

**TOWNLEY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**



*Second Sunday after Pentecost,
Proper 7
June 23, 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

All who thirst, refresh yourselves
in the waters of the living God.

**As a deer longs for flowing streams,
our souls long for God.**

All who weep, comfort yourselves
in the safety of the living God.

**As a deer longs for flowing streams,
our souls long for Christ.**

All who feel lost and forgotten, find home and family
in the house of the living God.

**As a deer longs for flowing streams,
our souls long for the Spirit.**

Come! Revive yourselves
in the waters of the living God.

OPENING PRAYER

LAY LEADER

God of mystery,

open our eyes, that we may see you in unfamiliar places;
open our ears that we may hear you speak in the sound of sheer silence;
open our hearts, that we may feel the depth of your love.

When we wander in the wilderness of fear and death,
revive us with your care,
that we may find strength for our journey
and return to the land of hope and life. **Amen.**

***HYMN: #19 “God of Great and God of Small”**

CALL TO CONFESSION

LAY LEADER

The geography of sin is a waterless waste.
But God gives springs of living water,
streams of justice and mercy
splashing into the wilderness

from the mountain of God.
Let us drink deeply of Christ.
Let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

ALL

**Liberating God,
in the midst of our brokenness,
we long to have you tend our needs,
yet we resist your healing touch;
in the midst of our confusion and doubt,
we yearn to lay down our worry and stress,
yet we cling to old injuries
and righteous anger at perceived wrongs.
Free us from the chains that bind us,
and help us embrace the true freedom you offer.
Heal us and nourish us, O God,
that we might see as Jesus sees,
and love as Jesus loves. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

LAY LEADER

Even when we are full of despair like Elijah;
even when we want nothing more than to give up,
God sends angels to tend us and restore us to life.
Rejoice in the assurance that the one who calls us is faithful.

***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

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
our souls long for the love of God.
May we express this longing
and the love we find in God

as we share the peace of the Lord with one our sisters and brothers in Christ.
The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

ANTHEM: “Chosen” by Ron Owens

Soloist Cynthia Manno

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PASTOR

SCRIPTURE:

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1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

SERMON “*A Change of Heart, Instead of Scenery*”

PASTOR

***HYMN:** #684 “Faith Begins by Letting Go”

A TIME OF SHARING – JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PASTOR

(Responsively)

Holy God of earth and sky,
in your presence mountains quake,
flames tremble,
and the winds roar “Hallelujah!”

We pray for the coming of your kingdom.

Let the earth be made whole and new;

let the sky be made clean and refreshed.

May all who dwell in heaven
and throughout the world
be joined in giving you praise.

We pray for the nations and people of the world.

Let us receive your reign with gladness.

Grant world leaders wisdom and humility,

that they may guide your flocks

in the ways that make for peace.

Give us ears to attend to the voices
of poets and prophets,
through whom your Spirit speaks.

We pray for the most vulnerable:
for creatures threatened with extinction ...
for those of the human family
who are poor, homeless, or refugees ...
victims of political or domestic violence ...
those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit

**Grant us compassionate hearts,
inspired minds,
and wills resolved
to care for our neighbors
with the love of Christ Jesus.**

When you bring your promised kingdom,
all your creatures will shout, "Glory!"
all your people will sigh, "Love,"
and all creation will together sing, "Hallelujah!"

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

LAY LEADER

God gives us more than enough for our journey of faith.
Let us present our tithes and offerings
so that others may know their blessings
and give thanks 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

Sovereign God,
you feed us by your own hand,

lest our souls shrivel for want of nourishment;
 you revive us with your waters of life,
 lest our hearts faint in the desert of our despair;
 you call us back to life and new possibilities,
 lest our hopes fail in our sorrow and anguish.
 Accept these offerings in gratitude
 and praise for the many blessings
 that we have received from your hand.
 Accept the gift of our love,
 and our pledge to love others
 as you have loved us. **Amen.**

***HYMN:** #676 “Day Is Done”

CHARGE and BLESSING

PASTOR

POSTLUDE

WORSHIPPERS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED:

Join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall following this worship service for snacks and fellowship.

Book Club Resumes
Today – after Service

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

Movie Night
The Spitfire Grill
 June 26 – 6:30 PM

A Note from Our Treasurer: 6/16/2019
 We received \$742 in pledge & plate.
Janet Sangekar

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!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS	
June Donohue	2
Nancy Segale	5
Lynn Bailey	10
Bruce Tangowski	16
Cynthia Manno	21

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