

**First United Methodist Church of Toms River**  
**Sanctuary Worship ~ November 7, 2021**  
*Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

PRELUDE *Amazing Grace* Joel Raney

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 89:13-18

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

**Ministers: Thanks be to God!**

\*HYMN No. 711 *For All the Saints* v 1,4-6

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the true word, we come to you with great thanksgiving in the midst of sorrow. We are grateful for your grace, hope and love. We celebrate your goodness! Yet, we are saddened by our behavior in other areas of life. We have leaned toward falsehood instead of fact. We have deceived when we should have been honest. And we have chosen to put on a mask that hides our authentic self from the world. Please forgive us. Show us how to live in your truth. Give us courage to be trustworthy, reliable and true every day. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the one who embodies truth for all to see...**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

\*RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: Jesus is the Truth who has come into the world.

**Ministers: In a world of lies, deception and fake news - we cling to the truth of God.**

Pastor: Knowing God's truth is vital to our survival.

**Ministers: Living out God's truth is even more important.**

Pastor: The Lord tells us that when we know the truth, we will be free.

**Ministers: Free to serve God, serve people, and serve a world that needs the love of Jesus!**

\*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 – *Taylor Evelyn Gerken*

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Taylor with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her service to others. We will pray for Taylor 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

*Engelberg*

Paul L. Wright

PRESENTATION OF OUR TRUST, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY No. 95

\*HYMN No. 64

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

MESSAGE

**Kingdom Thinking**  
**Part #1**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

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\*HYMN No. 140

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Coronation*

David Schelat

\* Indicates that those who are able, please stand