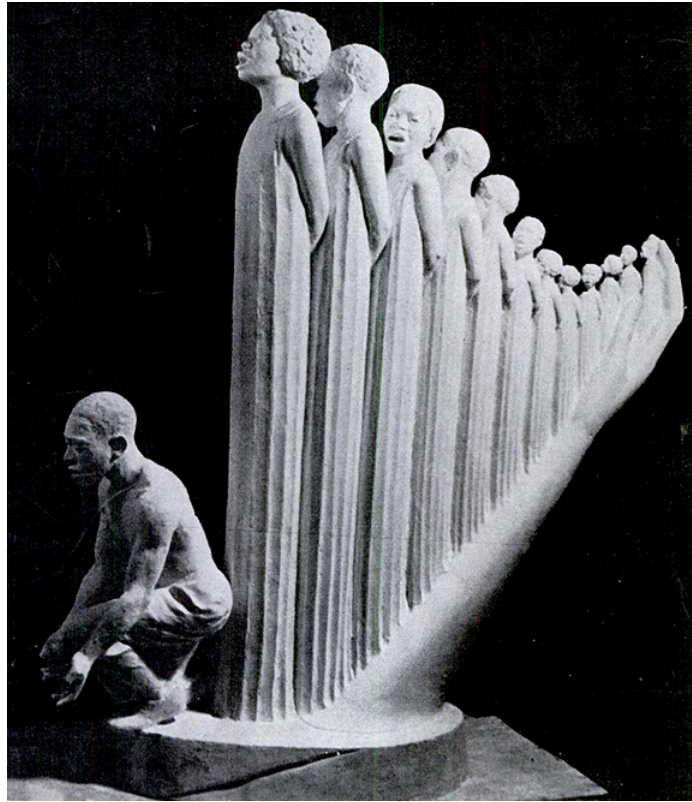


First Presbyterian Church



Hackettstown, NJ

May 3, 2020

Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church

Strengthening families;
Sowing friendships;
Serving community;
In the name of Jesus Christ

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10 am

May 3, 2020

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said: I am the good shepherd.
Christ lays down his life for the sheep.

HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

*The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.*

*'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,*

*And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.*

*Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
In love may dwell with Thee.*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

NURTURING FAITHFUL FRIENDS

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin the truth is not in us. God already knows our sin, lying to ourselves is what is most destructive. Let us admit to ourselves our sins so that we can move toward the person God created us to become.

CONFESSION (Alcuin of Tours c. 735-804)

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts;
Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil;
Eternal Power, be our support;
Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance;
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us,

That with all our heart and mind and strength
We may seek your face
And be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Who is in a position to judge? Only Christ and he has already forgiven us our sins. Friends believe the good news. In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

GLORIA PATRI

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Anthem

Lorinda Ravo

REACH OUT TO YOUR NEIGHBOR
Words and music by Roger Copeland

Reach out to your neighbor, let him know you really care.
Reach out when he's lonely, let him know somebody's there.
Reach out in his darkness, when the clouds obscure his view.
Just walk with him, and talk with him, he's waiting there for you.

REFRAIN: Reach out in a world filled with hopelessness and pain.

Reach out with a heart full of love! Reach out the world is waiting
For someone to lead the way! Reach out, reach out, to find a
brand-new day.

Reach out like your Savior, when He gave His life for you.
Reach out to all the people who don't know what to do.
Reach out, your brother needs you, needs to know he's not alone!
So tell him of God's mighty love and share with him your own.

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Sermon: *Each Gave To Each Other* Rev. Brian Merritt

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION/CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)

let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)

let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)

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When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

