

**First United Methodist Church of Toms River
Sanctuary Worship ~ March 31, 2024 ~ 10:30am**

Resurrection Sunday

PRELUDE *Easter Celebration* Joel Raney

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Matthew 28:5-6

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

Ministers: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN No. 302 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* v. 1-4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you sent your son to bring this world a new life. As a result of Jesus' sacrifice, death is now defeated and the offer of a new creation is available to everyone. Yet, we confess that we choose to remain captive to doubt and fear and other things that lead to death. By our thoughts, words and actions, we have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced your image in us. Mighty God, forgive us for Jesus' sake, and enable us to live no longer for ourselves but for him who conquered death and rose from the grave for our salvation. We ask all this in Jesus' name...

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

CHORAL ANTHEM *Alleluia* arr. Joel Raney

*RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: Glorious God, we celebrate with joy an empty tomb!

Ministers: Because the tomb is empty, we have a clean slate.

Pastor: In your resurrection, you defeated death.

Ministers: Because you are risen, abundant life is ours, both now and for eternity.

Pastor: By your resurrection, you proclaimed salvation to the whole world!

Ministers: Because you are risen, we are one with Christ. Hallelujah, HE IS RISEN!

*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

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

Sinfonia Festiva Mvt. II

Daniel Gawthrop

PRESENTATION OF OUR TRUST, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*HYMN No. 327

Crown Him with Many Crowns

MESSAGE

The Impossible Assignment

Matthew 27:57-66

*HYMN No. 159

Lift High the Cross

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Canzona Per Sonare #3

Gabrieli

*Indicates that those who are able, please stand





Youth Bake Sale

Saturday, April 13th

8:00am - 10:00am

*During the Church Family Breakfast
in the Family Life Center*



**SPRING RUMMAGE SALE!
Mark Your Calendars!**

Friday, APRIL 26, 2024 – Saturday, APRIL 27, 2024

****VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!****

- Sunday, APRIL 21st - donations will be accepted starting after the 9am Worship Service and continue until 2:00 PM. Tables and racks will be set up.

- Monday, APRIL 22nd - donations will be accepted from 8:30 AM to 8:00 PM. Tables and racks will continue to be set up.

- Tuesday through Thursday, APRIL 23 - 25 – 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM – Sorting and pricing will be finished. Deadline for drop offs is **2:00 PM on Thursday**.

SALE DAY – Friday, APRIL 26, 2024 – 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

\$5 BAG SALE DAY - Saturday, APRIL 27, 2024
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

CLEANUP STARTS AT 1:00 PM, ON SATURDAY. WE NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET TO CLEAN UP THE FLC AFTER THE RUMMAGE SALE ENDS.

PLEASE NOTE: Books, CD's, DVD's, Records and Jewelry will be collected at this time. We accept donations of these items to be sold at the Holly Berry Bazaar. We will not accept large pieces of furniture, worn or torn items, TV's or damaged goods.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

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