

**First United Methodist Church of Toms River**  
**Sanctuary Worship ~ September 26, 2021**  
*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

PRELUDE

*Be Not Afraid*

Dan Forrest

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 85:8-13

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

**Ministers: Thanks be to God!**

\*HYMN No. 139

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Mighty God, the one who has created the heavens and who sees all and knows all - we are struggling. In this world, we often feel as if no one can hear us...including you. We live lives of quiet desperation and loneliness. We cover our struggle with masks of smiles and laughter, yet deep inside we feel alone. Please forgive us for living as if you are unable or unwilling to hear us. Forgive us for acting as if we are the only ones who can solve the problem, heal the wound, or fix what is broken. Lord we need you. Please renew our souls with your forgiveness so that we may live a life that possesses joy and attracts others to you. We ask this in the name of the Jesus, who always listens and always cares...**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

\*RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: We know God hears us.

**Ministers: The Lord hears and answers our prayers.**

Pastor: The Mighty One loves us deeply.

**Ministers: The Creator cares about every aspect of our lives.**

Pastor: The Holy One holds every tear we shed in a bottle and never forgets...

**Ministers: ...Every struggle, every request, every hope. Praise the Lord!**

\*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  
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

*Interlude*

J.H. Knecht

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY No. 95

\*HYMN No. 399

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 4:2-18

MESSAGE

*And By the Way..  
..final instructions*

\*HYMN No. 701

*When We All Get to Heaven*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Fanfare & Processional*

Douglas Wagner

\* Indicates that those who are able, please stand

