

**First United Methodist Church of Toms River
Sanctuary Worship ~ April 14, 2024 ~ 10:30am**

Third Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

Near the Cross

arr. Joel Raney

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 25:4-5

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

Ministers: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN No. 400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty God, your love for us is so evident. Everywhere we look, we see tangible proof of your great care for us. Yet, when it comes to following you, we confess that we do not often surrender our entire selves. We hold back portions of our lives that we would rather control instead of releasing them to your loving care. Have mercy on us. Forgive us for saying one thing and doing another. Strengthen us so that our words and actions line up so that we may follow the one who brings life. Restore to us the joy of our salvation as we share the greatest news the world has ever known. Fill us with resurrection power. We ask all this in Jesus' name...

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

*RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: When we live life on our own, we come face to face with our inadequacy.

Ministers: For we deprive ourselves of the source of true life.

Pastor: Today, we are grateful to connect with our Creator...

Ministers: ...the one who spoke and brought us into being.

Pastor: Let us draw close to the God who loves us.

Ministers: For God defeats all of our inadequacy!

*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

Easter Hymn

Michael Bedford

PRESENTATION OF OUR TRUST, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*HYMN No. 593

Here I Am, Lord

MESSAGE

Encouragement

1st Peter 1:1-12

*HYMN No. 701

When We All Get to Heaven

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jesus is Lord

Matthew H. Corl

*Indicates that those who are able, please stand





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024!

July 15th-19th 5:30pm-8:00pm
First United Methodist Church of Toms River
129 Chestnut Street, Toms River NJ 08753
Ages 4-12



VOLUNTEER MEETING April 28th!

Following the 9:00am worship service in Room 5

New friends ~ Amazing experiments ~ Creative games
Super-fun snacks ~ Surprising adventures ~ Incredible music

For Registration and Details
please visit <https://fumctr.com/vbs/>

Share with your friends and family

TO VOLUNTEER: contact Julie at julie@fumctr.com
or leave a message at the church office. 732-349-8155
email: office@fumctr.com



**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!

Contact: Candy Vesce ~ candy4329@aol.com



**From the Greater New Jersey
Annual Conference***

“As of July 1, 2024, Dr. Edward A. Davis, Jr., shall immediately cease all pastoral duties, counseling and pastoral visitation with members or member families in First United Methodist Church of Toms River. Since appointments are generally announced at least several weeks in advance, each pastor has adequate time in which to affect closure and make appropriate referral to another for the pastoral care of members.

Pastors shall have a clear understanding with former congregations that they will not return to officiate baptisms, weddings, and funerals, or do pastoral counseling or pastoral visitation in that parish.

Pastors, active, retired (or on personal leave), shall respectfully decline to participate in such duties when invited by members of a former congregation. Declining all such invitations is the responsibility of Dr. Davis.

The District Superintendent must be consulted by Dr. Davis in advance of any return for pastoral functions. Such visits to former churches shall require the advance approval of the District Superintendent. Rev. Hyoik Kim should never be under any pressure to invite the previous pastor. Pressure to involve the previous pastor should not be generated by either the congregation or the previous pastor.”

**Pastoral Transition Process for Congregations Greater New Jersey Annual Conference 2024*