



**March 9, 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 #22**

***God of the Sparrow***

Evan O'Donovan

**Welcome**

Reverend Ed Hoener

**Call To Worship:**

O God, You come to us with guidance and strength to help us make our way through life. Holy Spirit, You are always at work to help us overcome the challenges we face within ourselves, and the ones we meet in the world. **Thank You for patiently, and lovingly working with us and within us. Help us to receive the gifts we need to match Your purposes for us, and our ministries for others.**

**\*Hymn of Praise #45**

***I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes***

**Call to Reconciliation**

**Prayer of Reconciliation :**

**In the midst of our lives as they are and in the struggles we face, O God, Your presence gives us strength. When we act in ways that are contrary to Your will, You come, O God, to restore our souls. Help us, with the Spirit's grace, to follow You, and the way of Christ. Amen.**

*Silent Prayers*

**Assurance of Grace:**

**In Christ, God's endless love and grace transforms us from within. In Christ, and with the strength of the Spirit, we can walk in God's ways.**

**\*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.

**Scripture Reading**

*1 Peter 1:3-7, 13-16*

**Ministry of Music #43** *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord* Evan O'Donovan

**Scripture Reading**

*Luke 4:1-13*

**Message**

Pastor Ed

**\*Hymn of Faith #839** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

**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 #313** *Lord, Make Us More Holy*

**Charge and Blessing**

**Postlude #292** *As the Wind Song* Evan O'Donovan

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## **Announcements**

**Thank you to *Princeton Nwosu & Cheryl Anne Cammann* 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**

Our next meeting date will be **March 16<sup>th</sup>**. I hope you are able to join in the discussion! - Diane

**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 14<sup>th</sup>.**



***Online Donations***

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

Rosalind Casey

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Pat & family, Lauris & Cindy, Helene, 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., Carlos B., Savannah B.

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

March 9, 2025  
Rev. Ed Hoener  
Portia Gaskin  
Carol Ann Bregman  
Evan O'Donovan

10:30 A.M.  
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