



First Presbyterian Church of Ridgewood NJ

We are a welcoming community formed in Christ, committed to sharing his love with others – with feet that carry us out into the world, with hands that serve, and with hearts in fellowship and faith.

– First Presbyterian Church Mission Statement, adopted October 2018



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

Watch live: <https://www.youtube.com/live/cpbJkHrfpMc>

First Pres Sunday School students will be in their classrooms starting at 10:00 am.

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PRELUDE

Improvisation on *Lattimer* – Charles Callahan

This Little Light of Mine

Linda Sweetman Waters, Organ

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ Marcia Unger

CALL to WORSHIP

*HYMN 329 – *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day we fail to grow into Jesus' likeness; yet you are slow to be angry with your children. For the sake of Christ, your Son, our Savior, do not hold our sins against us, but in your tender love, forgive. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE *of* FORGIVENESS

*HYMN 579 – *Gloria Patri*

*PASSING *of the* PEACE

MUSICAL OFFERING

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee - John B Dykes, arr. Phillip Keveren

Emma Schmiedecke, Cello *and* Linda Sweetman Waters, Piano

FIRST READING ~ Marcia Unger

John 6.35-51

SECOND READING ~ Marcia Unger

Mark 6.30-44

SERMON

A Hard Night's Day ~ Rev. Jeff Leninger

CALL to OFFERING

You may make your offering via Tithe.ly,
place an offering in the plate as it is passed,
or mail a check to the church office. Thank you!



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OFFERTORY MUSIC

Panis Angelicus - César Franck

Edward Schmiedecke, Baritone *and* Emma Schmiedecke, Cello

Translation: *Heavenly manna granted to mortals, O blessed privilege, O grace beyond compare,
O wond'rous token of loving kindness, needy, lowly, all may thy bounty share.*

*DOXOLOGY – Hymn 591

PRAYER *of* DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT *of* THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BREAKING *of the* BREAD

COMMUNION *of the* PEOPLE

PRAYER *after* COMMUNION

*HYMN 538 – *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rondeau – Jean Joseph Mouret

Linda Sweetman Waters, Organ

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Chancel Flowers are given by Susan King to honor

Greta Croucher and Carol Davidson,

*for Greta's beautiful table settings and Carol's inspirational prayer reading selections
at the monthly Women's Guild meetings.*

*Please stand if you are able.

SCRIPTURE READINGS
for SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

FIRST READING

John 6:35-51

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away, ³⁸ for I have come down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day." ⁴¹ Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³ Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

SECOND READING

Mark 6:30-44

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; ³⁶ send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." ³⁷ But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸ And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹ Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And all ate and were filled, ⁴³ and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE 6.4.6.4 D

Mary Artemesia Lathbury, 1877; alt.

William Fiske Sherwin, 1877; alt.

1. Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
2. Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, Now un - to me,

As Thou didst break the loaves Be - side the sea;
As Thou didst bless the bread By Gal - i - lee;

Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek Thee, Lord;
Then shall all bond - age cease, All fet - ters fall;

My spir - it pants for Thee, O liv - ing Word!
And I shall find my peace, My all in all.

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS 8.7.8.7.8.7

Attr. John Fawcett, 1773

Stanza 1, line 6, alt. 1774, Conyer's *Collection of Psalms*

Stanza 3 alt. Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)

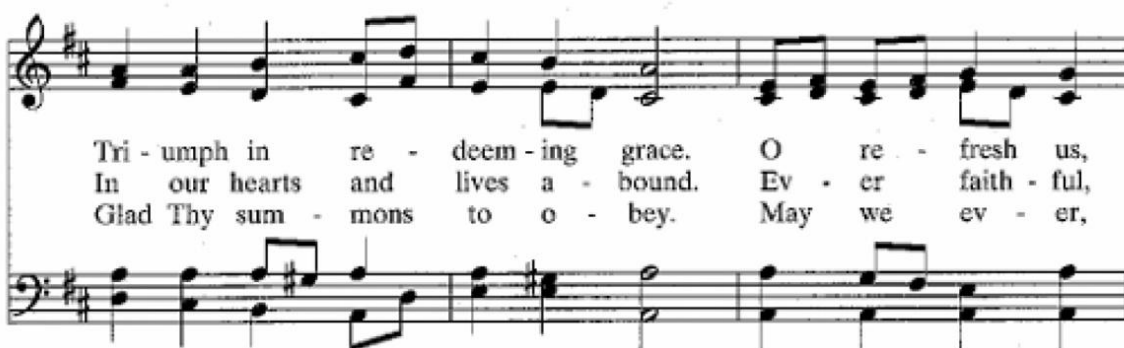
Sicilian melody



1. Lord, dis - miss us with Thy bless - ing; Fill our hearts with
 2. Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Thy gos - pel's
 3. So that when Thy love shall call us, Sav - ior, from the



joy and peace; Let us each, Thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; May the fruits of Thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, Let no fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
 In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 Glad Thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 Ev - er faith - ful To the truth may we be found;
 May we ev - er Reign with Thee in end - less day.