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**Worship 9:30AM**

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**FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**June 23, 2024**

**Welcome to all who worship with us this morning!**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

 **God Gathers Us in Love**

Call to Worship (paraphrase of Matthew 16:13-16)

Leader: When Jesus joined them, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

**Men: Some say John the Baptist;**

**Women: Others say Elijah;**

**Youth: Some say Jeremiah or one of the prophets.**

Leader: “But what about you?” Jesus asked. Who do you say I am?”

**All: “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”**

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

\*Hymn #319 “Shout to the North”

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

 **Forgiving God, thank you for your unconditional love. We ask that you enable us to love each other unconditionally, too. Forgive us for not always answering when others ask, “Who do you say that I am?” Forgive us for ignoring those who are different from ourselves in age, race, gender, sexual orientation, education level, and economic status. Forgive us for the times we so easily conform to the language and actions of this world. Forgive us for taking the easy way out with texts, emails, or Facebook, instead of confronting each other face to face.**

 **Forgive us, God, and make us whole again. In the name of the One who came to save us, we pray, Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Passing of the Peace

Gloria Patri#582 “Glory to God,Whose Goodness shines on Me”

 *Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,*

 *and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,*

 *and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

 *As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

**God Speaks to Us Through God’s Word**

First Scripture Reading Proverbs 1:1-9

Scripture Lesson Matthew 18:1-7

Sermon “Unopened Gifts”

**God Calls Us to Respond**

\*Hymn #452 “Open The Eyes of My Heart”

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory - Violin duet – Mandy Reese and Diane Reed

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Doxology #606 “Our God is an Awesome God” (2x)

 *Our God is an awesome God*

 *who reigns from heaven above*

 *with wisdom, power, and love;*

 *our God is an awesome God*

Prayer of Dedication

Reception of Confirmands;

 Audrey Gordon, Connor McCartney, Mandy Reese

 and Savannah Reese.

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostle’s Creed (unison)

 **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 sits at 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.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

 *Each petition ends “Lord in your mercy…”*

 *Response* ***“…hear our prayer”***

**God Sends Us Out to Reflect God’s Love**

\*Hymn #621 “I Will Call Upon the Lord!”

Charge and Blessing

Benediction

Postlude

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\*please stand if able

**MISSION STATEMENT**

We are a body of believers in Jesus Christ the Lord that strives to be a living reflection of God’s love. We come together to confirm our individual faith while spreading the message of hope and love by serving those in need through mission and outreach.

**NEWS AND EVENTS**

**EVENTS DURING THE WEEK –June 24-30**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

 AA Meeting 6:30am

 Card Games, 2-4pm in Fellowship Hall

 AA Meeting, 8pm

**Wednesday**

 AA Meeting 7:30pm

**Thursday**

 AA Meeting 6:30am

**Friday**

**Saturday**

 Saturday Women's AA Group Meeting 9am

 AA Meeting 7pm

 5th Saturday Event 6-8pm

**Church Picnic**

The church picnic is today after worship Meats and drinks will be provided, please bring a side or dessert  Hope you can join us.

**5th Saturday Community Event**

Join us for a 5th Saturday Community event, Kick-off to summer celebration. Saturday June 29th from 6-8pm at the church. There will be a DJ, games, hot dogs, ice cream & a bounce house. This is a free event!

Tell your friends! All are Welcome!

**Senior Farmers Market**

The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program is to help community members over the age of 60 supplement their diet with fresh fruits and vegetables. Program runs May 1st-September 30th. Call below to obtain the application, income eligibility, list of participating farm stands and authorized representative form.  If you have any questions about the program please call 908-788-1361 to speak to Alyssa.

Share with a senior!

**Book Club**

The book club will be meeting on Monday July 8th at Jimmy’s Ice Cream, weather permitting, at 1pm. The book they are reading is “The Pact” by Jodi Picoult. All are Welcome to come!

**Christian Education**

Sunday School has ended for the Summer but we are looking for volunteers to cover the children during worship through the Summer.  You can do a Sunday school lesson: play games; do crafts; or whatever you feel comfortable with. If you have questions please contact Tonya Reese. tonya.reese@hotmail.com or 908-310-9240. Thank you for volunteering your time!