

First United Methodist Church of Toms River
Sanctuary Worship ~ November 21, 2021
Last Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Give Thanks

Joel Raney

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 91:1-4

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

Ministers: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN No. 694

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We want to be your people, but we are sometimes afraid of your expectations. Our fears run deep and we cannot overcome them by ourselves. You know, O Lord, that we have tried all this on our own and we fail every time. Remind us once again that the beginning of wisdom is to trust your holiness and perfect love. Help us cling to this trust and live with the faith that you provide for us. As we worship you in deep conviction, speak the words of comfort and hope to us once again. Empower us with the Holy Spirit that we may say with the father, whose son was healed by the Nazarene, “*I believe; help my unbelief!*” We ask all this humbly, yet thankfully, in the name of our Savior, Jesus the Christ of God...

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD’S PRAYER No. 895

*RESPONSIVE READING (Williams)

Pastor: In our worry over relationships.

Ministers: God, you are calling.

Pastor: In our fretting over politics.

Ministers: God, you are calling.

Pastor: In our anguish over tragedy.

Ministers: God, you are calling.

Pastor: In our misgiving about thanksgiving.

Ministers: God, you are calling.

Pastor: In our uneasiness about having enough.

Ministers: God, you are calling.

Pastor: In our worry over our stuff.

Ministers: God, you are calling.

Pastor: In our fear about the future.

Ministers: God, call us to a deeper trust in you.



*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 MODERN AFFIRMATION No. 885

**...We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
Whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.
We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing
grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We
believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in
perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.
We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the
example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.
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

Thanksgiving Prayer

Gilbert Martin

PRESENTATION OF OUR TRUST, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*HYMN No.144

This is My Father's World

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 4:26-29

MESSAGE

Kingdom Thinking

Part #2

*HYMN No. 102

Now Thank We All Our God

During the last Hymn, please bring your pledge card to the basket at the front

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Virgil Fox

*Indicates that those who are able, please stand