

**First United Methodist Church of Toms River
Sanctuary Worship ~ May 21, 2023 ~ 10:30am**

Seventh Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

He Leadeth Me

Jay Rouse

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 37:3-6

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

Ministers: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN No. 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Halvorsen*)

Compassionate and gracious God, we come before you because of your promises and truths. You tell us that if we confess our sins then you will purify us from all unrighteousness. But even with such mercy, we lose focus on you and get caught up in everyday life. We confess that we haven't lived our lives to their full purposes. Please create in us clean hearts. Forgive our sin so that we can exalt your glory and spread the Good News. Help us to invite you into every area so that your goodness may shine through us. In Jesus name we pray...

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

*RESPONSIVE READING (*Psalm 34:1-5*)

Pastor: I will bless the Lord at all times.

Ministers: God's praise will continually be in my mouth.

Pastor: My soul makes its boast in the Lord.

Ministers: Let the afflicted hear and be glad.

Pastor: O magnify the Lord with me.

Ministers: And let us exalt God's name forever.

Pastor: I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Ministers: Look to God and be radiant, so your faces will never be ashamed.

*PRAISE RESPONSE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen

*THE APOSTLES' CREED – No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE No. 397

*I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford.
I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee; O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to thee. (2x)*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Prelude in Eb

Alexander Guilmant

PRESENTATION OF OUR TRUST, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*HYMN No. 156

I Love to Tell the Story

MESSAGE

Worship

...looking back & looking forward...

Hebrews 13:8-16

*HYMN No. 368

My Hope is Built

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jesus is Lord

Matthew Corl

*Indicates that those who are able, please stand

