

First United Methodist Church of Toms River
Sanctuary Worship ~ October 31, 2021
Twenty - Third Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Joel Raney

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 89:5-8

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

Ministers: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN No. 103

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty God, our words are powerful things. Even though our words can seem insignificant sometimes, they can encourage a friend, comfort a hurting relative, or welcome a stranger. Our words can also create great division, strip a person of their confidence, and harm a relationship beyond repair. Lord, forgive us when our words do the latter. Remind us that every breath we take and every word we speak can fill a person with comfort and hope. So, Lord, please check our tongues. Forgive us when we use unchecked speech. We are called to be grace givers. Show us how to give that grace through the words we use. We ask this in the name of the Jesus, who is the Word of God...

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

*RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: Jesus is the Word who became flesh.

Ministers: He lived among us.

Pastor: Jesus showed us God's Word in action.

Ministers: His Word is life-changing.

Pastor: Jesus calls us to live out the truth of his Word.

Ministers: So that all may feel the embrace of the God who loves them.

*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

* A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church No. 884

We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the Church, those who are united to the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service. We believe in the reign of God as

