

First United Methodist Church of Toms River
Sanctuary Worship ~ May 1, 2022
Third Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Fount/Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* Joel Raney

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 29:1-2

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

Ministers: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN No. 127 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Steane)

Mighty God, it is astounding how many ways we find to doubt you. At times we doubt your power and ability to do miracles in our lives. In other situations, we doubt that your methods and solutions are best for us. We fool ourselves into believing that our ways will be superior to your ways. And, most importantly, we doubt that all you are doing is the result of your great love for us. Our heads believe in your love, but our hearts are lagging behind. Have mercy on us, Lord. Conquer our disbelief. Forgive us for looking through worldly eyes instead of asking you for heavenly vision. Thank you for your endless grace and patience. More than anything, we want to walk in your will. We pray all of this in the precious name of Jesus...

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

*RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: Lord, you call us to live Christianly...

Ministers: ...yet we often settle for living humanly.

Pastor: Lord, you created us to live out our faith with conviction...

Ministers: ...for you hold the key to a fulfilling life.

Pastor: Lord, challenge us to put faith into action...

Ministers: so the world may know your love.

Pastor: And remind us of your constant presence...

Ministers: ...so we are encouraged for the journey.

*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. 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

Easter Hymn

Michael Bedford

PRESENTATION OF OUR TRUST, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*HYMN No. 501

O Thou Who Camest from Above

MESSAGE

Time Well Spent

Colossians 4:2

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

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*HYMN No. 580

Lead On, O King Eternal

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Alleluia No. 1 Fanfare and Allegro

Jeffrey Honoré

*Indicates that those who are able, please stand

