



**September 22, 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

**\*Singing Our Praise #93      *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates***

**Opening Prayer:**

God of great and everlasting love, we come with hearts wide open to be renewed; that we may worship and serve You. **We thank You for all the ways You help us to grow, as disciples.** Merciful God, we come, knowing that there have been times when we've departed from Your ways. **We thank You for supplying all that we need to make new beginnings.** Jesus, we come because we love You and we want to follow You, and live by Your truths, in newness of life. **Holy Spirit, we thank You for the grace that makes it possible for us to shine the light of the gospel into the world.**

*Silent Prayers of Reflection*

**\*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.)*

**Ministry of Music**

Evan O'Donovan

**We Listen for God's Word, and Discussion: "Membership And Discipleship?"**

**\*Singing Our Faith #736      *I Want to Be as Close to You***

**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.**

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

**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 #747**

***The Lord Now Sends Us Forth***

**Charge and Blessing**

**Postlude**

Evan O'Donovan

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## **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):*

#### **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 or via email. 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.

### **Prayer Requests**

If you have a prayer request during the week, please give Ilanda Kerobo a call at 732-382-6193, or send her an email: [ikerobo@comcast.net](mailto:ikerobo@comcast.net). Ilanda will ensure that your request is addressed/sent to our wonderful prayer warriors.

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



**Online Donations**

#### **PRAYER PERSONS OF THE WEEK**

Rodrigue Joseph & family

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

German M., Bari, Tony, Bob, Carolyn, & 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  
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September 22, 2024  
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