

**First United Methodist Church of Toms River**  
**Sanctuary Worship ~ January 26, 2025 ~ 10:30am**

*Third Sunday after Epiphany*

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PRELUDE

*Majesty*

Joel Raney

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 19:7-9

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

**Ministers: Thanks be to God!**

\*HYMN No. 110

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

OPENING PRAYER

**God of Wisdom, we have come to sit at Jesus' feet and to learn what he would teach us. With the heavens above and the earth below, we rejoice in the good news he brings: help to the poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. Reveal the mystery of your precepts, that we might hear the music of the heavens. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: Day pours forth speech and night declares knowledge.

**Ministers: What voices speak without words or speech?**

Pastor: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

**Ministers: We listen but do not understand.**

Pastor: The Law of God is perfect, reviving the soul.

**Ministers: Pray in the Spirit, and you will perceive.**

\*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. 500 *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love. (2x)*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Offertorium*

Flor Peeters

PRESENTATION OF OUR TRUST, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY No. 95

\*HYMN No. 454

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

MESSAGE

Pastor Hyoik Kim

**Free at Last!**

Luke 4:14-21

\*HYMN No. 157

*Jesus Shall Reign*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Prelude in C*

John Kerbs

\*Indicates that those who are able, please stand