



SERMON NOTES

HARD SCIENCE, SWEET FAITH
Genesis 1:1-3, 26-27, 31;2:4-6, 20b-22
Psalm 19:1-2
Mark 9:17-20;25-27



First Presbyterian Church
Manasquan, NJ

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to worship! If you are a visitor with us, we hope you sense our enthusiasm for what God is doing in the life of our church.

As we gather today, greet the persons around you, and then prepare your hearts for worship. During the first part of worship please take a moment to complete the **Response Cards** found in the pew racks. You are invited to share with us any prayer needs on these **cards** as well. If you have hearing limitations, an **amplifier device** is available from one of the ushers.

We look forward to greeting you in **Fellowship Hall following worship**. Please take note of the announcements in the bulletin and make yourself at home at First Presbyterian Church, where Christ's love meets your life.

Yours in Christ,

Steve Davis

EARLY BIRD WORSHIP (8:00)

***Song #104** "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"
Prayer of Praise
Scripture Reading Mark 9:17-20;25-27 (page 1568)
Life of the Church
Giving of Tithes & Offerings
Scripture Reading Genesis 1:1-3,26-27,31;2:4-6,20b-22 (page 1-4)
Sermon HARD SCIENCE, SWEET FAITH Pastor Steve Davis
***Hymn #106** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"
The Lord's Supper
***Song #118** "The Day of Resurrection"

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP (9:30)

Prelude
Words of Welcome
***Responsive Call to Worship (see opposite page)**
***Opening Hymn #104** "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"
***Unison Prayer of Confession (see opposite page)**
*Words of Assurance
***Gloria Patri** Page 579
***Passing of the Peace**
Scripture Reading Genesis 1:1-3, 26-27, 31;2:4-6, 20b-22 (page 1-4)
Ministry of Music "It Was His Love" (B. Red) Chancel Choir
Life of the Church
Giving of Tithes & Offerings
Offertory

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication
Scripture Reading Mark 9:17-20;25-27 (page 1568)
Sermon HARD SCIENCE, SWEET FAITH Pastor Steve Davis
***Hymn of Preparation #106** Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"
The Lord Supper
***Hymn of Celebration #118** "The Day of Resurrection!"
*Benediction
Postlude

FAMILY WORSHIP (11:00)

Words of Welcome
***Praise & Worship** We Bow Down/God of Wonder/
How Great Is Our God
Prayer of Praise
Greetings
Children's Message
Life of the Church
Prayer of Dedication
Giving of Tithes & Offerings
Offertory "Praise to You" Celebration Ringers
Scripture Readings Genesis 1:1-3, 26-27, 31;2:4-6, 20b-22 (page 1-4)
Mark 9:17-20;25-27 (page 1568)
Sermon HARD SCIENCE, SWEET FAITH Pastor Steve Davis
Holy Communion
***Song** "God of Wonder" (Reprise)
Benediction
Postlude

SEVENTY X SEVEN ALTERNATIVE
WORSHIP GATHERING - 7:00 P.M.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing out a song of joy;
People: Let the melody ring through the trees and bounce on the waves.
Leader: Sing for joy,
People: For Christ is risen,
Leader: Love is persistent,
People: Joy is contagious.
Leader: Sing your praise,
People: For the water that brings refreshment,
Leader: For the bread of new life,
People: For the cup of blessing.
Leader: Sing, all you family of God,
People: Sing with joy.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Redeeming God, you bring life out of dead ends, and hope in the midst of despair. Forgive us for doubting that you are still at work even in the darkest hours, even in the most painful moments. Forgive us for our hesitant action, our cautious compassion, our too-frequent reluctance.

Redeeming God, teach us a stillness that leads to acts of kindness and clarity of vision. Shape in us a trust that leads to faithful witness and bold compassion. Form us in your love that loosens our worry and eases our anger. Make us true disciples and filled with love, acting with justice, and living out hope. Amen.

