

**Welcome to Remote Worship
for Sunday, July 12, 2020
Led by Reverend Jeff Knol
Music by BRC Music Director Katie Connolly
For the Blawenburg and Griggstown Churches**

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OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Welcome – Rev. Jeff Knol

Prelude Video

Video Production by Linnea Eberly Song - “Sanctuary” by Randy Rothwell

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Psalm 137 was written while God’s people were in exile, in the land of Babylon. The psalmist says,

“By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion. On the willows there we hung up our harps. For our captors asked us for songs saying, ‘Sing us one of the songs of Zion!’”

How could they sing the Lord’s song in exile? How could they sing in their time of sorrow?

During this pandemic we feel exiled. We are distant from friends, family, and all kinds of community. In our loneliness, it can be hard to find the joy, the strength, the desire to lift up a song of praise to God.

God of grace and God of glory, we pray that on your people you would pour out your power.

God of grace and God of glory, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, and for the remaining days of this lonely exile.

Hymn: *God of Grace and God of Glory*


1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
 4. Set our feet on loft - y plac - es, Gird our lives that

pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient Church's sto - ry, Bring her bud to
 sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to
 Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, Rich in things and
 they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es In the fight to

glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age, For the
 faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age, For the
 poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age, Lest we
 set men free. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age, That we

fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.
 fail not man nor Thee, That we fail not man nor Thee. A - men.

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name... *Time of Silent Confession*

Words of Assurance

Receive now this assurance from the Gospel of John. Jesus tells us, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” People of God, receive the good news. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and through him we have new life.

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.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Select Passages from Hebrews 7

Sermon – Rev. Jeff Knol

Hymn: *Be Still, My Soul*



1. Be still, my soul! the Lord is on thy side; Bear pa-tient-ly the
 2. Be still, my soul! thy God doth un-der-take To guide the fu-ture
 3. Be still, my soul! the hour is has-tening on When we shall be for-



cross of grief or pain; Leave to thy God to or-der and pro-vide;
 as He has the past. Thy hope, thy con-fi-dence let noth-ing shake;
 ev-er with the Lord, When dis-ap-point-ment, grief, and fear are gone,



In ev-ery change He faith-ful will re-main. Be still, my soul! thy
 All now mys-te-rious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul! the
 Sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-stored. Be still, mysoul! when



best, thy heaven-ly Friend Thro' thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.
 waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be-low.
 change and tears are past, All safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Announcements, Celebrations, and Prayer Requests

Celebrating and Praying for our Graduates

Our Offerings to God

Please mail your financial offerings to church

*Blawenburg Reformed Church at PO Box 266 Blawenburg, NJ 08504
Griggstown Reformed Church at 1065 Canal Rd. Princeton, NJ 08540*

The Doxology

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

Prayer of Dedication

For the Spirit's gifts to each of us, we give you great thanks, O God. For the bounty of our daily lives, for strength, and health, and for all the provision you give, we give you great thanks. As we offer our gifts in service to you, we pray that you would receive them with our praise. Use our gifts, as you use the many gifts of your Spirit, to continue the good work of your Kingdom here in our world and in our lives. Amen.

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 to 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.

Congregational Prayers and 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. Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Hymn: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris-tian love;
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;
3. When we a - sun - der part, It gives us in - ward pain;

The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com-forts and our cares.
But we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet a - gain. A-men.

Closing Benediction

Sharing the Peace of Christ