



**March 16, 2025**

*"The Dream is to remember who we are and what matters most to us in the midst of chaos and conflict, to hold ourselves to a higher standard of engagement than the culture in which we live, and to love in ways that mystify our neighbors on the chance it will do a little good."* Barbara Brown Taylor

Prelude #776

*O God, Be Gracious* (vss. 1-2)

Evan O'Donovan

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

**Call To Worship:**

O God, you are always at work, to make a future and a hope possible for all humankind and this world. **You walk beside us throughout our lives.** You give us peace. Your presence fills our hearts with confidence to trust you, and to do your will. **Your Spirit restores our souls.** You call us to do justice, love, mercy, and shine those lights wherever we are. **You call us to follow your way, speak the truth, and promote life in this world.**

\*Hymn of Praise #365

*God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!*

**Call to Reconciliation**

**Prayer of Reconciliation :**

O God, You meet us with unconditional mercy, and love. You know how we struggle to live what we believe; in a world gone astray from your ways. Come to us with healing, forgiveness, hope and grace. Let us arise from this time renewed and empowered to follow You. Amen.

*Silent Prayers*

**Assurance of Grace:**

God makes space within us for wholeness and holiness. **God renews us spiritually, filling our hearts with new life, and grace.**

\*Response of Praise #748

*Go with Us, Lord*

**Service of Ordination: Cliff Williams**

**Litany:**

There are different gifts, **But it is the same Spirit who gives them.** There are different ways of serving God, **But it is the same God who achieves God's purpose through them all.** Each one is given a gift by the Spirit to use it for the common good. **Together we are the body of Christ and individually members of him.**

**Introductory Statement, Introduction, Constitutional Questions, Prayer, Declaration**

**Sharing the Peace of Christ:**

The Light has shined in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. **We are gathered together, so that the Spirit may illumine the ways that lead to life, and peace, for all people.** This is the peace Christ has come to provide. **This is the peace we share together, and with our neighbor.** Peace be with us all! **And also with you!**

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

**Ministry of Music #172**

***Blest Are They*** (vss. 3-5)

Evan O'Donovan

**Scripture Reading**

*Philippians 3:17-4:1*

**Message**

Pastor Ed

**\*Hymn of Faith #751**

***From the Nets of Our Labor***

**Celebrating Passion Enterprises**

*Hearing about what God has done in each other's lives is a source of encouragement, and affirms the reality of faith, and prayer and grace. Please come to the lectern and share your testimony 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 #192**

***Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining***

**vss. 1 & 3**

**Charge and Blessing**

**Postlude #199**

***Filled with Excitement***

Evan O'Donovan

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## **Announcements**

**Thank you to *William Siocha & Rachel Remelgado* for running the projector & camera!**

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

### **The Chosen Season 4 - TODAY**

We will be meeting today at the manse, usual time. There will be no meetings in April. Our next meeting date will be on **May 18<sup>th</sup>**. I hope you can join in the discussion! - Diane

### **You're Invited to a Painting Party, March 22nd**

We are getting near the end of the list of places that need to be painted in Squier Hall. So, we are having a PAINTING PARTY and YOU are invited!!!!

**When: Saturday, March 22, 2025**

**Time: 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.**

**Lunch will be served - PIZZA and beverages, dessert**

Wear old clothes and bring work gloves if you have them. Kindly RSVP to me (Cheryl Anne) so we will have enough painting supplies and pizza for everyone! Cell - 908-380-0497 or email reply. Thank you and looking forward to seeing you on the 22nd!! Peace & Blessings, Cheryl Anne

**Next Town Hall meeting will be on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Next Manse Fireside Chat @ 7 pm is in March on Friday, the 28<sup>th</sup>.**



*Online Donations*

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

Bob Bresenhan, Jr.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Carlos Browne & family, Mary Ann R., Pat & family, Lauris & Cindy, Pete S., Michele P., Daphne P., Barbara O. & family, Major A. & family, LJ & Corinne, Helen, Logan, Harper, Helene & Diane, Dorothy R., Amy, Avril Muller & family, Alyne B., Savannah B.

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

March 16, 2025  
Rev. Ed Hoener  
Deacon Gail Anderson  
Carol Ann Bregman  
Evan O'Donovan

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