



August 25, 2024

“The church offers the slow and difficult work of healing; which is relational, and takes time. Jesus shows us how to enter into a way of life in which the broken pieces are held in love and given meaning, which makes a community spacious enough for everyone. The church offers this messy, inconvenient, never-ending work of reconciliation. The church offers grace – anything else is not the real thing.”

Rachel Held Evans

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

Opening Music #307

*God of Grace and God of Glory
Cry of My Heart*

Opening Prayer:

O God, our Creator, your kindness has brought us the gift of a new morning. **O Christ in whose heart is both welcome and wisdom, reveal within us the things that will make us whole.** By your love O God, celebrated in your Word, seen in your Son, brought near by your Spirit, take from us all we need carry no longer, **So that we may be free again to serve you; and each other; and your world.**

Silent Reflection, and Prayer

*Response of Praise #443

There Is a Redeemer

verse 1

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

We share the peace of God with each other as a prayer, that God our Maker, will bring peace to our hearts. **God makes us lie down in green pastures, and we rest in peace.** We share the peace of God as a prayer for the day when peace will fill the earth, like waters fill the sea. The peace of God be with you! **And also with you!**

We Listen for God's Word to Us, and Discussion

Pastor Ed

**What does Christian faith hold to be true about:
*Mental Health and Political Division***

Prayers of the People

Hear our prayers: **We pray for the world around us; We pray for every means to promote healing and sustain life.** (Make your intercessions here.)

We pray for physical, emotional and spiritual strength to all in need. (Make your intercessions here.)

We pray for ourselves, for your help, strength and peace...

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,

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

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)

Closing Music #370

This Is My Father's World

Bring Forth the Kingdom

Charge and Blessing

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

Announcements

Thank you to today's technician running the slides!

(Volunteers welcomed!)

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 via email. Your call will be returned right away to schedule a time! Peace and Blessings to you!

Upcoming Events/Save the Dates:

Back to School Celebration - August 28

Annual Fall Flea Market - September 28

Extended Flea Market - October 5

Holiday Flea Market - November 16

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.

Next Manse Fireside Gathering: Friday, September 13th @ 7 pm



Online Donations

PRAYER PERSONS OF THE WEEK

Robin & Al Shipley

PRAYER REQUESTS

Eileen P., Russ G., Hazel R., Kayla D., Alyne B., Robert S., Chrissy, Jesus M., Helene & Diane, Meli, Vicky, Eunice, Barbra & Dave, Celeste & Doris, Falcicity & Rita, Kulsoom, Jean K., Dorothy R., Fred R., Elizabeth M., Marilyn, Jasmine, Amy, Avril Muller & family, Carlos B., Savannah B.

As you enter the Sanctuary, prayer request cards can be found on the table by the bulletins.

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

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Rev. Ed Hoener

Debby Russell

Carol Ann Bregman

Evan O'Donovan

10:30 A.M.

Pastor

Worship Leader

Administrator

Music Director