

**First United Methodist Church of Toms River
Sanctuary Worship ~ September 1, 2024 ~ 10:30am**

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *How Great Thou Art* Dan Forrest

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 105:1-2

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

Ministers: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN No. 711 *For All the Saints* v. 1, 4-6

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, we talk about being faithful to your love while our hearts go after other desires. Our love of you and of one another fails while we devise complex rules and regulations to judge others. We want to be yours, but harmful thoughts detract from your purposes. Cleanse the meditations of our hearts so that our thoughts may reflect your goodness. Keep us from envy, greed, and deceit, and remake us in the image of your love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: A marvelous word stirs our hearts!

Ministers: God is here!

Pastor: God has blessed us forever.

Ministers: God's word is eternal.

Pastor: God loves righteousness and hates wickedness.

Ministers: The oil of gladness pours over us.

*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

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

PRAYER RESPONSE No. 349 *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace. (2x)**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Cantique

Flor Peeters

PRESENTATION OF OUR TRUST, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*HYMN No. 402

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

MESSAGE

Pastor Hyoik Kim

Law Abiding Citizens

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

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*HYMN No. 581

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in G

Jan Sweelinck

*Indicates that those who are able, please stand





Prayer for Blessing Students (and their Backpacks)

Gracious God, we lift to you today, these students.

They stand here ready to receive your blessings and commit themselves to studying and learning in the school year ahead. We ask your blessing on each of them.

Further, we ask for your blessing on these backpacks. They will hold each student's school work and be carried from home to school and back again. As these students carry these backpacks, may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation that surrounds them each school day.

We also pray for the teachers and administrators in our schools. May they be sustained by your blessing.

May they be reminded that this congregation embraces their call to teaching and learning and surrounds them with love and care.

We pray in the name of Jesus who we seek to follow day by day. Amen.



Last Chance to Order!



Fall Mums Sale!

Pre-order your desired color and number of plants by
Tuesday, September 3rd

Plants **must be picked up on Saturday, September 14th**
from 8:00am – 10:00am
(during the Church Family Breakfast)

Name _____ **Phone** _____

Please indicate the number of plants next to each color.

_____ Yellow _____ White
_____ Rust _____ Burgundy
 _____ Purple

Total number of plants X \$8.00 = _____

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