



**November 24, 2024**

“Discernment is an ever-increasing capacity to “see” the work of God in the midst of the situation, so that we can align ourselves with whatever God is doing. It is a quality of attentiveness to God, that, over time, develops our sense of God’s heart in the moment. Through prayer, stillness, and dialogue we place ourselves in alignment with God’s purpose for us.”

Ruth Barton, Sarah Beaumont

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**Prelude #307**

**God of Grace and God of Glory**

Evan O'Donovan

**Welcome**

Reverend Ed Hoener

### **Call To Worship**

Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth, we lift our hearts and lives to you. **We rely on Your great power for us, and for our salvation.** You are the embodiment of God's will, for us and for God's world. **We rely on Your amazing grace for us, and for our sanctification.**

**\*Hymn of Praise #643**

***Now Thank We All Our God***

### **Call to Reconciliation**

#### **Prayer of Reconciliation**

**O God, you love us deeply and unconditionally, just as we are. Yet with love, you desire deeply, our growth in faith and faithfulness. Forgive us when we stray from your paths. Renew in us a right spirit, that increases our capacity to follow you and your ways. Amen.**

*Silent Prayers of Reflection*

### **Assurance of Grace**

With compassion and reassurance, God lifts our burdens from us, and restores us to life in the Spirit. **With God's grace, we have all we need to follow Christ our Lord.**

**\*Response of Praise #469** ***Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying***

### **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

God is here to bestow the peace that comes from being in the center of God's love and purposes. **May the peace of Christ be with us day and night!** Let us bless one another with Christ's peace, "The Peace of Christ be with you!" **And also with you!**

**Ministry of Music**

***Gnossienne 1 (Satie) [instrumental]***

Evan O'Donovan

### **Scripture Reading**

*Col. 1:1-10*

**Message**

Pastor Ed

**\*Hymn of Faith #305**

***Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!***

### **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.*

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

## 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

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#### Instant Replay

#### \*Hymn of Response ##138

#### *Who Would Think That What Was Needed*

#### Charge and Blessing

#### Postlude #700

#### *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

Evan O'Donovan

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

## **Announcements**

Thank you to *Sara Pender & Rachel Remelgado* for running the projector & camera!

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

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**Today we welcome guest musician, Elias Ortiz, who will accompany Evan on trumpet.**

BIO: Elias Ortiz is a trumpeter, composer, and music educator based in NYC. A recent graduate from The School of Jazz and Contemporary Music at The New School, Elias is one of the leading exponents of his instrument and is an up-and-coming player in the world of instrumental music.

### **CALL FOR SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 24, 2024**

**A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY, IS HEREBY CALLED PURSUANT TO THE BY-LAWS FOR THE CONGREGATION IS TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024, AT 11:30 A.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING OFFICERS.**

**BY ORDER OF THE SESSION  
NOVEMBER 15, 2024**

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### **Coffee Hour, December 15**

Ed & Diane invite all to come to the manse on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, for fellowship and refreshments after worship. All are welcome, so feel free to bring a friend, neighbor, and/or co-worker to share and feel the holiday spirit with us!

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**Next Manse Fireside Gathering: Friday, December 13 @ 7 pm**



*Online Donations*

### ***PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK***

Sara Thode

### ***PRAYER REQUESTS***

John, Edna-Wendy-Artie, Eric-Judy & family, Helen, Logan, Harper, Panila-Ginda families-especially Joanne, Gary, Mike-Evelyn & family, 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.

**The First Presbyterian Church of Rahway  
1731 Church Street**

November 24, 2024  
Rev. Ed Hoener  
William Siocha  
Carol Ann Bregman  
Evan O'Donovan

10:30 A.M.  
Pastor  
Worship Leader  
Administrator  
Music Director