

**First United Methodist Church of Toms River
Sanctuary Worship ~ March 9, 2025 ~ 10:30am**

First Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* arr. Shackley

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 91:1-2

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

Ministers: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN No. 267 *O Love, How Deep*

OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God, your ways lead to life; your light shines in our darkness. The promises you made to our ancestors continue to this day. We too share the bounty of your blessings, and the grace of eternal life in your name. May we be worthy of our calling and help others find their way. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: Welcome home, beloved children of God!

Ministers: Gathered in God's arms, we come to worship.

Pastor: Sheltered in God's love, we come to grow in love.

Ministers: Abiding in God, we seek solace and comfort.

Pastor: Even as God sends us on wilderness journeys,

Ministers: we trust that God is with us, guiding and protecting our days.

*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. 354 *I Surrender All*

*All to Jesus I surrender; all to him I freely give; I will ever love and trust him, in his presence
daily live, I surrender all, I surrender all, all to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all. (2x)*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Elevation in F Major Op. 39 No 1* Alexander Guilmant

PRESENTATION OF OUR TRUST, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*HYMN No. 168 *At the Name of Jesus*

MESSAGE Pastor Hyoik Kim

The Power of God's Word

Luke 4:1-13

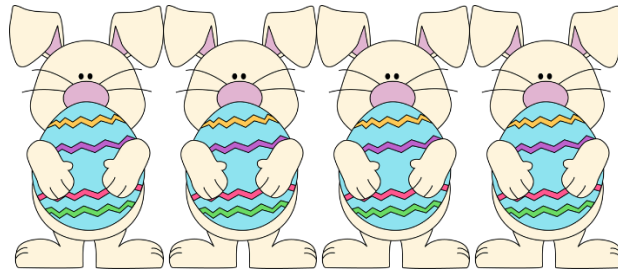
*HYMN No. 496 *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fanfare (from La Peri)* arr. Robert Gower

*Indicates that those who are able, please stand





The Sisters in Christ invite the
Congregation to create an Easter basket
for local children who might otherwise have
none. All baskets will be distributed by The
Hope Center. This year the Hope Center
has donated Easter buckets and stuffed
animals that will be available in the
Narthex and FLC for you March 16th & 23rd.
Fill the bucket with chocolate bunnies,
wrapped candy, small gifts, coloring books,
crayons, bubbles, anything you feel is
Easter appropriate. Collection of finished,
wrapped and labeled-by-age buckets will
be March 30th and April 6th.
Call Kathy Newsome (732-341-6643)
with any questions.
Thank you from all the happy kiddos!



**OUR ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE
DATES ARE
Friday, APRIL 4, 2025 – Saturday, APRIL 5, 2025**

****VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!****

- Sunday, MARCH 30th - donations will be accepted starting after the 9am Worship Service and continue until 2:00 PM. Tables and racks will be set up.

- Monday, MARCH 31st - 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 1 – 3,
9:00 AM to 6:00 PM ~ Sorting and pricing will be finished.
Deadline for drop offs is **2:00 PM on Thursday**.

Friday, APRIL 4, 2025 ~ SALE DAY ~ 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Saturday, APRIL 5, 2025 ~ \$5 BAG SALE DAY
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

CLEANUP STARTS AT 1:00 PM, ON SATURDAY. WE NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN 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!

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