



September 15, 2024

“Repairing the cracks in the foundation of our ethic for life requires both compassion and justice. Compassion is about lifting our neighbor out of the ditch; justice is about doing something about why they ended up in the ditch to begin with.”

Shane Claiborne

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Prelude

Evan O'Donovan

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship:

O God, we are grateful for all your gifts, in the world around us and within. **Thank you for all the ways you open our lives to your love and grace.** Jesus, you are with us. You show us how to live by your Spirit. **You show us how to experience the love of God, as we love our neighbor.** Holy Spirit, You give us strength beyond our own so that we can keep following the Way. **You make it possible for us to further your will on earth with grace.**

***Hymn of Praise #363**

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation:

O God, we thank you for every way that you bless us each day for our lives. We pray for the capacity to *let go* of everything that gets in the way of your love and grace. Help us to *receive* everything that promotes your way of living with peace, and love, in and through us. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reflection

Assurance of Grace:

Your steadfast love and mercy are everlasting. Your grace is with us always. **You provide all we need to be Christ's disciples in the world.**

***Response of Praise #539**

We Will Go Out with Joy

vss. 1 & 2

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

We come to Christ, who is the source of true peace. **He is the one whose love lights the way to shalom.** May his light guide us to seek the things that make for peace. **May the peace of Christ be with us, and within us, now and always!**
(We share the peace of Christ with each other.)

Scripture Reading

Eph. 2:11-22

Ministry of Music

Evan O'Donovan

Scripture Reading

John 14:15-24

Message

Pastor Ed

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

***Hymn of Faith #366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

vss. 1, 2 & 4

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.

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 #766**

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Evan O'Donovan

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

Announcements

Thank you to today's technicians running the camera & slideshow!

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

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

Spirituality Book Study at the Manse- Sept. 21

Flea Market Set Up After Worship - Sept. 22

Annual Fall Flea Market - Sept. 28

Mini Flea Market - Oct. 5

Shenanigans at the Park Fundraiser - Oct. 5

The Chosen View/Discuss - Oct. 13

Firebird Spirit Seminar- Nov. 9 & 10

Holiday Flea Market - Nov. 16

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 at 585 447 0859 or via email at edhoener1@gmail.com. Your call will be returned right away to schedule a time! Peace and Blessings to you!

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.

Worship Leaders – Do you feel called?

Members of the congregation who volunteer to lead worship fill an important part in the order of service. If you feel called to serve contact Al Shipley following Sunday services. One or two sessions will be set up to make you more knowledgeable and comfortable with the responsibilities. We'd love to have you participate!

Next Manse Fireside Gathering: Friday, September 27th @ 7 pm



Online Donations

PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK

Ruth Noemi Belonni-Rosario

PRAYER REQUESTS

German M., Bari, Tony, Bob, Carolyn, & family, Bob Bresenhan & family, Helene Haith & family, Eileen P., Russ G., Alyne B., Chrissy, Jesus M., Helene & Diane, Meli, Vicky, Eunice, Barbra & Dave, Celeste & Doris, Kulsoom, Jean K., Dorothy R., Fred R., Elizabeth M., Marilyn, Jasmine, Amy, Avril Muller & family, Carlos B., Savannah B.

The First Presbyterian Church of Rahway 1731 Church Street

September 15, 2024
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Evan O'Donovan

10:30 A.M.
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