

# TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Third Sunday in Lent**  
*March 15, 2020*

829 Salem Road - Union, New Jersey

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAY LEADER

## CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

LAY LEADER

Let's sing to God,

**for God is here.**

Let's sing of love,

**for love is here.**

Let's sing and rejoice,

**for here our souls are restored.**

## OPENING PRAYER

LAY LEADER

Ever-present God,

even as you are present with us this day,  
we yearn to feel your presence in our midst  
each and every day of our lives.

Speak to us with words of grace.

Reveal yourself with the power of your love.

Flow over us with the presence of your Holy Spirit.

Help us know the glory of your love

and experience the wonder of your grace.

In the name of your love, we pray. **Amen.**

**\*HYMN:** #451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

ALL

## CALL TO CONFESSION

LAY LEADER

God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Trusting in God's overflowing grace,  
let us confess our sin.

\*Rise in the Spirit

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*in unison*)

**ALL**

**Faithful One,**  
    **we long to trust your steadfast faithfulness.**  
**We yearn to know your life-giving love.**  
**Love us into faithful living.**  
**Wash over us with your grace.**  
**Nourish us with the water of your presence,**  
    **and lead to eternal life.**  
**In the name of your love,**  
    **we pray. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**LAY LEADER**

Christ, the Living Water, is here,  
    washing over us with mercy,  
    and filling us with hope and renewal.  
Rejoice and be glad,  
    for we are renewed with love  
    and made whole with grace.

**\*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**

We are renewed with love  
    and made whole with grace!  
When passing the peace it is perfectly acceptable not to shake hands,  
    but instead to fist bump, elbow tap, or just smile and wave!  
May the peace of Christ be with you.  
    **And also with you.**

**ANTHEM:** "The Solid Rock" arranged by Dale Peterson

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PASTOR**

\*Rise in the Spirit

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**SCRIPTURE:** Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95;  
Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42 **PASTOR**

**SERMON:** “*Hydrate*” **PASTOR**

**\*HYMN:** #441 “Hear the Good News of Salvation” **ALL**

**A TIME OF SHARING – JOYS AND CONCERNS** **PASTOR**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER** **PASTOR**  
*(Responsively)*

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,  
**Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayer.**

Saving God,  
You are the giver of living water,  
the source of deepest compassion,  
the fountain of eternal life.

Therefore we pray to you:  
**Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayer.**

For all who are thirsty— thirsty for a life of meaning,  
thirsty for a word of grace, thirsty for a drink of water...  
**Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayer.**

For all who are weary— weary from life’s long journey,  
weary from quarreling and testing,  
weary from pain or grief...  
**Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayer.**

For all who are broken— broken by sin and suffering,  
broken by hard disappointment,  
broken by acts of violence...  
**Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayer.**

Living God, through your Spirit,  
pour your love into our hearts,  
your grace into our lives,  
your healing into our world,  
until the earth is filled with your glory  
as the waters cover the sea;

Praying in the name of the one who taught us to pray...**Our Father...**

\*Rise in the Spirit

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## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

LAY LEADER

Our God has revealed to us  
a law and a love that leads us into becoming  
God's own daughters and sons.  
Therefore, let us gratefully give from that  
which has first been given to us,  
our lives, our talents, and our possessions.

### \*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

Living God, through these gifts we now bring,  
help our world live.  
Loving God, through these gifts we now bring,  
help our world love.  
Nourish others as you have nourished us,  
with your steadfast presence  
and your healing grace. **Amen.**

\*HYMN: #65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

ALL

## BENEDICTION

PASTOR

## POSTLUDE

### **WORSHIPPERS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED:**

*Join us following this worship service for refreshments and fellowship.*

## LENTEN CHALLENGE

We are in the process of collecting a combination of \$500 and/or 500 items of non-perishable foods to contribute to the Connecticut Farms Food Pantry. Consider making a daily or weekly sacrifice during this season of Lent.



**Townley promotes these everyday practices of preventative action:**

- Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not readily available use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow.
- Clean frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when sick.



**A Time for Prayer: Mondays' at 5:00**

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

12 Tom Catalano

**A Note from Our Treasurer: 2/23/2020**

We received \$xxx in pledge & plate. *Janet Sangekar*

**Nursing Home Visitation:**

Join us, second Sundays, at the Delaire Nursing and Convalescent Center at 2:00 PM for a brief worship service with the shut in. All are welcome. *400 W Stimpson Ave, Linden, NJ*

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS**

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



**Operation Warm Heart**

Monday, March 23    Monday, March 30

Volunteer to greet and serve an evening meal from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Let Pastor Ron know what dates you are available.

You need not volunteer for all dates.

**Note New Location:**

Zion Lutheran Church 215 Elm Avenue, Rahway.

Thank you!

Cecelia, our new newsletter editor, requests if you have any items that you would like to have included in our monthly newsletter, to please either text them to her at cell # 908-868-6579 or email them to [CeceliaH@comcast.net](mailto:CeceliaH@comcast.net) .

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