

Theme

τὸ τί ἔστι this-ness (in Latin, haecceitas), what one has, the what-(it)-is-ness...

▸ Phonetic spelling: **to ti esti**

▸ (definition) a primary designation for philosophical concepts of essence or substance, it is analogous to concepts in English of essence or being...

▸ There are 2 occurrences in the NT: Luke 15:12 – The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the goods that will belong to me.’ So he divided his goods between them...”; and Luke 15:13 – “A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his substance in dissolute living...”

▸ Reflection: It’s essential that any Franciscan narrative convey an interpersonal encounter with God as well as a sense of authentic relationship, that is, a sense of being loved and accepted by God in the uniqueness of one’s own ‘this-ness’ – haecceitas – one’s own personhood.

“Haecceity” is a term from medieval scholastic philosophy, first coined by followers of Duns Scotus to denote a concept that he originated: the discrete qualities, properties or characteristics of a thing that make it a particular thing. It is a literal translation of the equivalent term in Aristotle’s Greek to ti esti (τὸ τί ἔστι) or "the what (it) is" and is most often translated into English as “this-ness” or “being”.

*For Franciscans, such a this-ness (or, essence) is described as a gift from God to be called upon for the benefit of others. Our “this-ness” individuates us and becomes the "touchstone" for continuing discernment throughout one’s life – and, for Franciscans, that’s likely no less than a cosmic encounter with Christ, in which everything that is real is created and relates in and through the Mystery of God and the sacramental reality of creation. How do we discover our this-ness?*

- Such theophanies are possible only when one acknowledges God’s Mystery in the cosmic activity of the Books of Nature, Scripture, and Life.

- It’s thereby properly understood as the operation of grace (divine favor), i.e. a grace-endowment to edify and sustain the very substance of creation.



## Westhampton Presbyterian Church on Quogue

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**9 AM QUOGUE CHAPEL**  
**10:15 AM SANCTUARY**



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 25, 2024

*\*Please stand as able*

*Please silence all cell phones*

**PREPARATION**

Silent Meditation Psalm 63:1-9

Prelude "I Need Thee Every Hour" by M. Bailey

Greetings and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

**\*Call to Worship**

One: Bless the Lord with heart and soul, for God is great.

**Many: We will bless God in this time of worship!**

One: God sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the ground.

**Many: God, renew us in this time of worship!**

One: Let us sing praise to God as long as we live.

**All: We will sing to our God while we have breath,  
and so we come to worship.**

**\*Hymn No. 634 "To God Be the Glory"**

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**CONFESSION AND PARDON**

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession:**

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Assurance of Pardon**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Amen.**

**\*Response of Praise No. 581 "Gloria Patri"**

Exchange of Christ's Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you. **P: And also with you.**

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

Children's Sermon and the Lord's Prayer (10:15 service only)

Anthem Victoria Petrocelli

Scripture Reading Luke 15:11-32 Gospel Revisited

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Who Am I?" & "Who Is God?" Rev. Dr. James Barnum  
Our journey home begins with coming to oneself

**\*Hymn No. 411 "God is here today" DIOS ESTA AQUI**

Pastoral Prayer

**DEDICATION AND RESPONSE**

Thanking God through the Offering

**\*Doxology No. 606 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
OLD HUNDREDTH**

Prayer of Dedication

**\*Hymn No. 286 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" TRENTHAM**

Charge and Benediction Ephesians 2:10

For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life, Lord, take me where you want me to go, let me meet who you want me to meet, tell me what you want me to say, and keep me out of your way.

Postlude "Thine is the Glory" Handel/Budrey

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR August 25-Sept. 1, 2024

**TODAY** 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Rev. Dr. James Barnum  
9:00 AM Quogue Chapel Worship Service  
10:15 AM Sanctuary Worship Service followed by  
Refreshment Hour

**SUNDAY** 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Rev. Candace Whitman  
9:00 AM Quogue Chapel Worship Service  
10:15 AM Sanctuary Worship Service followed by  
Refreshment Hour

The Office will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**Summer Office Hours:**

Mon-Fri. 9am-12pm

-A.A. Meetings: Sat. 10am (parking area or choir room); Wed. & Sun. 6:30pm Parish Hall; Sun. 12pm classroom

-Bulletin announcements must be received to the office by Wednesday each week to be included in the Sunday bulletin.

-Tidings Articles are due by the 20th each month to be included in the monthly newsletter. All are welcome to participate!

*We welcome you as we would welcome  
Christ Himself!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS for August 25, 2024

\*Please sign the guest book so that the church can stay connected with you.

\*Large print bulletins have been created as a full page for easy reading. Ask an usher for assistance.

\*Large Print Hymnals are available in the rear of the sanctuary, please ask an usher for assistance.

\*Prayer Concerns

**Recent:** Glenn Steinmo, cancer (Mimi Wood's nephew); Pete Seidler; Gloria Johnson; Leslie Johnson, cancer (Stephanie Miller's mother); Pat Bebon; Libby Hirsch, cancer (Tom Rogers' cousin); Raymond Hann; Ralph Neubauer; Helen Fitzsimons; Marjorie Ridgway, home

**Long Term:** Chelsey Carter Collins, Hamptons Center for Rehab; Phyllis Styrzo, Hamptons Center for Rehab; Kimberly Rogers Murawski; Ralph Downs, Florida; Dana Barrett, friend of Nancy Miller



**Sound/Audio/Visual Operator**

Bruce Qua, Bill McDaris, Leigh Wanamaker

**Ushers**

Chapel: Kathy Dayton and Louise Smith

Sanctuary: Richard Childs and Janet Hann

**Flowers**

*The flowers in the Chapel are given to the Glory of in celebration of Robert Tureski's 32<sup>nd</sup> birthday!*

*By Kathy & Bob Tureski*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Emilie McFadden.*

*By The Wootten Family*

### *Welcome Rev. Dr. James Barnum to the pulpit!*

Rev. Dr. James Barnum has served the Presbytery of Long Island most of his ordained vocation as a Minister of Word and Sacrament serving both at The First Presbyterian Church of Babylon, and then 34 years at the Bellmore Presbyterian Church, before retiring last December.

Jim started his interest in Reformed Theology and the Presbyterian Church by going to Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in Beverly, MA. Prior he worked with YFC/Campus Life from 1976-1980 here on Long Island after graduating as a Religion and Christian Education major from Taylor University in Upland, IN.

Jim and his wife, Linda married in 1977 have two adopted Korean children, Matthew, 37 (who lives with autism and is in a group home run by Eden II/Genesis) and their youngest Melissa, 35, an RN with Northwell Hospital. They are blessed with two grandchildren: Alya, 7, and J.J., soon to be 3 years old.

### *Sanctuary Organ*

The organ will not be played on Sunday Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>. The Trustees are making sure that our sanctuary is maintained and beautiful even around the organ pipes!

### *Denim Jeans Wanted*

One of our crafters is working on a project that requires medium weight jeans in good condition, **preferably women's and girls, any color**. If you have a pair you would like to donate to her project, please contact the church office.

### *Equipment/Consumables/Maintenance*

The church is always running, not just on Sunday mornings! Supplies are part of the function of the church and need to be replenished. An itemized list has been placed on the Bulletin Board in the Parish Hall. You are able to pledge toward any of the items listed. Thank you for the support you give to WPC!

### *Community Yard Sale!!*

Don't forget the Presbyterian Women's annual Community Yard/Craft Sale on Saturday, September 21st from 9am to 1pm. If you are interested in having a space to sell your wares the applications are in the church office. This year the spaces are \$40. For any questions, please see Christine Haddad or any of the members of the committee. Interested in baking? There will be a bake sale again! Please contact Eloise Carter. Hope that you will participate or at least stop by. Rain date is October 5th.

### *Paint and Sip with Ginger Baer*

Our next Paint and Sip night with Ginger Baer is scheduled for Friday, September 27 from 7-9pm in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$40 which covers the cost of materials as well as the refreshments that will be served. There will also be a number of basket raffles! The theme this time will be "Autumn". Spots are limited, so sign-up on the sheet in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, you can speak to any member of the Fundraising Committee.

### *Scrap Metal Drive!*

Save your scrap metal! This year's scrap metal drive has been scheduled for Saturday, September 28th. We are accepting all types of metal: steel, copper, aluminum, old appliances, cars, etc. Bring all items to the church parking lot from 9 AM to 3 PM. If you have large items that have to be picked up, contact Tom Rogers or the church office. We have received over \$7,000 towards the church budget from scrap metal. And Tom is always looking for some helpers...come for an hour or come for the day...all help will be greatly appreciated!