

TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



PILLARS OF FAITH

Proper 16
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 25, 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

Come to Christ, our rock . . .
 our refuge and our strength.

Come to listen for God . . .
 our wisdom and our truth.

Come to receive the Spirit . . .
 the breath of life itself.

OPENING PRAYER

LAY LEADER

Still-speaking God,
 open our ears to hear your voice;
 open our minds to perceive your wisdom;
 and open our eyes to recognize your healing love
 and your powerful presence. **Amen.**

***HYMN: #81 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”**

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

Gracious God,
 you have known us since the beginning of time.
You know when we struggle to hear your voice,
 and when we yearn to know your grace.
Speak to us with wisdom and love,
 and protect us with mercy and grace.
Heal us and set us free,
 that we may recognize your presence,

**heed your call,
and celebrate your loving acceptance.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

LAY LEADER

Women and men,
in the gracious love of Christ,
you are set free from your sickness, sin and sorrow.
Rejoice, for the Rock of Ages has rescued us all.

***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: "Peace Like A River/Amen! By Douglas R. Wagner

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LAY LEADER

Dear Lord,
We may or may not know how to listen,
but you speak to us anyway.
Help us listen for the word of God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE:

LAY LEADER

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

***HYMN SING:**

A TIME OF SHARING – JOYS AND CONCERNS

LAY LEADER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAY LEADER

(Responsively)

Let us pray to our sovereign, saying,
God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Almighty God,
you invite us to honor and reverence your name
through acts of praise and thanksgiving.
Hear us as we articulate the concerns of our lives,
our community, and the world.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for your holy church.
Make us humble in our service
and generous with our invitations to the outcast.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the needs of the world.
Spur leaders to forgo the honor and privileges of power
and to address the concerns of the poor.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those in our community
who are burdened by suffering:
the sick, those in need,
and all who seek a deeper knowledge of you.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the departed.
We rejoice that they have returned
to the place of their consecration
and rejoice in the company of the saints.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

God of grace and compassion,
you honor those in our world
who do not seek tribute or respect.
Help us to expand our vision,
that we might release our need for privilege
and instead seek the honor of your service.

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

LAY LEADER

Don't think because you're only a child,
you don't have gifts to give.
Don't think because you're sick and grieving,
you don't have healing to offer.
Don't think because you're afraid,
you don't have courage to share.
In Christ, our weaknesses are made strong.
Through our offerings, God creates miracles.
No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
your gifts are needed in God's world.

***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

Holy Spirit, bless these gifts
with the power of your love and grace,
that others may recognize your presence
and hear your wisdom and truth. **Amen.**

***HYMN: #795 "Healer of Our Every Ill"**

CHARGE and BLESSING

LAY LEADER

As we speak what we have heard,
God will give us the words.
As we go where we are sent,
Christ will lead the way.
As we love as we are loved,
the Spirit will work through our lives. **Amen.**

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: 8/18/2019
We received \$802 in pledge & plate and \$25
Memorial Fund.
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!

"A Time for Prayer" - Mondays at 4:00 PM