

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WHIPPANY

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP AND THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

AUGUST 1, 2021, 10:15 AM

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*Welcome! We're worshipping on ZOOM and in the  
SANCTUARY this Sunday!*

*If you would like to make a donation to the church,  
please access our online giving page at  
[www.whippanychurch.com/give](http://www.whippanychurch.com/give)  
or mail your gift to the church office.*

***If you're in person, welcome!***

*All participants are encouraged to wear a mask, especially if  
unvaccinated. And, social distance must be maintained at all  
times.*

*You are invited to enter the sanctuary from any  
door--through the double glass doors from the parking lot or  
from the Route 10 side of the building, through the red  
exterior doors. Exit from the building, through any door, will  
happen immediately following worship. You are invited to  
spend time greeting one another outdoors! Please do not  
stop to talk in the church hallways, so that people can feel  
comfortable exiting at a social distance.*

***If you're on ZOOM, welcome!***

*Your ZOOM host will unmute your microphone for the  
passing of the peace and the prayers of the people. At that  
time, we'll be able to hear your voice in the sanctuary. We're  
recording the service for our website; please don't share  
people's last names during the prayers. Grace abounds!*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Sarah J. Cairatti

\*CALL TO WORSHIP            adapted words of Thom Shuman

Leader:        Lead a life worthy of the calling  
to which you are called:

**People:        We cannot do this alone,  
we dare not try this alone,  
so we gather as God's people.**

Leader:        Lead a life worthy of your calling,  
a life filled with service.

**People:        We come to build up Christ's Body,  
in humility and gentleness,  
with patience and love.**

Leader:        Lead a life which reflects your calling,  
a life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

**People:        We rejoice as we come to share  
the grace offered to us.**

Leader:        Live a life worthy of the calling  
to which you have been called.

**People:        We gather as God's family  
at the Table prepared for us,  
waiting to be fed by the Bread of life.**

MUSICAL OFFERING    How Beautiful

LITANY OF PRAISE FOR MINISTRIES OF OUR CHURCH

Leader:        This morning we praise you, O God,  
for the ministries of the church  
that went largely unseen in the last year.

**People:        This morning we praise you, O God,  
for our Deacons' outreach to our church  
family.**

Leader:        This last year, they wrote many, many special  
notes of encouragement to those in need of it,  
mailed holiday cards, regularly called every  
member of our church to share joy and offer  
support, worked to get everyone on ZOOM

worship through calls and information sharing, sent gifts of flowers and pastries, prepared and delivered meals, offered financial assistance, and prayed, prayed, prayed for every person in our church family during this season of grief and uncertainty.

**People: Praise God!**

Leader: Praise God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Generous God**

**whose giving knows neither measure nor end,  
We confess that all too often  
we have kept our own hearts, hands and minds  
firmly closed.**

**Forgive us for those times  
when our own wants and wishes  
have filled the horizon to the exclusion of all else,  
and made us uninterested  
in the needs and concerns of others.**

**Forgive us for those moments  
when the fear that sharing what we have  
will lead to our own impoverishment,  
has kept us silent and still  
when those around us are in need.**

**Forgive us for those situations  
when seeing only a problem  
rather than daring to dream a solution,  
has left us fettered and powerless  
where we might have been building your Kingdom.**

**Forgive us, O God.  
Help us always feel, think, and act  
as those who know the hope  
that is rooted in the generous giving of God.  
Amen.**

*A time for silent, personal prayers of confession...*

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the witness of scripture:  
God listens; God helps.  
Now is the day of salvation.  
Open wide your hearts  
and receive God's forgiveness.

**People: Alleluia! Amen.**

#### \*SHARING SIGNS OF CHRIST'S PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

#### SERMON

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#### MUSICAL OFFERING

This Is My Father's World

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON) The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,**

**Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;**

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**he descended into hell;**

**the third day he rose again from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on the right hand**

**of God the Father Almighty;**

**from thence he shall come**

**to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION  
INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*You are invited to share your joys and concerns.*

**“For N. and N. we pray to the Lord.” Amen.**

**“For N. and N. we praise the Lord!” Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING BREAD AND CUP**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**    Irish Blessing

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**                      Sweet Hour of Prayer



\*Those who are able may stand

**WELCOME, VISITORS...**We're glad you are with us this morning, and we invite you to participate fully in all parts of the worship service. If you would like more information about the church, or if you would like to share a prayer concern, please email [whippsecretary@optonline.net](mailto:whippsecretary@optonline.net) or call the church office and leave a message 973-887-2197.

*As long as COVID ACT NOW designates Morris County a 'yellow' county, we'll worship indoors (and maintain our ZOOM broadcast). Session is watching the metrics of infection rate, daily new cases, and percent positive testing, closely, and may make a decision to require masks or move worship outdoors.*

COVID ACT NOW data is available at:

[https://covidactnow.org/us/new\\_jersey-nj/county/morris\\_county/?s=1763684](https://covidactnow.org/us/new_jersey-nj/county/morris_county/?s=1763684)

### **Calendar of Events**

All events require the maintenance of social distance. Masks are encouraged, especially if you are unvaccinated. For details, please visit [www.whippanychurch.com](http://www.whippanychurch.com)

(Pastor Sarah is on vacation July 26-31)

#### **Sunday, August 1**

10:15 AM      Worship with Communion

*Note: If you need gluten-free bread, please bring it with you, as our Communion kits have gluten.*

#### **Sunday, August 8**

10:15 AM      Worship

