

**First United Methodist Church of Toms River**  
**Sanctuary Worship ~ January 16, 2022**  
*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

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PRELUDE

*Majesty*

Joel Raney

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 3:3-7a

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

**Ministers: Thanks be to God!**

\*HYMN No. 400

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Myers)

**Gracious and loving God, we come into your presence asking for forgiveness. Forgive us for aspirations that do not get translated into action and for promises that we have not kept. Forgive us for having good intentions that were not fulfilled and for the good deeds we never got around to doing. Grants us new vision and inspire us to move from intention to action. Help us Lord, to keep our eyes on you and to be faithful in all that we say and do. In the name of Jesus, the Christ of God, we pray...**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

\*RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: God calls us to a renewed life...

**People: ...lived under the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Leader: God calls us to share the hope of Jesus Christ...

**People: ...with a world that needs hope.**

Leader: God gives us everything we need

**People: ...to make this outreach fruitful.**

Leader: Mighty God, fill us with desire...

**People: ...to see the needs of others before our own.**

\*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 UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA No. 883

**We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God:**

**Who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. 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

*Cantique*

Flor Peeters

PRESENTATION OF OUR TRUST, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY No. 95

\*HYMN No. 348

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

MESSAGE

## Rest

Matthew 11:25-30

\*HYMN No. 451

*Be Thou My Vision*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Toccata in G*

Jan Sweelinck

\*Indicates that those who are able, please stand

