

First Presbyterian Church of Bordentown

Rest and Reset: A Labor Day Meditation

Online Bulletin - Sunday, September 3, 2023 - 10:30 AM

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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L: The Lord be with you. **P: And also with you.**

PRELUDE "My Lord, What a Mornin'" (Afro-American Spiritual) Bob Lowden

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Our hearts are not proud, our eyes are not haughty;

P: Today, we do not concern ourselves with great matters.

L: But we have calmed and quieted ourselves.

P: Like children, we are content.

HYMN PH 469 "Morning Has Broken" [Lyrics 469](#)

FIRST LESSON - Genesis 1:26 - 2:3 Reader, Cristy Ortu

HYMN PH 455 "All Creatures of Our God and King" [Lyrics 455](#)

SECOND LESSON - Exodus 16:4-5, 22-30 Reader, John Robertshaw

HYMN PH 281 "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" [Lyrics 281](#)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Gracious God, you created the heavens and the earth and everything in it. You rested on the seventh day. We confess that we think that we know ourselves better than you know us. We work ourselves to the point of exhaustion and make decisions without pausing to pray. Like the Israelites in the desert, we do not trust that you will continue to provide for us if we break from our labor. We forget that rest is a spiritual practice and a gift that you have given us. Forgive us, Lord, for confusing rest with laziness and rejecting the Sabbath commandment you require of us. Remind us that rest renews our spirits and brings us closer to you. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE PH 145, Refrain

"Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!"

THIRD LESSON - Psalm 23 Reader, Chad Hornbeck

HYMN PH 303 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" [Lyrics 303](#)

HYMN PH 333

"Seek Ye First"

[Lyrics 333](#)[MINUTE FOR MISSION](#) - PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

Donna Potts

CALL TO OFFERING

You are invited at this time to write any joys, concerns or prayer requests you may have on the pew card provided, and place it in the offering plate.

OFFERTORY

"Nearer, Still Nearer" (Morris)

Bob Lowden

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FIFTH LESSON - Matthew 11:28-30

Pastor, Rev. Margaret Brungard

*HYMN PH 403

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

[Lyrics 403](#)

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, we hand our cares to you.

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We forever sing to the glory of your name:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN PH 319

"Spirit"

[Lyrics 319](#)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Allegro in F" (Handel)

Bob Lowden

SHARING PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you. **P: And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Pastor, Rev. Margaret Brungard – You can reach Pastor Margaret by email: revmargaretbrungard@gmail.com or cell phone: 609-438-1830. Her open office hours are Tuesdays 10am - 12pm and Wednesdays 4pm - 6pm.

Please use the Joys and Concerns card in your pew for any prayer requests.

Join us for Fellowship Time following worship hosted by Kathie Ackerman.

Annual Church Picnic – All are invited next Saturday, September 9 at 1PM (rain date 9/10). See flyer at the back of the sanctuary.

You are invited to attend the Installation Service for Pastor Margaret Brungard here at First Presbyterian Church of Bordentown on Sunday, September 17 at 4PM.

Fall Nerf Night will be held in the church yard on Friday, September 22, 6-7:30PM. Open to all youth in the community in kindergarten-5th grade. Snacks, juice, protective eye wear & Nerf ammo provided. Please consider donating canned goods when you come! A sign up will be available in early September.

St. Mary's Food Pantry Current Needs - *eef stew, cereal, soup, chili, 1lb. box of sugar. We are also looking for used, 2-wheel shopping carts for our customers.* You may place donations in right basket at rear of sanctuary OR drop them off when the pantry is open. Thanks for your continued support and generosity. To learn more, visit: <http://mmotcp.org/food-pantry>.

Please Remember in Your Prayers – From the “Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study”: *A Season of Peace begins; A Social Creed for the 21st Century; PC(USA) partners in the Democratic Republic of Congo; Rev. Martha Sadonge is a guest on ‘A Matter of Faith: A Presby Podcast’; Office of Christian Formation awarded \$1.25 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.; Presbyterian Higher Education; Dangerous journeys for migrants in South America.*

Today's worship service recording will be available following worship on our website at <http://www.bordentownpresbyterian.org/worship.html>

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Minute for Mission

Exposing the Upheaval of Climate Change

Farmers rely on tools to bring in a successful crop — tools like resources to control weeds, fight pests or build healthy soil. Kotema (*kō-tā-muh*), a farmer on Nui (*nū-ē*) Island, one of a group of low-lying Islands in the South Pacific Ocean that make up the small nation of Tuvalu (*tū-vah-loo*), found that he had nothing left in his toolkit to counteract the devastating impact of climate change on the family farm. Having been battered beyond hope, he had no choice but to uproot his family from their home, culminating in their forced migration.

Maina Talia (*mīn-uh tuh-lē-uh*), a former International Peacemaker for the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, said, “For people who have no choice other than to leave their homes, there aren’t just financial, agricultural and practical implications, but moral implications as well because they’ve been living in a place for their entire lives. This is where they’re attached to; and, when they move on a small island, they are also intruding into other people’s space, creating internal conflicts.”

Because Tuvalu is especially vulnerable to tropical cyclones, rising sea levels and global pollution, some 45% of its residents — like Kotema’s family — have been displaced.

Maina works with various nongovernmental organizations, including the Pacific Conference of Churches and the Tuvalu Christian Church, and was instrumental in securing funding for an early warning system to communicate during cyclones. He sees the concept of neighbor in Luke 10, the “Good Samaritan,” as intimately related to his pursuit of peace. He said, “In the context of climate change and geopolitics, our neighbor is no longer someone living next door to us, but rather someone who is impacted by our actions.”

Maina’s call to peacemaking — including addressing the escalating economic, moral, food security and safety issues that result from the impact of climate change — is made possible, in part, by gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, traditionally received on World Communion Sunday, which this year falls on Oct. 1.

This Offering is unique in that half of it is directed to peacemaking and global witness efforts at the national church level to address critical issues around the world. Twenty-five percent is retained by congregations like ours for local peace and reconciliation work, and 25% goes to mid councils for similar ministries on the regional level. With this year’s portion of our offering, we will ...

For Maina, peacemaking is grounded in the biblical question “Who is my neighbor?” He embodies Christ’s call to peace, love and justice as it is exemplified by Matthew 25.

As do we.

Please give generously to help our neighbors — those next door, down the street and across the globe. For when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Let us pray~

Holy God of wind and rain, of sunshine and drought, we come before you in humble awareness that climate change has no boundaries. Open our hearts, minds and lives to the needs of our neighbors. For it is in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

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HYMN SHEETS

HYMN PH 469

"Morning Has Broken"

*Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day!*

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HYMN PH 455

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

*All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O sing ye! Alleluia!*

*Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou fertile earth, that day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them God's glory also show!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*And everyone of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and cast on God your care!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*All creatures, your Creator bless,
And worship God in humbleness.
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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HYMN PH 281

***“Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”
Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.***

***Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.***

***When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell’s destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan’s side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.***

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HYMN PH 303 “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

***Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last!***

***Other refuge have I none;
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
With the shadow of Thy wing.***

***Thou, O Christ, art all I want,
More than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am,
Thou art full of truth and grace.***

***Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart;
Rise to all eternity.***

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HYMN PH 333

“Seek Ye First”

***Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be
added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!***

***Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be
opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!***

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HYMN PH 403

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.**

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HYMN PH 319 "Spirit"

Refrain:

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness,
calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.**

**You moved on the waters;
you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons
you called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings." (Refrain)**

**You swept through the desert;
you stung with the sand;
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land.
When they were confounded
with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes. (Refrain)**

**You sang in a stable;
you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still.
And down in the city,
you called once again
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind. (Refrain)**

**You call from tomorrow;
you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions;
our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions
your people arise. (Refrain)**

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