

TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Proper 17
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 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

Sing Aloud.

Shout for Joy.

Listen for the voice of God.

Listen and be fed.

Listen and be satisfied.

Sing Aloud.

Shout for Joy.

Listen.

OPENING PRAYER

LAY LEADER

Gracious and sustaining God,

we are ready to listen and eager to hear.

Speak to us through word and song,

prayer and silence,

community and communion.

Offer us the spiritual sustenance

that allows us to share with strangers and friends,

that your love may prevail in every encounter. **Amen.**

***HYMN:** #465 “What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

CALL TO CONFESSION

LAY LEADER

Even in our faithlessness,

God loves us still and waits in mercy to forgive.

Trusting in the promises given at our baptism,

let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

ALL

Ever present God, help us in our weakness.

We do not always listen for your voice.

**We do not always acknowledge the many ways
you sustain us in life and faith.**

**We feast on your providence,
yet wonder if you are near.**

**Forgive our past indifference,
as we pledge to be more attentive
to your presence and guidance.**

**Forgive our past selfishness,
as we promise to share the feast of your bounty
with those in need.**

**For actions and inactions that have hurt your heart
and the well-being of others,
we seek your forgiveness and grace.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

LAY LEADER

In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven.

***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

In the miraculous peace of Christ,
may we share the miracle of peace and love with one another.
The Peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you.

MUSICAL SELECTION: “Come, Christians, Join To Sing” arr. Victor Labenske

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PASTOR

SCRIPTURE:

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Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

SERMON *“Faith Enough to Wait”*

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***HYMN:** #840 *“When Peace Like a River”*

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)

Let us pray to the Lord, saying,
God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Gracious God,
you call us to relinquish the cares and concerns of our lives to you,
so that we might serve you in perfect freedom.

Hear us as we bring before you
the petitions of our hearts and minds.
God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We offer our prayers for the universal church.
May our words and actions bring honor to your name
and teach us true humility.
God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We offer our prayers for the needs of the world.
May peace pervade in all places of conflict and violence.
God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We offer our prayers for those
who suffer from sickness of mind, body, or spirit
and all those who care for them.
God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died,
who now worship in the presence of Christ,

and those who will die today.
God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Almighty God,
you call us to follow you with faithfulness,
even when it challenges our relationships
and the values of our culture.
Help us to release our fears,
nurture us in your ways,
and sustain us as we seek your peace.

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

LAY LEADER

In obedience to Christ and with love for our neighbors,
let us bring our offerings 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

Receive our gifts, Holy One,
and attune our awareness to those who are in need.
May today’s offering help welcome the stranger,
uphold the prisoner, feed the hungry,
and lift the poor and needy from poverty. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PASTOR

Daughters and sons,
young ones and old,

celebrate this gift of life as we join in holy communion.
Come to receive the bread
that reminds of our unity as one body of Christ.
Come to receive the new wine of God's Holy Spirit
that flows through all us with unifying love.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Responsively*)

Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is a right, good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere, to give thanks to you.
As you gave our ancestors in faith
food and water in the desert,
even when they turned away from you,
you have promised to free us from all divisions
and to give us eternal life.

And so, with your creatures on earth
and all the heavenly chorus,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.**

Holy are you, and holy is Jesus, your anointed one,
who taught us to beware of trusting earthly treasure
and warned us to put our trust in you alone.

On the night in which he gave himself up,
Jesus took bread, broke it, saying:
"Take, eat, all of you.
This is my body, broken for you.
Whenever you eat it,

do so in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup, saying:

“This is the cup of the new covenant,
poured out for the healing of the world.
Whenever you drink it,
do so in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us,
and on these gifts of bread and cup.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be one in Christ,
no longer divided by race or country
or any other earthly sign.
For all these gifts,
we give our thanks and praise. **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

ELDERS

***HYMN: #306 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

CHARGE and BLESSING

PASTOR

Go from this place,
filled with the spiritual sustenance of God, your creator.
Go from this place, filled with the feast
Christ shares with all disciples.
Go from this place, led by the Holy Spirit
to share this feast with all. Amen.

POSTLUDE

WORSHIPPERS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED:
Join us following this worship service for snacks and fellowship.

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!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Merle Lyte
- 4 Howard Bryant
- 4 Janet Sangekar
- 18 Richard Corritore
- 22 Diane Smith
- 24 Kathy Kreie

A Note from Our Treasurer: 8/25/2019
We received \$553 in pledge & plate and \$150
Memorial Fund.
Janet Sangekar

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

Fall Rummage Sale: Townley's Fall Rummage Sale will be held on October 25 & 26, 2019. Please be sure to mark your calendars. More information will follow closer to the date. Thank you!