

TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2020

829 Salem Road - Union, New Jersey

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

LAY LEADER

People of God, listen:
the Lord has done marvelous things.
Teach your children all that God has done
so that they may live in hope and die in peace.

OPENING PRAYER

LAY LEADER

Eternal God,
you are our hope and our salvation,
for in Jesus Christ you have conquered death.
Baptized in him, we are raised to new life.
Increase in us our faith
and keep us watchful,
that we may welcome Christ with joy
when he comes to set the whole world free. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #612 “We Praise You, O God”

SONG LEADER

1 We praise you, O God,
our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion
our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you;
we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name;
glad praises we sing.

2 We worship you, God of
our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest
our guide you have been.
When perils o’ertake us,
you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord,
our struggles we win.

3 With voices united
our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of
thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us,
your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer,
forever be praise!

CALL TO CONFESSION

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Our hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus and his righteousness.
Trusting in the mercy of God,
let us confess our sin that we might find forgiveness
and new life in Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

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**Holy and gracious God,
you are all light and wonder and glory.
You are our strength and our delight;
you give us all we need to live.
Yet we are distracted by all that glitters,
continually grasping for more.
Rather than trust in your provision,
we chase after our own happiness.
Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you.
Overwhelm us with your goodness
and cover us with grace,
for we know that you are the source of life,
the fount of all that is good.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

LAY LEADER

Hear the good news:
Nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
Believe the gospel!
We are forgiven.

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**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!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE: Amos 5:18-24; Matthew 25:1-13

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SERMON: “*Who’s Got My Oil?*”

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HYMN #453 “Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”

SONG LEADER

1 Open your ears, O faithful
people;
open your ears and hear God’s
word.
Open your hearts, O royal
priesthood;
God has come to you.

Refrain:
God has spoken to the people,
hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom,
hallelujah!
God has spoken to the people,
hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom,
hallelujah!

2 They who have ears to hear the
message,
they who have ears, now let them
hear;
they who would learn the way of
wisdom,
let them hear God’s word. (Refrain)

JOYS AND CONCERNS, A TIME OF SHARING

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,
Eternal God, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, you created the world and called it good.

In Jesus Christ you came to redeem us;
his resurrection is our promise of eternal life.

By the power of your Spirit you claim us, strengthen us,
and prepare us to live with you in glory.

In sure and certain hope, we pray for your world,
that we may live into your coming reign of justice and peace.

For the church, wherever it thrives and wherever it struggles—
keep us faithful to your gospel....

Eternal God, **hear our prayer.**

For those who govern—
grant them wisdom and a commitment to justice....

Eternal God, **hear our prayer.**

For planet Earth—heal its wounds and make us better stewards of its wonders and gifts....

Eternal God, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are dying—calm all fears and welcome them into your peace....

Eternal God, **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer from anxieties and ills—give them relief....

Eternal God, **hear our prayer.**

For those who endure the days and nights without food or shelter—feed and protect them....
Eternal God, **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer in silence—comfort those who carry secret sorrows....
Eternal God, **hear our prayer.**

For all who seek your face ...
Eternal God, **hear our prayer.**

With thanks that you hear our prayers, spoken and unspoken,
we entrust all of life to you, gracious God,
our Alpha and Omega, our only hope in life and in death;
through Jesus Christ, praying as he taught us:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

LAY LEADER

Freely we have received;
freely we give,
with gratitude and joy.

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

Gracious God, receive our gifts,
tokens of thanks for your extravagant blessings,
signs of trust in your coming reign of justice, peace, and love;
in Jesus' name. Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN #384 "Soon and Very Soon"

SONG LEADER

1 Soon and very soon we are going
to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to
see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to
see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!

2 No more crying there: we are
going to see the King.
No more crying there: we are
going to see the King.
No more crying there: we are
going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!

3 No more dying there: we are going to
see the King.
No more dying there: we are going to
see the King.
No more dying there: we are going to
see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!

4 Soon and very soon we are going
to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to
see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to
see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

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 be made through our church's website "Give Now" button:



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