

TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



PILLARS OF FAITH

Proper 15
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 18, 2019

829 Salem Road - Union, New Jersey

Building Faith, Changing Lives, Sharing Christ

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAY LEADER

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

LAY LEADER

Our soul waits for the Lord,
 who is our help and shield.
Our hearts are glad,
 because we trust in God's holy name.
Let your steadfast love, O Lord,
 be upon us, even as we hope in you.

OPENING PRAYER

LAY LEADER

God of grace,
 who are we that you should care for us?
Yet you surprise us with grace,
 infuse us with hope,
 and teach us a better way.
Make us ever more faithful,
 and ever more grateful,
 as we watch for the coming of your Son, Jesus,
 in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

***HYMN: #65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

CALL TO CONFESSION

LAY LEADER

Even in our faithlessness,
God loves us still and waits in mercy to forgive.
Trusting in the promises given at our baptism,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

ALL

**Holy God,
You promise us a life full of blessing,
 but we do not always believe.
You incite us to hope,**

but we fall back into fear.
You urge us to give freely,
but we cling to what we have.
You call us to watch at all times for you,
but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.
Forgive us.
Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,
and keep us alert to the wonders you work
in the world every day.
For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

LAY LEADER

Hear the good news!
By faith we have been saved,
our guilty hearts washed clean.
Refreshed, revived, and renewed,
empowered by the Holy Spirit,
live as ones who are forgiven and freed,
giving thanks to God.

***GLORIA PATRI**

ALL

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.

***THE PEACE**

LAY LEADER

In the miraculous peace of Christ,
may we share the miracle of peace and love with one another.
The Peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you.

MUSICAL SELECTION: "Serenade" by Franz Schubert
Joseph Hastick & William Jenson Piano 4 Hands

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PASTOR

SCRIPTURE:

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Genesis 15:1–6; Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16; Psalm 33:12–22; Luke 12:32–40

SERMON “*Eyes of Faith*”

PASTOR

***HYMN:** #354 “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

A TIME OF SHARING – JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PASTOR

(Responsively)

God of mercy,

You fling the stars into the heavens
and show us more blessings than we can count.

You give us treasure that cannot be destroyed.

You promise us a feast and peace without end.

And You hear our prayers.

We pray for Your world, wounded and scarred:

heal earth’s body, and lead us to care.

We pray for Your church, divided and angry:

unite us in mission, and grow us in love.

We pray for the lost, the forgotten, the lonely:

gather them in, and show us how to love.

We pray for the addicted:

save them and strengthen them.

We pray for those who have no hope:

give them faith in you.

We pray for the greedy:

make them generous.

We pray for the poor:

sustain them and give them hope.

We pray for all those whose burdens we carry in our hearts,
and offer them up to you:

heal them, comfort them, guide them, make them whole.

Now increase our faith,

and amplify our hope,

that by the power of your Spirit we might serve you well

and be ready to greet you.

Praying in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying...**Our Father...**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

LAY LEADER

In obedience to Christ and with love for our neighbors,
let us bring our offerings to God.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE: HYMN #175** “Seek Ye First”

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!*

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!!*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

LAY LEADER

Generous God,
 You pour out blessing and cover us with gifts of love.
Accept these offerings for the sake of Your children,
 that they may proclaim Your mercy and embody Your grace.
In Jesus’ name we ask it. **Amen.**

***HYMN: #656** “We've Come This Far by Faith”

CHARGE and BLESSING

PASTOR

POSTLUDE

WORSHIPPERS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED:
Join us following this worship service for snacks and fellowship.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

Townley’s Program Task Force is spearheading a **Food Bank Sunday**, where on each 4th Sunday they will receive donations of non-perishable food items to contribute to the Connecticut Farms Food Pantry. We are asking our members to support this initiative by giving one non-perishable food item (or \$1) per week.

Kindly drop off your items in the **Food Box** in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 3 MaryAnn Cove
- 8 Cecelia Harrison
- 30 Bob Harrison

A Note from Our Treasurer: 8/11/2019

We received \$992 in pledge & plate.

Janet Sangekar

Fall Rummage Sale: Townley’s Fall Rummage Sale will be held on October 25 & 26, 2019. Please be sure to mark your calendars. More information will follow closer to the date. Thank you!

MOVIE NIGHT: August 21 – 6:30 PM

RUN THE RACE

Against the backdrop of high school football and track, two brothers in a small southern town face escalating problems with two different world views, straining - but ultimately strengthening - the bonds of brotherhood.

“A Time for Prayer” - Mondays at 4:00 PM