



October 6, 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. 1**

Evan O'Donovan

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship:

The whole world is in God's hands! **Everything that lives and breathes, and that simply is!** From the farthest places to our innermost spaces, God is with us, and we are in God. **With our sisters and brothers around the world, we remember whose we are!** With all that we have and all that we are we worship you, God of all! **Bless us and this world with your overflowing love.** (Adapted from a prayer from Canada.)

***Hymn of Praise #612**

We Praise You, O God

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation :

O God, we are assured that your love and presence never leaves our side. We come to you when living our faith falters, because we are assured that your grace never ends toward us. Open our hearts to receive the healing and reconciliation Jesus Christ alone can give. Amen.

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Grace:

Persistently, patiently, lovingly, God pours grace and joy into our lives, healing our brokenness, forgiving our sin. **Loved, we can love others. Forgiven, we are freed to be merciful. Graced, we can share our gifts with everyone we meet.** (Both prayers are adapted from a prayer from Scotland.)

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

Isaiah 2:1-4

Ministry of Music #785

In Deepest Night

Evan O'Donovan

Scripture Reading

Mark 9:38-50

Message

Pastor Ed

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

Hymn of Faith #103** ***Come Now, O Prince of Peace (Korean hymn)

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.**

Hymn of Preparation #538** ***Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises (S. Africa hymn)

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer Following Communion

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 #770** ***I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table **vss. 1-4**

Charge and Blessing

Postlude #846 ***Fight the Good Fight*** **Evan O'Donovan**

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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):*

The Chosen View/Discuss - Oct. 13 & Nov. 3

Firebird Spirit Seminar- Nov. 9 & 10

Holiday Flea Market - Nov. 16

December 15 – Coffee Hour @ the Manse

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!

What does the Christian faith think about...?

In addition to traditional sermons, *what about* having a presentation of ideas, on *topics that you choose*, with optional time for sharing. Pastor Ed would like to hear what topics the congregation would like to discuss. Topics can be sent to Pastor Ed via email, or using the 3X5 cards that will be next to the bulletins in the narthex.

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

Odrigue Joseph

PRAYER REQUESTS

Hector & Jasmine, Destiny, Michele – Eileen & the Ginda family, Those affected by Hurricane Helene, Gail G., Ali & family, German M., Bari, Bob, Carolyn & family, Eileen P., Alyne B., Chrissy, Jesus M., Helene & Diane, Meli, Vicky, Eunice - Barbra & Dave, Celeste & Doris, Kulsoom, Jean K., Dorothy R., Fred R., Elizabeth M., Marilyn & Jasmine, Amy, Avril Muller & family, Carlos B., Savannah B.

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