

Pinelands Reformed Church

Pastor Joe Colón – Senior Pastor

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

10 A.M.



Our Mission, as the people of God is to demonstrate the transforming power of God's love in Jesus Christ by the way we worship God and reach out to others.

Good Morning and Welcome to Pinelands Reformed Church. We ask everyone to sign the friendship pads at the beginning of the service. If this is your first time at our church, we ask that you put your address/phone number and hope you would join us again.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*ASTERISK INDICATES TO
PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

APPROACHING GOD

SILENT PRAYER “Before the service speak to God
During the service let God speak to you
After the service speak to one another.”

PRELUDE

Medley

arr. Wyrzten

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship
Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

CHIMES: A time of silence as we focus on God

CHORAL INTROIT We Have Come into His House

SALUTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP responsively

L: Open your hearts to God's loving mercy.

P: Lord, come into our hearts this day.

L: Having received God's mercy, bring that love to others.

P: Lord, be with us as we reach out to others in compassion.

L: Feel your spirits filled with the goodness of God.

P: Lord, we thank you for the many blessings which you pour into our lives. AMEN.

*HYMN Sing Praise to God # 56

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION in unison

You know how fickle we are, O Lord. We proclaim your presence with us and then we behave in ways which run counter from your word. We get caught up in our own needs and whine about the injustices we feel in our lives. Help us to place our trust in your mercy and your compassionate love. Forgive us when we stray from your ways and wander into paths of self-pity and self-destruction. Lift us from the deep morass and put us back on track. Give us confidence in your presence and your direction throughout our lives, for we ask these things in Jesus' name. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

LISTENING TO GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 20:1-16

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. "About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. "He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?' "Because no one has hired us,' they answered. "He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.' "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.' "The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day. "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

Kumbaya

arr. Sjolund

"Kumbaya, my Lord" was first recorded by an out-of-work English professor, Robert Winslow Gordon, in 1927. Gordon went on a search for black spirituals and recorded a song "Come by Here, My Lord", sung by H. Wylie. The song was sung in Gullah on the islands of South Carolina between

Charleston and Beaufort. Gullah is a creole language and

"Come by here, my Lord" in Gullah is "Kum by (h)yuh, my lawd".

In the late 1950s the song was rediscovered in Angola and returned to North America where it swept the campfire circuit as a beautiful and mysterious religious lyric and associated with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and other campers sitting around a campfire in perfect harmony. The picture of a warm, cozy community without conflict associated itself with the song and especially that foreign-sounding word in its title, kumbaya. Since the word had no actual meaning in English, cynics eventually converted this harmless connotation into the actual English definition of the word.

SERMON "Scrambling to be First" Pastor Colón RESPONDING TO GOD

HYMN Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken # 598

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY Things of Thee Are Spoken arr. Hustad

*DOXOLOGY in unison

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION in unison

We dedicate these gifts, freely given and gratefully received, to the work of this congregation: Building honest, caring relationships across all lines of difference; Growing in spirit and searching for meaning, together and apart; Promoting religious freedom, practicing compassion, and working for justice. May these gifts, and the work of our hands and hearts, give power to all we stand for as a community of faith.
AMEN

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Kathy Taugher

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (sin) in unison
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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD in unison
Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline thine ear to us,
And grant us thy peace. Amen.

*HYMN 3 Make Me a Servant # 576

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL AMEN

*POSTLUDE

Weekly Announcements

USHERS for September 24th Phyllis Hay, Jean Robertson,
Joyce Jaarsma, Henry Jaarsma

USHERS for October 1st Bob Vernoy, Linda Molinaro,
LaRoca Church

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE September 17th 107

FLOWER DISTRIBUTION PERSON, September 24th,
Jean Bower

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE CLEAN-UP FOR SEPTEMBER
Ray Boehm, Marge Weir and Diane Valentine

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE CLEAN-UP FOR OCTOBER
Audrey Ahearn, Shirley Robinson and Doris Fredericks

PRAYER WITHOUT CEASING – Wed. Sept 27th @ 9am

CHANCEL CHOIR – Regular weekly choir rehearsal this Wednesday, September 27th at 10 a.m. ALL are welcomed to “give it a try.”

PINETONE BELL CHOIR: Friday, September 29th @ 10am

FRIENDS – Friday, September 29th @ 11:45am

MEMORIAL SERVICE is being planned for Vivian Molnar on Saturday, October 7, 2017 @ 1:00pm

NEW ADDRESS: Peter Warnet, 2317 Summerhill Rd.
Wayne, NJ 07470. Phone: 973-832-7927.

**R E M E M B E R I N G O U R C H U R C H
F A M I L Y & F R I E N D S I N P R A Y E R**

Anna Russell	Jean Robertson
Anneliese & Gert Foster	Jean and Warner Thurlow
Annette (Renate)	Karin Trapp
Art(CMC) & Lillian Schuster	Kathleen
Barbara Stitt	Kathy (Mary Duell)
Barbara Taranto	Kay DeCoons (AristaCare-Lakehurst)
Bess Moore (Bey Lea/Genesis)	Kayla (Lewis)
Bill Corson (Harrogate)	Ken Rigg's Mother & Sister
Bonnie (Mazmanian)	Kutzleb & Strauss Families
Cal & June (Weir)	Jennifer (Kent)
Care Givers & Prayer Shawl Ministries	Jerry (Kent)
Carol Merwin (The Reeds)	Joe (Pastor Joe)
Carole Groves	Lois Lingsch
Cilly (Trapp)	Mae Hamersma
Claire (Arbors) & Bill Smarsh	Margaret Gorman
Dana (Kutzleb)	Marion Griffin (The Haven)
Dolores (Betty)	Martin Schaffner (Hampton Ridge)
Dolores Pletch	Michael (Wright)
Delores (Betty)	Millie (Hay)
Dominick Giordano	Neil & Connie Iorio
Doris Brinamen (The Reeds)	Pandorf Family (Kent)
Dorothy Diemer (Spring Oaks)	Pattie Krzywicki (McGrath)
Elaine Brown	Penny (Lee)
Elaine Chlan(CareOne, Wall Township)	Peggy (Vernoy)
Eleanor Kenselaar (Masonic Home)	Peter Warnet
Elinor Winkler (Northern Riverview)	Peter (Weirs)
Ellen (Fredericks)	Phyllis Gillick (Hay)
Eva (Molinaro)	Phyllis Scott
Evelyn (Kent)	Richard Lawless (Burt)
Evelyn Smith (Hay)	Rose (Davenport)
Eugene (Wright)	Ruth Barnish (The Pines)
Gail (Karen Sanborne)	Ruth Pontier
George (Mazmanian)	Ryan (Mazmanian)
George (Davenport)	Sal & Marion (Vernoy)
Georgie Jagger (Orchards)	Sean (Carlson)
Glendora Rovere (Sunrise)	Steve (Davenport)
Harold (Peterson)	Suzanne (Kent)
Harry (Davenport)	Therese (Gladys Hughes)
Helmet & Ruth (Dausen)	Tom (Betty Gavini)
Hurricanes & Mexico Earthquake Victims	Vinny (Carlson)
Inge Firmenich	World Peace

BARBARA STITT will be celebrating her 100th birthday on **October 7th**. Please remember her by sending a birthday card. Her address is: 113 Troumaka St., Toms River, NJ 08757

ANNUAL HARVEST FAIR & LUNCH

Saturday, October 21st 9:00am to 2:00pm

Please remember to save your no longer needed items, **new or gently used**, for our Harvest Fair. Toys, tools, books, plants, small working appliances, jewelry, craft items and Christmas ornaments are always good sellers.

Please do not bring clothing. Your items can be dropped off at the church October 17th through the 20th from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon.

Please only bring items during this time! We are also in need of your help to set up for the Fair these same days as well as for the Fair itself. With your participation, our Annual Fair will be a great success.

PLEASE NOTE: We NO longer have the “Big Brother Big Sister” Clothing Bin on our property for used clothing. Please take your non-Second Time Around Clothing elsewhere. We are not doing it any longer. **THANK YOU**

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