

**First United Methodist Church of Toms River
Sanctuary Worship ~ April 17, 2022**

He Is Risen

PRELUDE

Easter Celebration

Joel Raney

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 28:5-6

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

Ministers: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN No. 302

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you sent your son to bring this world a new life. As a result of his sacrifice, death is now defeated and the offer of a new creation is available to everyone. Yet, we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and other things that lead to death. By our thoughts, words and actions, we have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced your image in us. Mighty God, forgive us for Jesus' sake, and enable us by his resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves but for him who conquered death and rose from the grave for our salvation. We ask all this in Jesus' name...

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

*RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: Glorious God, we celebrate with joy an empty tomb!

Ministers: Because the tomb is empty, we have a clean slate.

Pastor: In your resurrection, you defeated death.

Ministers: You are risen, abundant life is ours, both now and in eternity.

Pastor: By your resurrection, you proclaimed salvation to the whole world!

Ministers: Because you are risen, we are one with Christ. Hallelujah, HE IS

RISEN!

*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. 397

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford. I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee, O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee. (2 times)

OFFERING
OFFERTORY *Trumpet Voluntary* Stanley
PRESENTATION OF OUR TRUST, TITHES AND OFFERINGS
*DOXOLOGY No. 95
*HYMN No. 327 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*
MESSAGE

Which Watchers..

..are you?

Matthew 27:62-28:15

*HYMN No. 89 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*
*BENEDICTION
*POSTLUDE *Canzona Per Sonare #3* Gabrieli

*Indicates that those who are able, please stand

