

TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Family, Friends and Children's
Day
June 2, 2019*

829 Salem Road - Union, New Jersey

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAY LEADER

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

LAY LEADER

The Alpha and Omega says, “Come.”

**Let everyone who hears
come into God’s presence.**

The tree of life says, “Come.”

**Let those who seek eternal life
come to the root and the descendent of David,
our bright morning star.**

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

**Let everyone who is thirsty
come to the heavenly banquet
and drink from the wine of our salvation.**

Come! Let us worship God together.

OPENING PRAYER

LAY LEADER

Alpha and Omega,

you are the first and the last,
the beginning and the end of all things.

In you all things move and have their being.

Be present in our time of worship,

as you have been present in every moment of our lives.

For your light dawns for the righteous,

and your joy blesses the upright in heart.

Stir our hearts within us,

that we may feel the kinship we have we you
and with one another.

This we pray through the power of your Spirit

and the radiance of the bright morning star. **Amen.**

***HYMN: #662 “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”**

CALL TO CONFESSION

LAY LEADER

Do not let your hearts be troubled,
but confess your sins and God will give you peace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

ALL

**God of fire and lightning, Lord of thunder and storm,
clouds and thick darkness surround you in glory.
Despite our pretense of self-assurance,
we feel insignificant in your presence.
We yearn to have the courage of Paul and Silas,
who spoke your truth to power,
even when it cost them their freedom.
Somehow, fear always seems to hold us back.
We long to fulfill Jesus' prayer
that we may be one with you and each other.
But our longing cannot overcome
the divisions we cling to
through our prejudices
and our need to set ourselves apart.
Forgive us, Holy One.
Shake the heavens and awaken us
from our dreams of separateness.
For your light dawns on the righteous,
and your joy comes to the upright in heart.
Bless us with wisdom and truth,
that we may be instruments of your grace
and vehicles of your saving love. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

LAY LEADER

Light has dawned upon us through Christ,
our bright morning star.
Walk in the light and know the joy of forgiveness,
through the love of God,
the grace of Jesus Christ,
and the power of the Holy Spirit. **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

Christ's hope is that we may all be one.
Let us answer this hope as we share signs of unity in the passing of the peace of Christ.
The Peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you.

ANTHEM: "One Step He Leads" by Pepper Choplin

CHILDREN SERMON

C. MANNO

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PASTOR

SCRIPTURE:

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Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

SERMON "*The Great Escape*"

PASTOR

***HYMN:** #300 We Are One in the Spirit

THE APOSTLES' CREED

PASTOR

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A TIME OF SHARING – JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASTOR

(Responsively)

Our Lord Jesus prayed for us that we might be one.
Let us pray as one for the needs of the world, for the church,
and for all with whom Jesus desires our unity, saying,
Holy God, hear our prayer.

God, our lifeblood and our light,
you show us your new creation every day.
You feed and clothe us and give us joy in your good earth.
We praise you— our home and our true blessing.

Holy God, hear our prayer.

For unity among all peoples—
the body of Christ, rent by conflict, that we may be one;
for people of all faiths to honor one another;
and for the end to religious wars.

Holy God, hear our prayer.

For peace among nations, between tribes,
on school yards, in academic halls,
within legislative bodies, and around kitchen tables in every home.

Holy God, hear our prayer.

For the church's mission to proclaim the good news,
that the world might know you;
may the new life possible in faith
break open all people to love one another.

Holy God, hear our prayer.

For the well-being of the earth and its creatures;
for the oceans and rivers, heavens and depths, soil and dust;
for plants and fish and birds and mammals,
who together with ourselves are fed and blessed each day
by the air, food, and water you provide.

Holy God, hear our prayer.

For all people who cry out to you in this hardened time;
for people who do not have work,
those who have no safety net;
those without dining tables or beds;
those who do not have enough food.

Holy God, hear our prayer.

For those concerns we name now silently or aloud ... *[A time of silence.]*

Holy God, hear our prayer.

For the saints of all times and places,
by whose faith and hope we have been nurtured
in accord with Jesus' prayer for his people and our prayers for each other.

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

LAY LEADER

The earth has yielded its increase
and God has richly blessed us.
Therefore, bring your tithes and offerings
and come into God's courts with praise.

***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

God of earthquake and lightning,
break open the prisons of our fears,
as you free our hearts to acts of loving generosity.
Bless the gifts we offer you this day,
that all may behold your glory
in the love of your people. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PASTOR

Come to the table.
It's an open feast.
Christ invites us all—the rich and the poor,
the outcast and the honored,
Come to the gathering of sinners and saints.
Come to this blessed table where Christ reigns.
Come and taste the kingdom of God,
where all are welcome.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Responsively)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our loving God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

This is the day that you have made, O Lord—
the first day of the week,
when you created light out of darkness
by the power of your Word and Spirit,
when you created life out of death,
raising Jesus from the grave.

On this first day of the week
we await the coming of your new creation,
when we will be glad and rejoice forever,
singing:

**Holy, holy, holy One,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in your holy Name.
Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ our Lord.

With thanksgiving, we remember his words:
I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you.

We remember how he took a loaf of bread,
and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,
This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

We remember how he took the cup after supper, saying,
This cup that is poured out for you

is the new covenant in my blood.
Whenever you drink it, remember me.

As death came through Adam,
resurrection has come through Christ.
Christ our Lord is coming again to reign
and to put all enemies under his feet.

Remembering your gracious acts,
we offer our lives to you in service and praise
as we keep the feast that Christ prepares:
bread of heaven,
cup of salvation,
resurrection and life.
Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on all of us gathered here,
that we may answer your call and be your people.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine,
that they may nourish and strengthen us to go into deep waters
when you call us to take a risk.
By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at your heavenly banquet.
Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
both now and forevermore. Amen.

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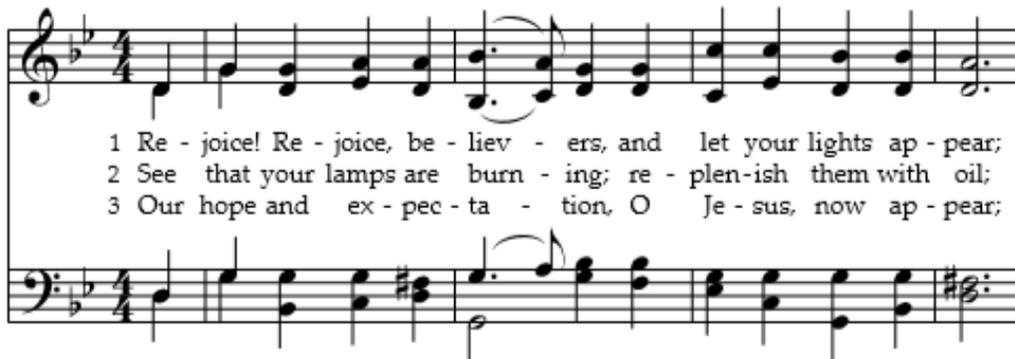
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DEDICATION OF GOD’S BLESSINGS

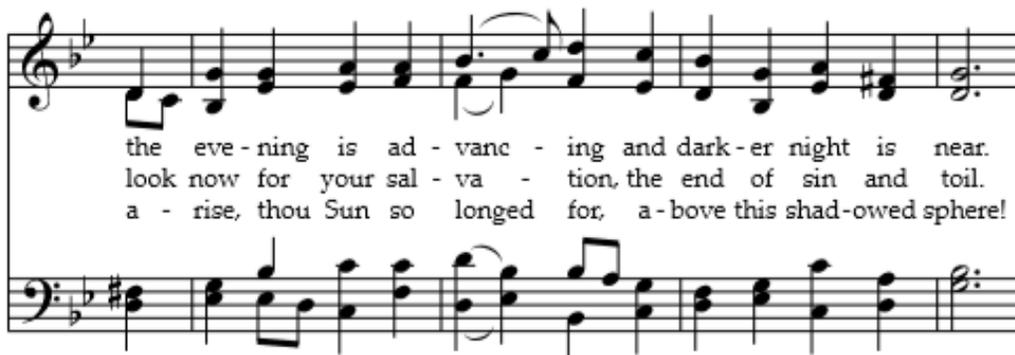
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***HYMN:** #362 “Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”
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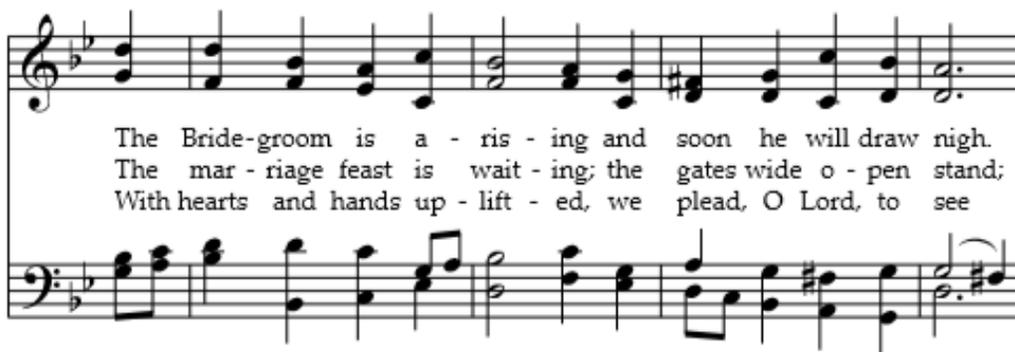
362 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers



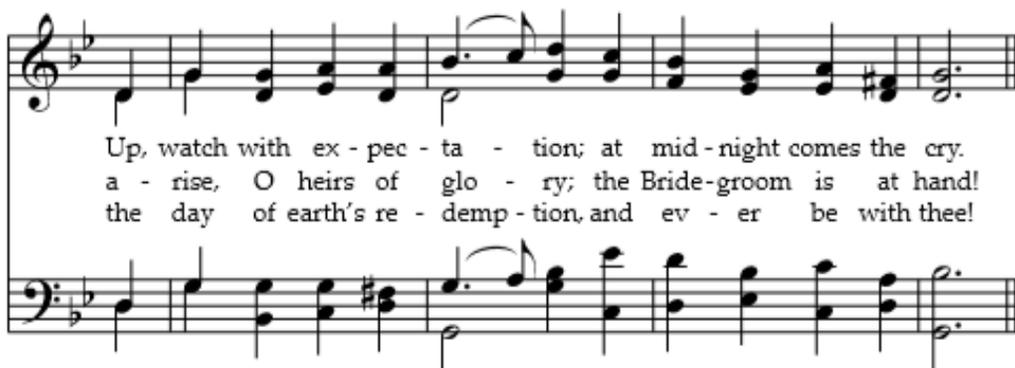
1 Re - joice! Re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing; re - plen-ish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this shad - owed sphere!



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon he will draw nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, watch with ex - pec - ta - tion; at mid - night comes the cry.
a - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the Bride - groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

The Latin original of this text based on the parable of the wise and foolish maidens (Matthew 25:1-13) consisted of ten stanzas, but this briefer version is more appropriate for its message of urgency. It is set to a spirited minor Welsh tune named for a Pembrokeshire village.

POSTLUDE

WORSHIPPERS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED:

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

Bible Study Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
6 Themes of the Bible Everyone Should Know
See Pastor Ron for a book if you plan to attend.

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

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!

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY – FRONT STEPS DEDICATION

Please mark your calendars! On the first of June, June 2nd, we will be having our Annual Friends and Family Day. This years’ service will also include the dedication of our recently rebuilt front steps. Let us celebrate how richly God continues to bless Townley. His blessings are evident in His people and in His building. *Invite friends and family to join us.* More info to follow on program and food.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

A Note from Our Treasurer: 5/26/2019
We received \$875 in pledge & plate & \$10 Deacon’s Fund.
Janet Sangekar

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