

# TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*March 22, 2020*

829 Salem Road - Union, New Jersey

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAY LEADER

## CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

LAY LEADER

Shepherd us, O God.

**Open our ears to hear your calling.**

Shepherd us, O God.

**Open our eyes to see your care.**

Shepherd us, O God.

**Shear our fascination with the ways of the world.**

Shepherd us, O God.

**Prepare us to follow you.**

## OPENING PRAYER

LAY LEADER

Visionary creator, give us your vision.

Show us our hearts, our homes, our communities,  
and our world through your eyes.

Wash away our blind spots,  
and help us to see where we do not see.

Allow us to see creation as you see it now,  
and as you envision it to become.

Help us realize your vision,  
and walk the road of life—the way and path of Jesus. **Amen.**

**\*HYMN:** #39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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

*Building Faith, Changing Lives, Sharing Christ*

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

**ALL**

**Divine God, our Guide,**

**Give us the clarity to wake to our short-sightedness  
and stay woke.**

**Give us the courage to wake to our shortcomings  
and stay woke.**

**Give us the compassion to wake to our hurtful acts  
and stay woke.**

**Give us wisdom to face our fears, receive your grace,  
wake to your call and stay woke.**

**Hear our silent prayer,**

**as we sit in awareness of our need. (*Pause in silent prayer*)**

**Help us wake to this awareness  
and stay woke.**

**As we receive your grace,**

**we wake to your whispers and direction,  
yearning to stay woke. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**LAY LEADER**

“Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

“Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead,

**\*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!

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*Rise in the Spirit

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**ANTHEM:** " God Is My Shepherd" by Gordon Young

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PASTOR**

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 Samuel 16:1–13; John 9:1–41

**PASTOR**

**SERMON:** "*Redefined*"

**PASTOR**

**\*HYMN:** #739 "O for a Closer Walk with God"

**ALL**

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

**PASTOR**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PASTOR**

God our faithful Shepherd,  
we depend on you for everything we need:  
for daily food,  
for guidance and protection,  
for healing in injury  
and comfort in sorrow.

You respond in abundant provision.  
Thank you for your tender care of us.  
Thank you for soothing the wounds of this life.  
Thank you that in the presence of enemies,  
especially the last enemy of death,  
you are with us, as Shepherd, Host, Home.

Knowing your faithfulness in our lives, we bring before you the lives of others...  
Praying as our Lord taught us....

**Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
Now and forever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**LAY LEADER**

\*Rise in the Spirit

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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**

God of our waking, receive these monetary gifts,  
that they may bring the goodness  
of our ministry to your world.  
Receive also the gifts of our transformed lives,  
as we open our hearts to perceive our short-sightedness.  
Give us the vision to offer our lives  
in service of you.  
Light our paths, and shine through our lives,  
as we follow you. **Amen.**

**\*HYMN: #32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"**

**ALL**

**BENEDICTION**

**PASTOR**

**POSTLUDE**

**LENTEN CHALLENGE**

We met our goal of \$500 and/or 500 items of non-perishable foods! The contributions were given the Connecticut Farms Food Pantry. Pray that our efforts make a difference during these challenging times.



### 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.



**Monday's "Time for Prayer" (5:00PM) will be 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

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

12 Tom Catalano

### 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.

*Janet Sangekar*

### Nursing Home Visitation:

Visits to the Delaire Nursing and Convalescent Center have been *suspended until further notice*. Keep our friends in your prayers.

### LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/729922639?pwd=OGlqS1gwZ0wyUnhCc25haDhBd0xhZz09>

Meeting ID: 729 922 639

Password: 666888

One tap mobile: +19292056099,,729922639#

Landline: +1 929 205 6099 US

### Operation Warm Heart

This winter's program was cut short because of new directives for homeless shelters as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Placements for nearly all of our homeless guests were found in a variety of housing contexts and were implemented last week. Thank you for your time and contributions throughout the season.

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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*Ron Thompson, Pastor*

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