

TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



PROPER 16
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2020

829 Salem Road - Union, New Jersey

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAY LEADER

Our guest minister for today is the Rev. Brooks Smith. Rev. Smith is an Honorably Retired minister in the Presbytery of Elizabeth. He has served as Interim at the Rahway First and Bound Brook churches, after his long service as pastor at Watchung Ave in North Plainfield.

CALL TO WORSHIP

LAY LEADER

My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples,
says the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

OPENING PRAYER

LAY LEADER

Almighty God,
whose compassion embraces everyone,
gather the outcast and the lost,
heal the wounds of fear and distrust,
and make us a community of reconciliation
that we may embody your merciful love
and rejoice in your astounding grace in Jesus Christ. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #69 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

ALL

CALL TO CONFESSION

LAY LEADER

God declares:
Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.
Confident in our deliverance,
let us confess our sins before
God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

ALL

**Holy God,
we confess we have not been obedient to your will for us.**

*Rise in the Spirit

Building Faith, Changing Lives, Sharing Christ

**We have sought justice for ourselves but neglected justice for others.
We have insisted on our rights but have not lived rightly in our relationships.
We have desired mercy for our sins,
but we have not offered mercy to those who have sinned against us.
By the power of your Holy Spirit
free us from the prison of our disobedience. Rom.
Help us to love as you have loved us
that our lives may testify to your abounding grace
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

LAY LEADER

Friends, the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.
Receive the gift of forgiveness
and share that gift with others,
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***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

Renewed through the gifts of God's Spirit,
let us share our visions and dreams of peace
by exchanging signs of Christ's peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be with you!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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Smith**

SCRIPTURE: Act 10.1-29

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SERMON: "*Christ and Caste*"

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Hymn # 833 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

ALL

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A TIME OF SHARING – JOYS AND CONCERNS

LAY LEADER

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAY LEADER

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
Loving God, **hear our prayer....**

For your church in all the world,
Loving God, **hear our prayer....**
Make your church into a house of prayer
for all the peoples of the earth,
that women and men in every place may love your name
and joyfully offer their lives in obedient service.

For our pastors, teachers, and ministers,
Loving God, **hear our prayer....**
Strengthen the leaders of your church.
Help them to welcome the stranger and the outcast
and to resist social divisions that honor the rich and forsake the poor.

For the world and for its leaders,
Loving God, **hear our prayer....**
Uphold the leaders of governments for the work of peace,
provoke their hearts to justice tempered with mercy,
and lead them to do what is right in upholding the common good.

For those who farm the land,
Loving God, **hear our prayer....**
Help farmers to live in harmony with your creation.
Bless their labors,
and teach them to be good stewards of our earth
and wise managers of the earth's produce.

For children,
Loving God, **hear our prayer....**
Defend our children from danger,
fill their lives with loving care,
and help us to rear them in holiness.

For the sick and those in distress,
Loving God, **hear our prayer....**
Heal those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit,
and enable those who are able to support them in their need.

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Praying as our Lord taught us:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

LAY LEADER

Let us give as God has so abundantly given to us.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE: HYMN #606**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

LAY LEADER

Almighty God,
receive the fruits of our labor
and the dedication of our lives.
Make them an acceptable sacrifice in union with Jesus Christ. Amen.

BENEDICTION

**Rev. Brooks
Smith**

CLOSING HYMN #310 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3 MaryAnn Cove
8 Cecelia Harrison
30 Bob Harrison

“TIME FOR PRAYER”

Please note new day and time:

6:00 PM on Wednesdays

Praying by teleconference. All may call in to pray and/or make prayer requests:

Dial-in using your phone: 1 717-275-8940 Access code: 367 0530

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