raindrops?.... What if my greatest disappointments or the aching of this life is the revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy? And what if trials of this life, the rain, the storms, the hardest nights are Your mercies in disguise?

EPISTLE READING
Galatians 3:23-29 ~ CJ Torielli

SERMON
Reflections of Sunday School
MaryEllen Castaldo
Isabella Burger ~ Samantha McDevitt ~ Gianna Torielli

RECOGNITION of GRADUATES and SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

OFFERING INVITATION ~ Gianna Torielli
Please venmo @FirstPres-RidgewoodNJ or mail your check to the church. Thank you!

PRAYER of DEDICATION ~ Gianna Torielli

OFFERTORY SOLO
Here I Am to Worship - Tim Hughes
Brian Princing, Guitar

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ~ Isabella Burger
Please join me in the responsive Prayers of the People.
Those who are with us in the Sanctuary will find it in your bulletin.

Holy and loving God, we thank you for shining a light in the darkness and carving out a pathway to new life. As we gather and remember the freedom offered through your son Jesus Christ, we offer our prayers for the world and our lives.

We pray for countries and cities that are marked by war and by violence.
We pray for our global leaders and for all those who are in positions of decision making and power.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of healing and hope, we pray for all those who are ill or in pain, for the anxious and discouraged, for those facing death or those who have lost someone dearly beloved.

We pray for those struggling to make ends meet in these uncertain times and those who deal each day with the challenges associated with poverty and social exclusion.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the faithful future, bless this community of faith and guide us as we plan for the future in changing times. Bless students and teachers as another school year ends.

Give us a time of rest and enjoyment in the summer months and restore our hope and our energy to serve in your world.

Lord, hear our prayer.



May we live in the spirit of gratitude to you and generosity to our neighbor.
In this season and all year long , give us the gift of a thankful heart so that we may acknowledge you as
Giver of all that is good in our lives.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We offer all of our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to say together:
**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 372 – Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

BENEDICTION ~ Maddy Eliya

POSTLUDE

Day By Day from *Godspell* - Steven Schwartz
Brian Princing, Guitar and Linda Sweetman Waters, Piano

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Chancel Flowers are given by Suzy and Andy McDevitt in honor of Ryan and Sam McDevitt for their college and high school graduations, and for all of this year's graduates. They are also in honor of all of you, our church congregation.

They say, "It takes a village." But I say, "It takes a church family." When Ryan and Sam were baptized here at First Pres, our Catholic family and friends didn't understand why there weren't appointed Godparents. I had to explain that at our Presbyterian church, the entire congregation is charged with helping to raise the child in the Christian way. Over the years, this congregation has loved, role modeled for, guided, shaped and encouraged both of our children to live "in the God way."

Here, they have been given the opportunity to share their God given talents, to share their thoughts and ideas about Christianity without fear or judgement, and to create friendships with other kids who have the same values. They have formed relationships with all generations of members, and have been made to feel important, because church members showed interest in them, inquired about things going on in their lives, sent them cards of encouragement and congratulations, and even attended outside events to see them perform.

Our children have most definitely grown in faith and love here, and have become better people because of this church family. We have been truly blessed, and we thank you all. It didn't take a village... it took this loving church family.

*Please stand if you are able.

Kum ba Yah

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African-American spiritual

African melody



1. *Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba
2. Some-one's cry - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's cry - ing, Lord, kum ba
3. Some-one's sing - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's sing - ing, Lord, kum ba
4. Some-one's pray - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's pray - ing, Lord, kum ba



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* Come by here.

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

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I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN Irregular

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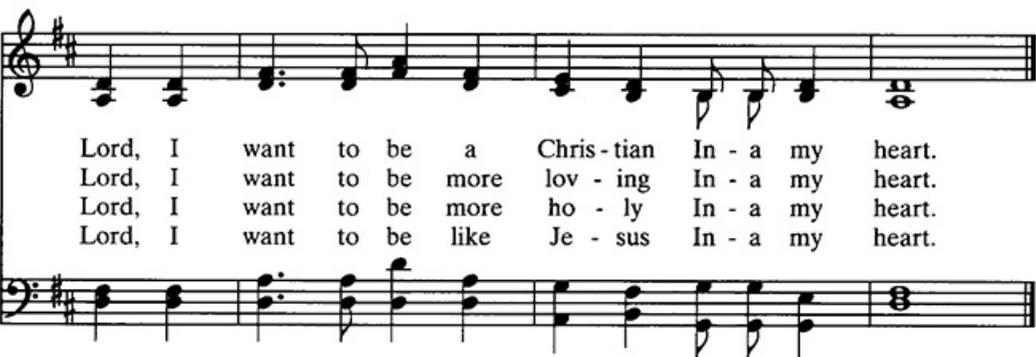
1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In - a my heart, in - a my heart,
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In - a my heart, in - a my heart,
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In - a my heart, in - a my heart,
 4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In - a my heart, in - a my heart,



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In - a my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In - a my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In - a my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In - a my heart.



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