



Worship

Central Presbyterian Church
 46 Park Street, Montclair NJ 07042
 August 9, 2020

*Rev. Dr. Betty Tom preaching (Old First Presbyterian Church in Newark)
 Ed Alstrom- Organist and Music Director
 Dave Arndt- livestream producer
 Emma Justice- livestream manager

PRELUDE: Piano Sonata in F Major, K.332,
 Second Movement - *Adagio* (W.A. Mozart)

WELCOME: Rev. Dr. Betty Tom

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God lifts us from death to life
 and preserves us for God's purposes
 through the compassion of
 Jesus Christ our Lord
 and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
 With thanksgiving, praise the Lord!

HYMN# 187: *"Savior Like a Shepherd Leads Us"*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us
 much we need your tender care.
 In your pleasant pastures feed us
 for our use your folds prepare.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 You have bought us, we are yours.
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 you have bought us, we are yours.

We are yours: in love befriend us;
 be the guardian of our way.
 Keep your flock: from sin defend us;
 seek us when we go astray.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 hear your children when we pray.
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 hear your children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us,
 poor and sinful though we be;
 you have mercy to relieve us,
 grace to cleanse, and power to free:
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 early let us turn to you.
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 early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor;
 early let us do your will.
 Blessed Lord and only Savior,
 with your love our spirits fill.
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 you have loved us; love us still;
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 you have loved us; love us still.

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Let us confess our sins
 to the Lord of all,
 who is generous to all who call upon him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, we call upon you. Save us!
We are intimidated by our circumstances
distracted from your purposes,
drowning in doubts and fears.
We are presumptuous about your will,
belittling others and magnifying ourselves.
We envy the blessings of others,
secretly despising their dreams.
We have hardened our hearts
to the suffering of our brothers and sisters,
feeding ourselves in face of the injustice
that holds them captive.
Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts,
lift us from sin and help us to walk with you
in faith, humility, and brotherly-sisterly love.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all,
 restores all
 through our Lord Jesus Christ.

No one who believes in him will be put to shame,
for everyone who calls on the name
of the Lord shall be saved.

This is the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(if you are participating today through Facebook,
please register your peace for each other now)

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
we also should forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Join Rev. Tom and Pastor Noble for coffee hour after worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of our present trouble and
promised triumph,**

**Open our eyes to see you in the
midst of our struggles.**

**Open our ears to hear your words of
invitation and assurance.**

**Open our minds to recall your wonderful
works and miracles.**

**Open our hearts to glory in your name
and seek strength in your Word;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 37: 12-28

ANTHEM *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* (Text by Charles Wesley; Music by Edwin Hawkins,
adapted Ed Alstrom). - The Virtual Chancel Choir

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON *"What Will Become of Your Dreams?"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (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 arose 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 living 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

(If you are participating today on facebook, please register your prayers now)

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.

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CHARGE/BLESSING

POSTLUDE

God Has Smiled On Me (Isaiah Jones)

*Rev. Dr. Betty Jean Tom was born and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana. Rev. Tom professed a saving hope in Jesus Christ and was baptized at the age of 12 while growing up in the New Liberty Baptist Church. Rev. Tom grew up serving in the church in various capacities and believes that she was, “born to serve God”. The benchmarks of Rev. Tom’s ministry are her desire to advocate for those who have no voice, her love for prayer, praise and worship, and the study of God’s Word. The scripture that best informs Rev. Tom’s ministry is *Colossians 3:17*, “*and whatever you do in word or deed do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*”

Rev. Tom, formerly a teacher and school counselor in the Indianapolis Public School and Warren Township School districts for 22 years, holds a Doctor of Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL, (2013); a Masters of Divinity from Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN (2003); a Master of Science degree in Education from Butler University, Indianapolis, IN (1986); and a Bachelor of Science degree from Ball State University, Muncie, IN (1978). Rev. Tom has served churches in Indianapolis, New York and New Jersey (currently).

Rev. Tom is a lifelong learner, social justice advocate and spiritual leader. She is an active member of the National Association of Presbyterian Clergy Women, and serves on the advisory board for the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Rev. Tom has written articles, essays and devotionals for the Indianapolis Star Newspaper, Presbyterian Today magazine, PHP Post. She has conducted several seminars and workshops on women in ministry with an emphasis on ministry as a second vocation and mission oriented ministry.

Rev. Tom is a philanthropist, an avid football and basketball fan; she enjoys reading, writing, good jazz music, collecting books on prayer, water aerobics and swimming. Betty Tom is married to the Rev. Phil Tom and their blended family includes 6 children and a new grandson, Parker.