

First United Methodist Church of Toms River
Sanctuary Worship ~ January 9, 2022
10:00am

PRELUDE

Abide with Me

Gawthrop/Monk

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 1:1-3

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

Ministers: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN No. 145

Morning Has Broken

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty God of every moment, we have barely scratched the surface of the new year. Yet our resolutions, made with such passion and determination, now seem further away than the earth is from the moon. Lord, remind us that living on our own energy, intellect, instinct, and passion will not carry us toward the abundant life you promise. Forgive us when our agenda takes priority over your plan. Forgive us when we make decisions without consulting you. Forgive us when our faith becomes an endurance race of human effort, instead of life lived in your Spirit. Capture our souls once for all in this season of newness. For we pray all this in the name of the one who makes all things new...

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

*RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: Lord, you call us to new life...

People: ...so the world may know your love.

Leader: Lord, you call us to changed lives...

People: ...so the world may see your power.

Leader: Lord, we live in a world that is crying out for a new direction

People: ...and you have made us ambassadors of your message.

Leader: Lord, inspire us to carry your message to the nations.

People: ...so all will have the chance to experience the hope you have given us!

*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

*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. 500

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love. (2x)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Arioso

Handel

PRESENTATION OF OUR TRUST, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*HYMN No. 593

Here I Am Lord

MESSAGE

Matthew Fullerton

*HYMN No. 529

How Firm a Foundation

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Recessional

Wagner

*Indicates that those who are able, please stand

