

**First United Methodist Church of Toms River**  
**Sanctuary Worship ~ September 19, 2021**  
*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

PRELUDE

*Arise My Soul, Arise*

Dan Forrest

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 84:10-12

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

**Ministers: Thanks be to God!**

\*HYMN No. 731

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Engle)

**Loving God; we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that make it difficult for others to forgive us. We confess the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong. We confess the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord have mercy and forgive us through Christ our Lord...**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

\*RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: Love is a positive force that changes lives.

**Ministers: To know God is to know love**

Pastor: Love describes God perfectly

**Ministers: Love is on the move because God is on the move**

Pastor: Jesus is the living proof that God is love

**Ministers: God's love is powerfully real and gives us dignity and worth.**

**All: Mighty God, show us how to share your love with this struggling world!**

\*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.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Joanna Faith Spiecker

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround *Joanna* with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

*Andantino poco allegato*

Cesar Franck

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY No. 95

\*HYMN No. 396

*O Jesus, I have Promised*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 11:28-30

MESSAGE

*Take My Yoke Upon You*

Pastor Wes

\*HYMN No. 438

*Forth in Thy Name, O Lord*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

David Bednall

\* Indicates that those who are able, please stand

*Blessings to the Ellis Family on their new journey!*