

**First United Methodist Church of Toms River
Sanctuary Worship ~ June 9, 2024 ~ 10:30am**

Third Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *Jesus Lover of My Soul/Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* arr. Courtney

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 40:1-5

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

Ministers: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN No. 62 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, we come to you after another week of battling with self. Unfortunately, we experienced more defeats than victories. We have started our days thinking only of ourselves – please forgive us. We have lived out each day like we are the only ones who matter – please forgive us. We have gone to bed at night thinking only about what we have to do to survive tomorrow – please forgive us. Loving Lord, forgive us – and remind us that there is more to this life than this life. Remind us that you offer your children much more. And remind us that we are never too far away to come back to your loving embrace. Thank you for loving us. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, who never runs out of forgiveness...

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

*RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: Lord, we struggle with focus.

Ministers: Often, we are so distracted; we forget to live as your children.

Pastor: This lack of focus tempts us to fall into the world's system of survival.

Ministers: And if we are not careful, we have nothing new to offer its inhabitants.

Pastor: Lord, allow us to focus on our main goal.

Ministers: So that we may give you honor, praise, and glory in everything we do.

*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. 420 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do. (2x)*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Resignation

Felix Mendelssohn

PRESENTATION OF OUR TRUST, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*HYMN No. 79

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

v. 1-4

MESSAGE

Matt Horant

Turn back and live!

Ezekiel 18:19-32

*HYMN No. 467

Trust and Obey

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Nicaea

Christopher Tambling

*Indicates that those who are able, please stand





Important Announcements

**Please note that today is the last day
for Sunday School (all ages) for the summer.
We will resume on Sunday, September 8th**

Also

**The Church Family Breakfast
will be taking the months of
July and August off
for a summer break.
Our next Church Family Breakfast
will be on
Saturday, September 14th
from 8:00am – 10:00am**



“Turn back and live!” | Scripture Verses Summaries

-Ezekiel 18:19-32

I should never rejoice in the misfortunes of nonbelievers. Instead, I should do all I can, through the power of the Holy Spirit to bring them to faith in Christ.

-2 Corinthians 6:2 - Paul insists that for those who would be heard and helped by God through faith in Christ, now is the favorable time and the day of salvation. God never speaks to someone to tell them to be saved "someday." He does not call on people to delay, but to turn to Christ right now.

-Deuteronomy 30:19 Emphasizes the importance of free will and making conscious decisions to follow God's commandments. It highlights that by living a life of righteousness and obedience to God's Word, you and your children will receive God's blessings and prosper.

- Romans 5:12 We are born being separated from God; we are “dead in our trespasses and sins” (Ephesians 2:1). We are made alive through the resurrection power of Jesus, received by faith (Ephesians 2:1). The first physical death Adam and Eve experienced for themselves included exile from the Garden (Genesis 3:23). Exile is a separation. Adam and Eve also experienced the death of an animal to create a covering for themselves. –

-Luke 19:9-10 Freedom for the captives, sight for those who walk in darkness, relief for the oppressed – indeed, Jesus came to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor. The ensuing result of the fall of man was that the whole world became lost. God sent His Son, His lifeline to the human race held captive by sin.

-1 Timothy 1:8-11 The law is defined as being designed for sinners; to expose them as living consistently contrary to God’s nature and will. The list given parallels the 10 Commandments but is also here equated with contrary to sound doctrine or “other than healthy teaching. there is healthy teaching and the law on one side, and everything else stands opposite. The law reveals God and exposes sin.

-Matthew 24:37-39 The sudden onset of the events which herald Christ's coming will be dramatic. Clear as the signs may be, they will still be surprising to most people in the world. In Noah’s day, the people were going about their lives, eating, drinking, and marrying, until the flood came swiftly (Matthew 24:38). They were ignorant about what was coming until it came upon them and took them away (Matthew 24:39).

-I Corinthians 6:12 It may be difficult for all of us in a postmodern context to think of our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit, but Paul’s teaching in this passage is that an authentic Christian life must be one that honors God because God placed God’s Spirit in us (2 Corinthians 1:21). What we want as human beings is not what God wants; therefore, we should live in reverence to God, in whom our obedient faithfulness is enveloped. In this sense, our rights, preferences, freedoms, choices, autonomy, cultural, and ethnic ideals are called to submit to the authority of Jesus Christ.

