



October 13, 2024

“An evolving faith doesn’t mean we burn down everything that once was precious to us. There is *something*, between everything and nothing. We aren’t required to toss everything as we grow and change, becoming more fully ourselves. There is room to honor the precious and meaningful even as we evolve in our beliefs and our lives. There is room for our traditions, practices, beliefs, and spirituality to evolve with us.”

Sarah Bessey

Prelude #462

I Love to Tell the Story v. 2

Evan O'Donovan

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship:

With love, God comes to make a home in people's hearts. God is always ready to catch us when we fall, and to help us forward. **Here, and now O God, quiet our distractions. Help us to be still, and know your presence.** In relationship with you, our lives are transformed. We are part of Your movement to change the course of the world. **Loving You, O God, and neighbor; we are part of your movement to transform the world.**

***Hymn of Praise #612**

We Praise You, O God

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation:

O God, come, and reach the depths of our hearts. We come to You because sometimes our fears and frustrations overwhelm Your word to us. Restore faith, hope, and love within us. Help us to share them in our daily lives. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reflection

Assurance of Grace:

God's grace and love is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. **We are ever becoming new creations in Christ!**

Response of Praise #582** ***Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me vs. 1

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

The peace of Christ reaches our souls; changes us, and reorders the way we live. **We share the peace of Christ with each other, and for others, wherever we may be.**
The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:11-16

Ministry of Music #401

Here in This Place vss. 1, 2, & 4

Evan O'Donovan

Scripture Reading

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Message

Pastor Ed

***Hymn of Faith #312**

Take Us As We Are, O God

vss. 1, 2, & 4

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

Celebrating Passion Enterprises

Now is a time to share something that happened, or that touched someone and made a difference in some way. Please come to the lectern so that everyone may see and hear.

Prayers of the People

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;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call to Offering

***Offering Song #710**

We are an Offering

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering, we are an offering.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Announcements (pg. 4)

***Hymn of Response 767**

Together We Serve

Charge and Blessing

Postlude #614

Great Are You, Lord

Evan O'Donovan

**If you can stand comfortably, please do so.*

Announcements

Thank you to today's technicians running the camera & slideshow!

Be a part of our Worship Support Team! For more info ask the pastor, the technicians, or call the church office.

Upcoming Events/Save the Dates *(more detailed information during the slideshow announcements):*

TODAY: *The Chosen View/Discuss @ the Manse, 12 noon*

The Chosen View/Discuss - Nov. 3

Firebird Spirit Seminar- Nov. 9 & 10

Holiday Market - Nov. 16

December 15 - Coffee Hour @ the Manse

Firebird Spirit, November 9th & 10th:

The November 9th weekend will feature an *exciting* comprehensive event from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm on both Saturday and Sunday (including a worship service). Some possible topics might be: how to lead change; how to implement our church's mission, discipleship in the 21st century, reaching out beyond our doors, and more. If you want to be part of making sure that FPC will be a thriving spiritual community *well into the future*, save the dates, and make *your* commitment to being part of building the community that will be here for the next generations to come!

Food Collection During October:

Please remember to bring in canned and boxed food items when you come to Sunday services during the month of October. All items will be brought to the Rahway Food for Friends Food Pantry to be distributed to those in need. As disciples of Jesus, let us feed the hungry!

Would you Like a Visit From Our Pastor:

Our pastor would love to come and see you! Anyone who would like a visit, or Home Communion, is invited to call pastor Ed directly or send an email. Your call will be returned right away to schedule a time! Peace and Blessings to you!

Next Manse Fireside Gathering: Friday, October 25th @ 7 pm



Online Donations

PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK

Donna Gutches & family

PRAYER REQUESTS

Maureen G., Eileen, Nicole, Dan, Gina C., Ross J., Hector & Jasmine, Destiny, Michele – Eileen & the Ginda family, Miriam M., those affected by the hurricanes, Joyce B.C., Bud D., Barbara & James E., Gail G., Ali & family, German M., Bari, Bob, Carolyn & family, Eileen P., Alyne B., Chrissy, Helene & Diane, Meli, Vicky, Eunice - Barbra & Dave, Celeste & Doris, Dorothy R., Marilyn & Jasmine, Amy, Joan L., Avril Muller & family, Carlos B., Savannah B.

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October 13, 2024
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