

**First United Methodist Church of Toms River
Sanctuary Worship ~ May 12, 2024 ~ 10:30am**

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

PRELUDE *There is a Balm in Gilead* Jay Rouse

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 36:7-9

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

Ministers: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN No. 98 *To God Be the Glory*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Lindholtz*)

Lord, we have heard of your grace, however, we doubt that your grace could ever produce the kinds of virtues you promise. Some of us are tempted by resentment and un-forgiveness because of those who have let us down. Some of us are tempted to condemn ourselves for past failings. And all of us remember times when we have fallen short. Forgive us for doubt, resentment, unforgiving hearts and self-condemning attitudes. Remind us of your forgiveness, always available in Jesus Christ. Recall for us that your love is like a mother hen who gathers her chicks under her wing and protects them from danger. In spite of our failures and sin, we trust in your power to transform our lives. Please fill us with your Holy Spirit, Lord Jesus, so that our lives may bring joy to the world. We pray all this in the powerful name of the Savior...

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

*RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: Mighty God, today we worship the one who LOVES unconditionally...

Ministers: ...for your LOVE knows no bounds.

Pastor: In a world that stops loving for the slightest offense...

Ministers: ...Your LOVE took you all the way to the cross.

Pastor: In a world that makes us earn everything...

Ministers: ... Your LOVE is a free gift.

Pastor: Teach us to LOVE like you LOVE...

Ministers: ...so the world may know you offer the LOVE for which they are searching

*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

St. Fulbert

James Biery

PRESENTATION OF OUR TRUST, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*HYMN No. 128

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

MESSAGE

Do you hear his voice? Come and Follow.

David Geller

John 10:1-10 (NRSV)

*HYMN No. 529

How Firm A Foundation

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Earth and All Stars

Keith Kolander

*Indicates that those who are able, please stand



**We welcome our speaker for
Sunday May 12th & Sunday May 19th
David Geller**

David is in his final year of seminary at Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Texas. He is a native of Toms River. David has a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Social Work from Stockton University. David is a lifelong United Methodist and a Certified Candidate for Ordained Ministry as an Elder in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference. David believes that we serve a relational God, and because of that, we are called to be in a relationship with one another. David has much local church ministry experience and is excited to share the word with you this coming week! David has a loving mother and is the youngest of a set of quadruplets. In his free time in New Jersey, he loves spending time with his family and friends. David also loves the Philadelphia Eagles and the Philadelphia Phillies and loves a good cup of coffee.





Do you know that...

- FUMCTR has an Endowment Fund?
- In the past 6 months the Fund has added \$45,000 to the ministry of the Church?
- You can join the Fund?
- Information is on the Welcome Table?

Think about joining the Fund and supporting our Ministry!



Our Church Historian, R. Joseph Latshaw III, is giving group walking tours of the Old Methodist Church Cemetery on the corner of Washington St. and Hooper Ave.

If you belong to a group that might be interested in a tour, please pick up a flyer on our Information Tables.



The Sisters in Christ would like to thank all those who purchased plants during our flash flower sale. Twenty-two plants were purchased to beautify our church grounds. Thank you to all who participated.





Please note:

Summer Hours begin
Tuesday, May 28th
and run through Labor Day

Monday – Friday 9:00am – 12:30pm



Did you know?

The Whilden Room (located next to the Church Office) has loads of books for you to borrow and enjoy.

There are biographies, books on home, family children and aging, books on Methodism and prayer, Bibles, Hymnals, wonderful stories of faith and so much more!

Great summer reading.

Books can be signed out for up to 1 month.

Check it out.



**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*