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Joining us today is Elder Richard Ansah, originally from Ghana. Richard and family (wife Abena Ansah; children Angelyn, Anaiah, and Anahera) belong to First Presbyterian in Irvington, at which Richard has served as Clerk of Session, chair of multiple committees and boards, and is currently its Commissioner to the Synod of Northeast. He is currently employed in quality control for a chemical company, is currently pursuing a MBA, and enjoys serving at food pantries and as a supply pastor in his spare time.

The **Liturgist** for today is Nancy Hoydich.

Prayer Concerns: Gary Cantagallo, on the recent passing of his wife Candace; the family of Fred Pract, on his recent passing; the family of Nancy Pract, on her recent passing; Carolkay Barré; George Vetter; Bill Vetter's granddaughter, as she recovers from a car accident; the extended Lambright family, on the passing of Marcus' uncle; those in need of comfort or healing; those who are lonely and yearn for connection; those who work to advance justice and equity; and for us, to be open to a future in which we can be as you intend us to be.

This week:

Today: Children's Choir Rehearsal

Monday, 12:15pm - Mens' Group Lunch. Meet here at CPC and go to restaurant for lunch and conversation. All men are welcome!

Monday, 3:30pm - Deacons' Meeting (Memorial Room)

Thursday 6:30pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal; **7:30pm:** Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday 11:00am: Memorial Service for Candace Cantagallo

Family Promise (FP) Project: CPC is partnering with Our Lady of Lourdes (OLL) to support the nutritional needs of local families served by FP. Together, we will provide supermarket gift cards, specific prepared foods, and specific grocery items. All items are included on the sign-up sheet (see E-news or contact Nancy Hoydich (908) 654-3676) and are due October 1.

Save the Dates:

October 2, 6:30pm - Women's Association first meeting/dinner of the year; RSVP forms are in the narthex or contact Connie Fayen (908) 789-3244.

October 13: We will be celebrating CPC's 70th Anniversary after worship. Your invitation and more details will be sent soon. Please do pencil in the date!

October 19: Fall Clean-up Day!



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September 22, 2024 Service for the Lord's Day 10:30 AM

PRELUDE Andante Cantabile from *Serenade* J.Haydn

WELCOME

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT *As the Deer* M.J.Nystrom

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Blessed are those who delight in the law of the Lord,

And meditate on God's word day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,

Which yield their fruit in its season. Let us worship the Lord, our source of wisdom and strength.

*OPENING HYMN #459 *O Word of God Incarnate* F.Mendelssohn

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE *I Love You, Lord* L.Klein

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI Henry W. Greatorex

PASSING OF PEACE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be renewed and transformed. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 9:30-37

ANTHEM *All Thing Bright and Beautiful* J.Rutter

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON James 3:13-4:8

SERMON "Who is the Greatest?" Richard Ansah

*RESPONSIVE HYMN #702 *Christ Be Beside Me* Gaelic melody/D.Grotenhuis

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Change My Heart, Oh God* E.Espinosa

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN # 606) Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!* P.P.Knapp

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE *Serve, I Will Serve You, Lord* C.Frayssé/A.Bergése

POSTLUDE *Symphony in B ♭* N.Lebègue

**Those who are able, please stand.*