

**First United Methodist Church of Toms River**  
**Sanctuary Worship ~ November 14, 2021**  
*Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

PRELUDE

*Nearer My God to Thee*

Dan Forrest

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 90:1-2

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

**Ministers: Thanks be to God!**

\*HYMN No. 98

*To God Be the Glory*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Gord)

**Gracious God, you have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted, or as something to which we are entitled. You call us to live in caring community, but too often we place our wants and needs first, with those of others a distant second. You call us to share your gifts with the world around us, but we are worried that there may not be enough, and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing. For all the times when we mistreat and misuse your gifts, for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom. We ask all this humbly and confidently in the name of our Savior, Jesus...**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

\*RESPONSIVE READING (Scifres)

Pastor: Gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful.

**Ministers: Gather us in, the weak and the strong.**

Pastor: Gather us in, the fearful and the brave.

**Ministers: Gather us in, the young and the old.**

Pastor: Gather us in, to sing of God's works.

**Ministers: Gather us in, to praise Jesus Christ.**

Pastor; Gather us in, to worship and wonder.

**Ministers: Gather us in, to know of God's love.**

\*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

*England's Lane*

Thomas Hewitt Jones

PRESENTATION OF OUR TRUST, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY No. 95

\*HYMN No. 384

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 8:1-7

MESSAGE

## Returning the Favor

\*HYMN No. 369

*Blessed Assurance*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*McKee*

Matthew H. Corl

\* Indicates that those who are able, please stand

