

First United Methodist Church of Toms River
Sanctuary Worship ~ September 5, 2021
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *Come All Christians be Committed* Brad Nix

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 78:5-7

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

Ministers: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN No. 79 *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* (v. 1-4)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (MDPC)

Lord Jesus, You call us to follow. You desire us to keep in step with your steps, and to love you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We hear your voice and we read your word, but we hesitate to make your pace, our pace. We feel like running ahead, or even away, from your path. Yet, you keep calling. Forgive our stubborn ways, and our self-sufficient hearts. By Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, bring us home to you. By your Holy Spirit, mold us that we might follow you joyfully both now and forever. Thank you, Lord, for never giving up on us. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Christ of God...

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

*RESPONSIVE READING No. 423

Pastor: In comparison to this big world, the human heart is only a small thing.

Ministers: Though this world is so large, it is utterly unable to satisfy the tiny heart.

Pastor: The ever-growing soul and its capacity...

Ministers: ...can be satisfied only by the infinite God.

Pastor: As water is restless until it reaches its level...

Ministers: ...So the soul has not peace until it rests in God. Amen.

*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 CONCERN

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE No. 561

**Jesus, united by thy grace and each to each endeared,
with confidence we seek thy face and know our prayer is heard.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Trio

Julius Reubke

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*HYMN No. 399

Take My Life, and Let It Be

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9, 13-16

MESSAGE

A Living Hope

Pastor Wes

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*HYMN No. 428

For the Healing of the Nations

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Allegro from Concerto del Signor Meck

Johann Walther

* Indicates that those who are able, please stand

