

TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



PROPER 17 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost *August 30, 2020*

829 Salem Road - Union, New Jersey

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*What Wondrous
Love Is This*
**Clinton
Presbyterian Church**

CALL TO WORSHIP

LAY LEADER

The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

Praise the Lord!

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

LAY LEADER

God of mystery and might,
whose wonderful works are to be remembered,
move in our lives, change our minds, soften our hearts, direct our feet,
that we may follow you more faithfully.

Yes, Lord, we seek to follow Jesus,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM

*His Eye is on
the Sparrow*
**Sarah Zimmerman,
Music Director,
Fanwood Presbyterian
Church**

CALL TO CONFESSION

LAY LEADER

Jesus Christ overcame evil with good
so that all people might be saved from sin.
Let us then confess our need for grace,
confident of God's forgiveness.

*Rise in the Spirit

Building Faith, Changing Lives, Sharing Christ

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

ALL

**God of mercy,
we confess that, like the disciples,
we set our minds not on divine things but on human things.
Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need.
Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers.
Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation.
Forgive us that we may gain new life in you,
for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

LAY LEADER

Jesus took up his cross for our salvation.
In return for our old life of sin,
he promises a new life of grace.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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!

CHILDREN'S CHAT

**Linda Macari,
Ruling Elder,
Fanwood Presbyterian
Church**

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SCRIPTURE: *Matthew 16:21-28*
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
SERMON

Rev. Wanda Lundy
Siloam Hope First
Presbyterian Church

THE APOSTLES' CREED,
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Chris Houtz
First Presbyterian
Church of Iselin

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

LAY LEADER

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: HYMN #606

OFFERTORY PRAYER

LAY LEADER

BENEDICTION

Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook
First Presbyterian
Church of Rahway

THE POSTLUDE

Guide My Feet
Clinton
Presbyterian Church
Virtual Band

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3 MaryAnn Cove
8 Cecelia Harrison
30 Bob Harrison

“TIME FOR PRAYER”

Please note new date 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

A Note from Our Treasurer:

Please continue to **mail your weekly offerings** to the church office. **Bill Pay and other online banking options** should also be considered. Online contributions may also be made through our church’s website “Give Now” button:



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