



October 20, 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 #461

As Dew Falls Gently at Dawn

Evan O'Donovan

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship:

O God, you walk beside us in all of life's situations. In times of trouble, you help us through them. Whatever we are facing, your Spirit is an ally to keep us moving forward. **You are our refuge and our strength. You are an ever-present help in times of trouble. You provide mercy and grace to help us in times of need.**

***Hymn of Praise #645**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation:

O God, We thank you for all the gifts that our faith provides us. However, sometimes life's troubles overwhelm us. Sometimes we falter in the difficulties we face. In such times, we pray for Your Spirit's help, comfort, and grace. Meet us now, with whatever we need, to walk on, with You. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reflection

Assurance of Grace:

God's love, forgiveness, healing, and strength is always available for us. **Thank You, O God, for Your steadfast love and faithfulness.**

***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

Romans 10:6-13

Ministry of Music #694

Great God of Every Blessing

Evan O'Donovan

Scripture Reading

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Message

Pastor Ed

***Hymn of Faith #737**

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

*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 #177**

I Will Come To You

Charge and Blessing

Postlude #591

Halle, Halle, Halleujah!

Evan O'Donovan

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

Announcements

Thank you to William Siocha & Princeton Nwosu for running the slideshow & camera!

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):

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!

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request during the week, please give Ilanda Kerobo a call or send her an email. Ilanda will ensure that your request is addressed/sent to our wonderful prayer warriors.

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



Online Donations

PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK

Russihon Daye

PRAYER REQUESTS

Maureen G., Eileen, Nicole, Dan, Gina C., Ross J., Hector & Jasmine, Destiny, Michele P., 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 20, 2024
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Elder Cheryl Anne Cammann
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Evan O'Donovan

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