



September 29, 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 #357

The Days Are Surely Coming v.1

Evan O'Donovan

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

*Hymn of Praise #35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Opening Prayer:

O God, You meet us as we are, with great mercy. You are ever ready to help us grow stronger in our faith and life. **You lift our burdens from our shoulders, and walk with us every day.** Jesus, You meet us where we are with great love. You help us to be part of bringing the reign of God into being. **You walk beside us – helping us to grow as apprentices of Your way.** Holy Spirit, You meet us every moment, with grace, to help us shine the light of Christ. **You live within us, transforming us and empowering us.** O God, you love us deeply, even when we turn aside from your path. You understand our struggles, and your greatest desire is to forgive us, and heal us, and then help us to grow as followers of Christ. **Help us now, to surrender our lives to the Spirit. Reform us to be the people you have created us to be. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Reflection

Assurance of Grace:

In steadfast love, God lifts our burdens from us. **In God's Spirit, we receive all we need to follow the way of Christ.**

*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 #87

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Evan O'Donovan

Reflecting on L.I.F.E.

We Listen for God's Word, and Discussion: "What is a Missional Church?"

*Hymn of Faith #543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

vss. 1, 3, 4 & 5

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.

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

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 #296

Go in Grace and Make Disciples

Charge and Blessing

Postlude #408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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):*

TODAY: Grief Support Group @ 12:30 pm, in the Chapel

Fabulous Finds Mini Mart - 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

Food Collection During October:

Please remember to bring in canned and boxed food items when you come to Sunday services during the month of October. All items will be brought to the Rahway Food for Friends Food Pantry to be distributed to those in need. As disciples of Jesus, let us feed the hungry!

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.

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

Next Manse Fireside Gathering: Friday, October 11th @ 7 pm

The weather will be low 70s/ high 60s, so apple, blueberry, and cherry pies, made over the coals, sound perfect, don't you think?



Online Donations

PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK

Daniel DeLuca

PRAYER REQUESTS

Gail G., Ali & family, German M., Bari, 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.

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September 29, 2024
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