



**The Presbyterian Church on the Hill**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 11, 2019**  
**10:15 a.m.**

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

*As we gather together in the sanctuary, please listen to the music  
and spend time in silent reflection in preparation for worship.*

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."  
Corrie ten Boom, 20th century

PRELUDE

“Green Pastures”

*Gordon Young*

▲ CALL TO WORSHIP

Barbara Lofthouse, liturgist

Leader: We have been called to follow where God leads us

**People: By faith we can obey, even into an unknown future;**

Leader: We are challenged to tell God's story to others.

**People: By faith we have the ability to share the good news!**

Leader: We are God's children, invited to worship together.

**All: By faith we worship as sisters and brothers in Christ.**

▲ HYMN 393 “O Day of Rest and Gladness”

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▲ *If you are able, please stand.*

## GATHERING PRAYER (unison)

**Creator God, maker of stars and seashores,  
reveal your word to us this day.**

**We come convinced of many things, but trusting very few.  
Holy God of limitless surprises, meet us here in this place  
as we touch that which we cannot see  
and which we have not dared to hope.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

We prefer to keep our sins hidden and our failures a secret, but God would not have us keep silent. God urges us to speak our confessions out loud, so we may be blessed with God's mercy and grace. Please join with me in our prayer of confession.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Holy God, You give us a universe of goodness and beauty,  
but we damage it with litter, with violence, and poor choices.  
You give us a Table to feast on your grace and hope, but we  
prefer the fast food counters of sin and greed.  
Forgive us, God of grace.**

**By faith, may we be willing to be as gracious,  
as compassionate, and as hopeful as you are**

*Continue in silent prayers of confession.*

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things not seen.

People of faith, God is not ashamed to be called your God.

By God's grace we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ▲ PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us welcome one another with signs of Christ's peace.

**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.**

## LIFE ON THE HILL

*See notes on last page. Please sign the red fellowship pad in your pew, closest the center aisle, making note of new and old friends. Please pass it down your pew and back again. We invite you to join us on the porch for a time of fellowship after the service.*

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

*Children up to age 10 are invited to the chancel steps for a brief message. After the anthem, children age 4-10 are invited downstairs to the brick classroom for Kids Corner. Parents, please pick up your children in their classroom after the service.*

## SOLO

### “The God of Love My Shepherd Is”

*Eric Thiman*

Yuri Albertao, soloist

The God of love my shepherd is, and He that doth me feed;  
while He is mine and I am his, what can I want or need?  
He leads me to the tender grass where I both feed and rest;  
then to the streams that gently pass: In both I have the best.  
Or if I stray He doth convert and bring my hand in frame,  
and all this not for my desert, but for his holy Name.  
Surely Thy sweet and wondrous love shall measure all of my days;  
and as it never shall remove, so neither shall my praise.

George Herbert

## WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

### First Scripture Reading

Genesis 15:1-6, 17-18a

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”<sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”<sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.”<sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your

heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.”<sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”<sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces <sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

▲ HYMN 49

**“The God of Abraham Praise”**

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Second Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11;1-3, 8-16 (NRSV)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.<sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.<sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.<sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.<sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.<sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth,<sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.<sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would

have had opportunity to return.<sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON **“Living By Faith”**

Rev. Julie D. Thompson

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

### ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Study Catechism, Q 31

What do you affirm when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as “our Lord”?

**That having been raised from the dead  
he reigns with compassion and justice  
over all things in heaven and on earth,  
especially over those who confess him by faith;  
and that by loving and serving him above all else,  
we give glory and honor to God.**

### ▲ PRESENTING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY **“Let There Be Peace on Earth”**

*arr. John Brimball*

Yuri Albertao, soloist

### ▲ DOXOLOGY – HYMN 710 **“We Lift Our Voices”**

OFFERING

**We lift our voices; we lift our hands;  
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;  
Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices; we lift our hands;  
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## PASTORAL PRAYERS and THE LORD'S PRAYER

*If you are in need of pastoral care or a listening ear, please contact Pastor Julie or one of our Stephen Ministry Coordinators Deanne Nirider (281)744-1054 or Rick Degurski (908)309-2378).*

**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.**

## WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

- ▲ HYMN 326                                      **“For All the Saints”**                                      SINE NOMINE
- ▲ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- ▲ POSTLUDE                                      **“For All the Saints”**                                      *arr. Charles Callaban*

*Our worship has ended – now our service begins.*

*The Chancel flowers are given by The Donahue Family to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Thomas Donahue.*

### Serving Today

**Worship Preparation:** Elda Gall

**Greeter:** Tina Ellis

**Ushers:** Team 5: Elda Gall, (Capt.), Rob Bataille, Bill Brown, Robin Compoly, Guy Rayner, Roger Stewart

**Nursery Volunteer:** Laura Evernham

**Kids Corner:** Holly Hansen

**Fellowship Hosts:** Deanne Nirider and Wally French

**Flower Team:** Shirley Carle, Janet Lee

**Trustee Duty:** Kurt Kaboth, Deanne Nirider

### Notes from Dr. Jeff

Thanks to our tenor soloist, Yuri Albertao, for sharing his talents with us this morning. Next Sunday is tenor/bass day. Anyone interested be at a 9:40 rehearsal!

## Life on the Hill

### This Week:

Sunday, August 11 - Sunday, August 19 –

Family Promise Hosting Week

Monday, August 12: Worship 6 pm

Christian Education, 7 pm

Tuesday, August 13: Stephen Ministry



### Opportunities to Give and Serve:

*(See sign-up sheets on tables in back of the sanctuary.)*

**Serve as a Greeter:** Welcome our members and guests to worship.

**Serve as a Liturgist:** Help lead worship by reading prayers and scripture provided by Wednesday the previous week.

**Serve as a Kids Corner Helper:** Guide children with God's love as they complete crafts and hear Bible stories. All materials provided.

**Serve as a Nursery Volunteer:** Smile, laugh, and be a nurturing presence to our youngest children through play, games, and stories.

**Serve as a Fellowship Time Host:** Set up, serve and clean up refreshments on the porch.

**Fund a flower arrangement:** Provide flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board outside church office.

**Donate food:** Bring non-perishable food items to give to Trinity Church Saturday Soup Kitchen. Bring your extra meals to church to give to The Center in Asbury Park..

**Donate school supplies:** Purchase and bring school supplies to church to give to the Boy and Girls Club of Asbury Park.

**Give to the church:** Stay up to date on your annual pledge even when you are out of town.

CHURCH ON THE HILL is a diverse, inclusive community of God's people whose faith is led by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We welcome, love, and empower all persons to become constructive, affirming thinkers, filled with hope, making a difference in the world. Armed with forgiveness and understanding in the knowledge that "God alone is Lord of the conscience" we will move forward in an ever-changing culture and world.

**STAFF AND LEADERSHIP**

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