

ST. FRANCIS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Francis Episcopal Church is a diverse community accepting all.

We gather to worship God, grow in faith, and share in fellowship

We go out to serve Christ by serving others.

Safety Expectations for On-site Worship

Wear a Mask: You MUST wear a mask at all times while you are in the building. The mask must cover both nose and mouth and fit snugly to the sides of the face.

Watch your Distance: Maintain at least a 6 foot distance at all times from anyone not in your household, both inside and outside the building.

Singing Congregational singing is now possible indoors as long as all are masked and distanced by at least 6 feet.

Other Announcements

The Book of Joy: How do we find **joy** after a year plus of so much suffering, loss, isolation and disruption? The Church of the Holy Cross, North Plainfield and St. Francis invite parishioners and friends to learn together from two Nobel Peace Prize laureates, the Dalai Lama and South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu. They are dear friends and both have (and do) experience deep sorrow and suffering – and yet have learned to live in joy. Our churches are offering a study of *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* jointly authored by these two spiritual giants of our time under the leadership of Fr. Frank Hubbard.

The Book Study will be on 6 Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 pm from June 23 - July 28. The first five sessions will be on Zoom – accessible by phone as on Sundays. The last will be an outdoor, in-person gathering (location TBD – with ice cream! The group is free, but registrations are requested for planning purposes. You can register on-line [here](#) or by contacting Fr. Frank at 848-248-1267 or therevfah50@hotmail.com. The registration deadline is June 20th.

Help maintain our gardens! There are a number of garden beds on the St. Francis property that need weeding and trimming through the growing season. We are looking for parishioners to take responsibility for *one section* of the gardens. To learn more, contact Pam Maiolo, potato4931@yahoo.com or 732-850-0370.

Food Collection for the Food Pantry at St. Paul's, Edison, continues, Please drop off non-perishable food in the container outside the church doors. To contribute financially, send a check with Food Pantry in memo line & on envelope to:

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church
445 Old Post Road
Edison, NJ 08817

Celebrations this week: *Birthdays:* Kyle Scriven - 06/20, Julia Parmelee - 06/22, Elda Hubbard - 06/25; *Baptism Anniversaries:* Jonathan Myzie - 06/21, Frank DeMaio - 06/24; *Confirmation Anniversaries:* Jonathan Myzie - 06/21, Frank DeMaio - 06/24; *Wedding Anniversaries:* Christy & Rich McGuire - 06/21, Frank & Elda Hubbard - 06/24, Clinton and Norma O'Sullivan - 06/24

The Altar Flowers are given by Christy & Rich McGuire in thanksgiving for their 25th Wedding Anniversary. We celebrate with them as they renew their marriage vows today.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: June 20th, 2021

PRELUDE

Trio

Joseph Rheinberger

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

OPENING HYMN

YE SERVANTS OF GOD

Hymnal 1982 535

Please stand as you are able.

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the thronel
4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;
and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.
Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.
All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.
and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

Presider
People

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

ALL Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Silence for the People's prayers.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Job 38:1-11

Reader *A Reading from the Book of Job*

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements-- surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

"Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb? --

when I made the clouds its garment,

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?

Silence to hear the Word of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM (107:1-3, 23-32)

Please join in reading the Psalm responsively by half verse.

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
**from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**
- 23 Some went down to the sea in ships *
and plied their trade in deep waters;
- 24 They beheld the works of the LORD *
and his wonders in the deep.
- 25 Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, *
which tossed high the waves of the sea.
- 26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; *
their hearts melted because of their peril.
- 27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards *
and were at their wits' end.
- 28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,*
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 29 He stilled the storm to a whisper *
and quieted the waves of the sea.
- 30 Then were they glad because of the calm, *
and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.
- 31 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people *
and praise him in the council of the elders.

THE SECOND LESSON

II Corinthians 5:6-17

Reader A Reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart.

For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Silence to hear the Word of God.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

Hymnal 1982 699

Please stand as you are able.

1 Je - sus, Lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om
 2 O - ther ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on
 3 Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cleanse from ev - ery

fly, while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest
 thee; leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and
 sin; let the heal - ing streams a - bound, make and keep me

still is high: hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide,
 com - fort me! All my trust on thee is stayed;
 pure with - in. Thou of life the foun - tain art,

till the storm of life be past; safe in - to the
 all my help from thee I bring; cov - er my de -
 free - ly let me take of thee: spring thou up with -

ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last.
 fense - less head with the sha - dow of thy wing.
 in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41

*Presider
 People*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

*Presider
 People*

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jack Zamboni

THE NICENE CREED

ALL We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During the Prayers of the People there are 3 opportunities for members of the congregation to add their own petitions: Thanksgiving and blessings; those who are ill or others in need; and the departed. On-line worshipers are encouraged to unmute themselves to add their prayers. On-site worshipers are encouraged to pray aloud.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel. A Period of silence is kept.

ALL Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

GOD IS LOVE

Hymnal 1982 379

*Please stand as you are able.
The Hymn begins on the next page*

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
 2 God is Love; and love en - folds us, all the world in
 3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind-ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heavens a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord;
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C BCP page 369

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Blue Hymnal (1982) S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**ALL We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Presider Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob;
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Presider Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**ALL 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

A PRAYER FOR SHARED COMMUNION

ALL Lord Jesus Christ, our constant companion,
you promised to be with us to the end of the age,
and you make us one with each other
in your Body, the Church.
We thank you for giving us yourself
in this Holy Sacrament,
the seal of your love that is stronger than death.
Grant, then, O Lord, that we all may receive you,
whether met at this table or dispersed in our homes;
and so strengthen the bonds of our common life
that with all your people in every place,
we may praise and serve you
until we come to the joys of your heavenly banquet.
We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

Presider Behold what you are.
People May we become what we receive.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM *He'll Understand And Say, "Well Done."*

Lucie E. Campbell

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as you are able.

Presider Let us pray.
ALL Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

1 Lead us, heaven - ly Fa - ther, lead us o'er the world's tem -
 2 Sa - vior, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; all our weak - ness
 3 Spi - rit of our God, de - scend - ing, fill our hearts with

pes - tuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
 thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth be - fore us;
 heaven - ly joy; love with ev - ery pas - sion blend - ing

for we have no help but thee, yet pos - ses - sing
 thou didst feel its keen - est woe; yet un - fear - ing,
 plea - sure that can nev - er cloy; thus pro - vid - ed,

ev - ery bless - ing, if our God our Fa - ther be.
 per - se - ver - ing, to thy pas - sion thou didst go.
 par - doned, guid - ed, noth - ing can our peace des - troy.

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Recercar primo

Marc'Antonio Cavazzoni