



November 3, 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

Prelude #494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
vss. 1 & 3

Evan O'Donovan

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship:

O God, with great mercy You meet us wherever we are on our journeys of faith. **You accept us, as we are, and You challenge us to make progress on this journey.** Jesus' presence is a source of strength, that moves us to seek God's will. **The Spirit inspires and equips us. Everything we need to do God's will is given.** Every day we are given opportunities to serve God's movement. **We have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back!**

*Hymn of Praise #263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

vss. 1, 2 & 4

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation :

O God, we give thanks for the knowledge that nothing can separate us from Your love. We draw hope from the assurance that You are always working to complete our transformation. Forgive us when we fail to choose well. Restore our souls, from troubles and stress. Help us to start anew, following You. Amen.

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Grace:

With great love, God heals and strengthens us. **Gratefully, we receive these gifts for living in Christ's Spirit.**

*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!**

Scripture Reading

Matt. 10:29-39

Ministry Music #498 *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* Evan O'Donovan

Scripture Reading

Josh. 24:14-18

Message

Pastor Ed

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

***Hymn of Faith #726**

Will You Come and Follow Me

vss. 1, 2 & 5

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 #507**

Come to the Table of Grace

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 #853 *We Are Marching in the Light of God* (Living)**

Charge and Blessing

Postlude #505

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

Evan O'Donovan

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

Announcements

Thank you to **Cheryl Anne Cammann & Susan Krivenko** for running the projector & camera!

Join our Worship Support Team! For more information, ask the pastor or the technicians or call the church office.

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

The Chosen View/Discuss – TODAY in the manse @ 12 noon

Firebird Spirit Seminar- Nov. 9 & 10

Holiday Market - Nov. 16

December 15 - Coffee Hour @ the Manse

Firebird Spirit: RSVP Responses Needed by Tomorrow, November 4th:

The November 9th weekend will be a comprehensive event from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm on both Saturday and Sunday (including a worship service). A special invitation with an RSVP request has been mailed. Please look for it and respond so we can properly plan for this exciting & informative weekend. Or, fill out one of the RSVPs available in the narthex while you're here with us this morning. ***Don't have a way to get to the church? Not a problem, speak to one of the elders or the pastor and they will make arrangements for you to carpool with someone.***

Holiday Market, November 16th, from 9 am – 2 pm

Volunteers Needed: We will begin setting up on Monday, November 11 from 10 am until 2 pm and we will continue throughout that week. If you are available during that week, please come and help us prepare for our sale. A light lunch is provided each day that week. Any time you can spare is always appreciated!

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, November 8th @ 7 pm



Online Donations

PRAYER PERSONS OF THE WEEK

Judy & Eric Rickes

PRAYER REQUESTS

Gary, Mike-Evelyn & family, Maureen G., Eileen, Nicole, Dan, Gina C., Ross J., Hector & Jasmine, Destiny, Michele & Eileen 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, Alyne B., Helene & Diane, Meli, Vicky, Eunice - Barbra & Dave, Celeste & Doris, Dorothy R., Amy, Avril Muller & family, Carlos B., Savannah B.

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

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Rev. Ed Hoener
Lauris Beam
Carol Ann Bregman
Evan O'Donovan

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