

Welcome to the
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

GATHERING MUSIC

We use this time to make the transition between “getting here” and “being here”. Take these few minutes to find the still, deep places within you, where God’s Spirit dwells. Relax the body; quiet the mind. Be aware of being together in silence with others. Feel the spirit of the community.

+CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 107:23-32

Some went down to the sea in ships,

They saw God’s wondrous works in the deep, they cried out in their trouble.

God made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

O give thanks to the LORD! Sing praises to the LORD our God!

+HYMN IN PROCESSION no. 562

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Awesome God, we praise you for all your mysterious ways, and thank you for all your blessings in our lives. You show yourself to us in the beauty and majesty of creation, and then, in your great love, you show yourself to us in the face of the unlovely and the unlovable. Help us, O God, to recognize you in whatever guise you would reveal yourself to us. Help us so to meet you today that we may go out knowing you better, loving you more, and serving you more faithfully. Here in this moment, we ask that we may see our lives as they are, and also as you would have them be. Give us true sorrow for our faults, and then give us the faith, strength, and courage to be what you mean us to be, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose strong name we pray...

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

...Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

SUNG RESPONSE no. 576 *a Gloria ordinarily follows the Assurance. This one is from Taizé:*

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest...Alleluia, Alleluia.

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

please turn and share the Peace of Christ with your neighbors

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION no. 322

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; melt me, mold me, fill me, use me...

FIRST LESSON: Job 38:1-11

ANTHEM

Sicut Cervus (Psalm 42, sung from ancient times at baptisms) G.P. da Palestrina
“as a deer longs for flowing streams, so longs my heart for you, O God”

SECOND LESSON: Mark 4:35-41

SERMON

When Life Overwhelms Us

Rev. Speers

+HYMN *(insert)*

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

+THE RENUNCIATIONS *from the earliest Baptismal rite, and common to the Church Universal*

Do you renounce all evil, and powers in the world that defy God’s righteousness and love?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of wrong, which separate you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior?

I do.

Do you further covenant and promise, with the aid of the Holy Spirit,

to be Christ’s faithful disciple to your life’s end:

to trust in Christ in all things,

to be steadfast in the peace and fellowship of the church;

to make diligent use of the means of grace;

to give of your substance as the Lord may prosper you;

and to give your whole heart to the service of Christ

and the Kingdom of God throughout the world?

Yes, with God’s help, I do. AMEN.

+PROFESSION OF FAITH *The Apostles’ Creed is an early Baptismal creed* **Hymnal** p. 14 trad.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND WELCOME

Areliz Perez

+THE PEACE

please greet Areliz and your neighbors with the Peace of Christ

OFFERTORY

Jesus, Give Us Your Peace

Scott Morwitz, tenor

Michael Mahler

+DOXOLOGY no. 592 and **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

You call to us to follow you, O Christ, to find new ways to convey our joy to people everywhere. We offer our selves and our substance to do your work in the world, asking that you follow our offerings with your blessing, and keep us always in the guidance of your Holy Spirit. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord...

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hymnal p. 16: “debts”

+HYMN IN RECESSION *(insert)*

This Is My Father’s World

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

...and let the whole church say, **Alleluia! Amen.**

MUSIC FOR GOING FORTH

please keep silence for those who wish to worship or pray

Job 38:1-11

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:
²‘Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
³Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴‘Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸‘Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb?—

⁹when I made the clouds its garment,
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, “Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped”?

Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side.’ ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But 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?’ ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?’ ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’

**Today's flowers were given to the glory of God by Andrea Zarou
in loving memory of her mother, Madeline Stutz**

Announcements

Visitors, welcome! Please join us after worship for refreshments and conversation, and please sign the guest book in the back of the Sanctuary so that we may get to know you better.

Many thanks to all worship leaders: Vince Peterson and the choir; the Vuigniers for today's refreshments. Big thanks to Jane Feazell, Picnic 'Bishop', for last week's picnic!

The Book of Remembrance is open to remember: today, 6/21—Madeline Stutz; 6/28—Estelle McKay; 7/5—Alice Johnston; 7/12—Jennie Thompson; 7/19—Warren Dean; 7/26—David Alekel.

Prayer List requests should come to the church office by telephone **718.745.0438**.

Continue to pray for the restoration of creation; for all living in the midst of war, poverty, natural and economic disaster; for prisoners and all who watch and pray for them, especially the Church of Gethsemane. Continue to pray for/stay in touch with: Edmundo Quinones for his upcoming surgery, Ruby Moy and her family, Arabella Meadows-Rogers, Art Samuel, Iris Norstrand, Emile Serposs, Milford Anderson, Nazik David, Amanda Silverman, Bill Louisa, Helen Kretiv; also Lynn, Geraldine, the family and friends of Jaye and Violet, the Vandermarcq family, Bob and Louise, Ed, Mark and Audrey, Helen, Wendy, Sally.

Upcoming Happenings and Opportunities

Next Sunday, June 28: 10am Summer Worship in our air-conditioned Parish House Chapel.

Then join Union Church friends and family with Presbyterian Welcome in the **40th Anniversary of Stonewall LGBT Pride** parade. See this week's bulletin insert, and check **www.ucbr.org**

Today is the last day of Sunday School until the fall. Special thanks to Michele DiBartolo, Sunday School 'bishop', and all teachers. Stay tuned for news of our continuing refurbishment project in the Sunday School room.

Thanks to Jennifer Segna for the **new, revitalized food pantry collection box**, and for the great "gimmick" of monthly themes! **June: Babies (ask her about it) and July: All American.**

Blood Drive this Thursday, June 25 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 414 80th St, 3-8:30pm. Please call ahead to schedule an appointment 800.933.2566 (NYBC),

Yoga continues through this week Monday and Wednesday, 6:45-8:15 in the Sanctuary. Each class is \$15, pay as you go; wear comfortable clothes and bring a towel and a yoga mat if you have one. Summer schedule begins **next week**, the last **Tuesday** of June, running **Tuesdays**

6:45-8:15 in July and August in the air-conditioned chapel of the Parish House.

Looking to the Future

Union Church T-shirts will be ready June 23 and will be at the chapel next Sunday (wear them to the Pride march with Presbyterian Welcome, also for Cyclones in August...) Cost? 7 dollars!

BRUCA adult clay classes will run ten weeks for the price of eight (2 free weeks to accommodate vacations); **Clay Camp**, and **Clay Play Extravaganza** for toddlers, are forming for the summer.

Wedding shower for Elizan Morales and Areliz Perez **July 12!** Watch your bulletin for details...

Brooklyn Cyclones Union Church outing in August, ask Evan and Joe Lynch, Cyclones 'bishops'.

You will always be welcome here. This is God's house and a happy church home. Let us be your church family, for we are all beloved children of God. Join us regularly for Christian worship, nurture, and the doing of God's work in the world—that you might have life, and that more abundantly.