

**First United Methodist Church of Toms River
Sanctuary Worship ~ April 6, 2025 ~ 10:30am**

Fifth Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* John Hudson

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 126:5-6

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

Ministers: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN No. 580 *Lead On, O King Eternal*

OPENING PRAYER

God of Love, you know our lives inside and out—the times of joy and laughter and the times of loss and pain. You accompanied our ancestors of faith into exile and then journeyed with them back to the Promised Land. Jesus, our brother, you wept at the grave of Lazarus, and then you celebrated at the dinner table with your resurrected friend. Be with us in times of plenty and times of want, and let us rejoice in your presence, for you see us and care for us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: When we have been hurt and lost,

Ministers: God brings us laughter and joy.

Pastor: When our lives reach a dead end,

Ministers: God opens a way forward.

Pastor: When the rivers of our lives dry up,

Ministers: God sends living water to quench our thirst.

Pastor: God has done great things for us!

Ministers: Let us rejoice!

*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

Pange Lingue

Mary Beth Bennett

PRESENTATION OF OUR TRUST, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*HYMN No. 292

What Wondrous Love Is This

MESSAGE

Pastor Hyoik Kim

Waste or Well-Spent?

John 12:1-8

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

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*HYMN No. 451

Be Thou My Vision

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

God of Abraham Praise

arr. Michael Burk

*Indicates that those who are able, please stand





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025!

July 14th-18th 5:30pm-8:00pm
First United Methodist Church of Toms River
129 Chestnut Street, Toms River NJ 08753

Ages 4-12

Volunteers needed to help with snacks, stations,
opening, closing and more!

New friends ~ Amazing experiments ~ Creative games
Super-fun snacks ~ Surprising adventures ~ Incredible music

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