



OLD first REFORMED CHURCH

EBULLETIN FOR 8TH PENTECOST SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020

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Please have ready your bowl with water, a cloth, your candle, your bread, and your cup of wine or juice.
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I. WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE *Songs without Words in E Major* F. Mendelssohn **Aleeza Meir**

WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS

VOTUM AND SALUTATION

HYMN 15

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings. [*Refrain*]

The rocky mountain splendor, the haunting curlew's call,
the great lakes and the prairies, the forests in the fall: [*Refrain*]

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden: he made them every one. [*Refrain*]

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. [*Refrain*]

COLLECT OF THE DAY (*In unison*)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING

Genesis 29: 15-28

Lector: **Ann Herpel**

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27: 1-4, 13-14

Lector: **Ann Herpel**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh –
my adversaries and foes – they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

SECOND READING

*Romans 8: 26-39*Lector: **Ann Herpel**

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Elisha Hoffman

Michael Daves

GOSPEL

*Matthew 13: 44-52***Reverend Lamain**

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*God's Waiting and Ours: Scandal and Grace – Until the End of Time***Reverend Lamain**

ASCRPTION OF GLORY AND SILENCE

HYMN 50

**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.

APOSTLES CREED (In unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived
by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*In unison*)

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.

KYRIE: Lord, have mercy upon us.
(564) Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ABSOLUTION

PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you all. (*We pass the peace via Zoom.*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's service recognitions
Virtual Coffee Hour
Interim Minister
Brooklyn Relief Kitchen / Cooking for CHiPS
Other Announcements

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Karen Bulhuis

In need: Andrew, Jean, Barbara, Eva, Albert, Nancy, Keileigh, Viola, Michael, Blas, Stephen, Elisabeth, Spencer, Maryanne, Ron, Susanna, Phil.

In ministry or service: Dr. Jessica, Dr. Paul, Jabe, Jack, Jeff, Housing Plus, and CHiPS.

OFFERING

The Deacons

While we worship together online, we can still make our offerings. Our preferred method is the digital platform *Tithe.ly*, which you can find as a smart-phone app or as a link at OldFirstBrooklyn.org. Please consider covering the processing fee to make your gift go farther. If you prefer to mail a check, please note whether your gift is for the general fund, mission, or the capital campaign. And please consider giving for our mission work with CHiPS and Housing Plus, as well as our Brooklyn Relief Kitchen.

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

RINSE YOUR HANDS: I am baptized.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

SET YOUR TABLES

LIGHT YOUR CANDLE

The Light of Christ. **The Light of Christ.**
Thanks be to God. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is, O God, and our joyful duty, to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. You created the heaven with its host and the earth with its plenty. You have given us life, and being, and you preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love by sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty savior, who has reconciled us to you, we praise and bless you, O God. With your whole church on earth, and all the company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious 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!

Holy and righteous Father, we remember in this supper the perfect sacrifice once offered on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world. In the joy of his resurrection, and in expectation of his coming again, we offer to you ourselves, as holy and living sacrifices, proclaiming the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen, **Christ is risen.**
Christ will come again. **Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the body and blood of Christ. Grant that being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into him who is the head, even Christ our Lord.

And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into these loaves, and these grapes from many hills into these cups, grant Lord, that your whole church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so come Lord Jesus, Maranatha, Amen.

Through Jesus Christ, who taught us when we pray to say:

**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.**

INSTITUTION

**The Lord Jesus, the same night he was betrayed, took bread,
and when he had given thanks,
he broke it,
and he gave it to them, saying,
“Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you, do this in remembrance of me.”** *Take the bread
Raise the bread
Break the bread
Share the bread.*

**After the same manner also he took the cup,
Saying, “This cup is the new testament in my blood,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Take, drink it in remembrance of me.”** *Take the cup
Raise the cup
Drink from the cup.*

*COMMUNION

PSALM OF THANKSGIVING

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all his benefits.
Who forgives all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases,
Who redeems your life from the Pit,
Who crowns you with steadfast mercy and loving-kindness.
The Lord is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
Nor reward us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
So great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
So far does he remove our transgressions from us.
As a father pities his children,

So the Lord pities those who fear him,
Who did not spare his own son, but gave him up for us all
And will also give us all things with him.
Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord
From this time forth and forever more.

HYMN 61 **Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms hath bless'd us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heav'n and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord's countenance be lifted upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Songs without Words in A Major* F. Mendelssohn

Aleeza Meir

ii. Announcements

We welcome our guest preacher, the Reverend Barbara Lamain



The Reverend Barbara Lamain

Born to a Dutch/American father and a Dutch mother Barbara Lamain grew up in The Netherlands. Thanks to close family connections across the oceans, the US became her 'second home' where she spent many vacations. For many years Barbara worked in the corporate world, in the field of HR. That included working and living in New Jersey/New York and Virginia for a few years. During the years she became more and more involved with her own church. She experienced that that was the place where she found the greatest joy and blessing. Two years ago Barbara resigned from her HR role, left the business world and became ordained as a minister in the Protestant Church Netherlands (PKN). She works and lives next to Delft where she serves the Protestant congregation of 't Woudt - Den Hoorn (<https://www.woudtsekerk.nl/>).

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR follows the service. To log-on, Ctrl+click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/402156419>.

THE PRAYER TEAM OF OLD FIRST meets at 9pm on Thursdays, to pray for the needs of our congregation, our community, and our world. If you would like to request prayer, for yourself or anything/anyone else, please email prayerrequests@oldfirstbrooklyn.org. If you would like to join the prayer team or learn more, please email Jessica Bagnulo, jsbagnulo@gmail.com.

OLD FIRST IS HOSTING AN ANTI-RACIST READING GROUP! We are reading *Me and White Supremacy* by Layla Saad and discussing ways that we, as individuals and as a community of Jesus, can work to dismantle racism. Our meetings are on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. This Sunday, July 26, we will be discussing "Day 1" (p. 33-39). Please join us even if you don't have the book yet - we will share relevant passages so that everyone is able to participate. Contact Margaret Kearney (kearney.margaret@gmail.com) for more information. Link to the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81250297078>

THE OLD FIRST BROOKLYN RELIEF KITCHEN is cooking up a storm and sending out lots of free food. You can volunteer to prepare and package fresh meals, and help deliver to CHiPS and Camp Friendship, along with several other local sites.

You can volunteer to help by Contacting Piper the Volunteer Coordinator at :
piper@brooklynreliefkitchen.org

We accept drop-off donations Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the front entrance at 126 7th Ave. under the tent.

You can also donate funds to the Old First Brooklyn Relief Kitchen through Tithely by selecting the OF Brooklyn Relief Kitchen option in the dropdown menu.

OUR MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCE: HousingPlus provides housing and services for women who have been incarcerated and marginalized in New York City—including an apartment to call home. They support about 150 women and 94 children in overcoming poverty, homelessness, addiction, and trauma. CHiPS, on 4th Avenue in Park Slope, provides meals and housing for the needy, especially now. Our Old First CHiPS team is funded through our collection for mission. If you start using Tithely, you can designate gifts by selecting Mission in the dropdown menu, or you can write “Mission” on any donation mailed directly to church.

THE CONSISTORY HAS APPROVED A NOMINEE FOR INTERIM PASTOR. Contractual details are being worked out now.

BAROQUELYN: After two months of weekly spotlight concerts, Baroqueelyn is taking a little breather. We aim to have one concert a month for the summer while we look ahead to some fun fall programming. Stay tuned for announcements in the newsletter and on the website! Subscribe at www.baroqueelyn.com.

iii. Schedule

This week

Sunday, July 26

Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m., online

Looking ahead

Sunday, August 2

Sunday Worship – 11:00 a.m., online

iv. Roster

Staff

Maureen Doyle, Finance & Operations Director (917) 428-0395
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GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

Cooking for CHiPS: Second Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. Cook for the homeless and hungry.

The Old First Brooklyn Relief Kitchen

Contact: Steve Lappert (718) 230-0448.

Sunday School Teachers: Joanna Franchini, Matt LeBreux, Jessica Stockton Bagnulo, Virginia Bouillerot, and Jabe Ziino.

Nursery Staff: Renee Espinosa, Sally Ragudo, and Bailey Olander.

CHiPS Board of Directors: Gordon Meyer.

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