



October 5, 2025

## Prelude

## Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

## Call To Worship:

O God, welcome us as we arrive, with all our mistakes and wounds and exhaustion from walking this path. **Let us see in your eyes the joy of reunion, the forgiveness in your open arms.** Bless us at the table to which you invite us; the celebration of solidarity for each son and daughter. **Bless us in a tight hug and with the grace present in your voice that says our name.** *A Prayer from Argentina*

## \*Hymn of Praise #637

***O Sing to the Lord***  
*Brazilian folk melody*

## Call to Reconciliation

## Prayer of Reconciliation:

**Grandfather, Grandmother, Look at our brokenness. We know that in all creation, only the human family has strayed from the sacred way. We know that we are the ones who are divided. And we know that we are the ones who must come back together to walk the sacred way. Grandmother, Grandfather, Sacred One, Teach us love, compassion, and honor that we may heal the earth and heal each other.** *A Prayer from the Ojibway Nation in Canada*

## *Silent Prayers*

## Assurance of Grace:

Know that God loves you. From the very beginning, God's loving mercy has been poured out upon you. **God loves us like a mother embracing us in her lap, and like a father, watches over us, guiding us each day.** On behalf of the Son, Jesus, we are forgiven so we can forgive others. We are restored so we can restore others. **We are reconciled with God, so we can be reconciled with others in the name of our creator, redeemer, and sustainer. Amen.** *A Prayer from Bangladesh*

## \*Response of Praise #155

***Raise a Song of Gladness***

## Sharing the Peace of Christ:

The peace of Christ is not the absence of conflict or trouble. It is the serenity of knowing that God is with us, and life and wellness will have the last word. Let us share the peace of Christ with each other. The peace of the Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

## Scripture Reading

*1 Thess. 2:13-16*

\*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

## Ministry of Music

### Scripture Reading

*Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:4*

### Message

Pastor Ed

### \*Hymn of Faith #725

***O Jesus, I Have Promised***

*A tune from Finland*

### Celebrating Passion Enterprises

*Sharing what God has done in each other's lives is a source of encouragement, and reminds us that faith, and prayer and grace are at work! Please come to the lectern and share your testimony so that everyone may see and hear.*

### Prayer Requests and the Prayers of the People

#### The Lord's Prayer:

**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.**

### \*Hymn of Preparation #507

***Come to the Table of Grace***

### Holy Communion

#### Invitation to the Table:

Come on, Let us celebrate the supper of the Lord. Let us make a huge loaf of bread, and let us bring abundant wine like the wedding at Cana. **Let many guests come, the lame, the blind, the crippled, the poor, and we all with our need.** Come quickly! Let us follow the recipe of the Lord. **Let us see with joy how the bread grows.** Today we celebrate our meeting with the Lord. **Today we renew our commitment to the Kin-dom.** *A Prayer from Mexico*

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving *A Prayer from England*

### Sharing the Bread and Cup

#### Prayer Following Communion:

O God, you have given us a taste of the tender bread from your creation's table. Bread newly taken from your heart's oven. **This is the food that comforts and nourishes us.** This is the loaf that makes us human, joined hand in hand. **This is the warm loaf that make us a family and your body working and sharing in the world.** *A Prayer from Lima, Peru*

\*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

## Call to Offering

### \*Offering Song #710

### *We are an Offering*

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering, we are an offering.

### \*Prayer of Dedication

### Announcements (pg. 5)

### \*Hymn of Response #853

### *We are Marching in the Light of God*

*From South Africa*

### Charge and Blessing:

May peace be with us, O God. May we have wisdom and speak with one voice. **May we, and this flock, and your church prosper.** May we bear much fruit, and may your peace reign over all the earth. **May the heads of the nations agree, and every ill word be driven out into the wilderness.** Praise ye, O God! **Peace be with us.**

*A Blessing from Kenya*

### Postlude

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## **Announcements**

**Thank you to Sara Pender & Cheryl Anne Cammann for running the projector & camera!**

*Join our Worship Support Team! For more information, ask the pastor or the technicians or call the church office.*

### **Food Collection During October:**

Please remember to bring in canned and boxed food items when you come to Sunday services during the month of October (suggestions on page 6). All items will be brought to the Rahway Food for Friends Food Pantry to be distributed to those in need. As disciples of Jesus, let us feed the hungry!

### **Time to Spruce Up!**

SATURDAY, October 11, 2025 from 9:30 A.M. – 12 :00 P.M. has been declared SPRUCE UP DAY. So grab your work gloves and energy and come join the Spruce Up gang! The church grounds, as well as other areas within the buildings, need an end of summer clean-up. Tools and light refreshments will be provided.

### **Movie Night – HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA**

Bring your family and friends and join us for pizza and beverages for a viewing of the animated, PG rated movie *Hotel Transylvania*. The movie will be shown in the Squier Hall Pink Room with our newly installed projection & sound system on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Please email the church office ([office@1stpresrahway.org](mailto:office@1stpresrahway.org)) to **reserve** your seat(s) so we know the quantities of pizza and drinks to order.

### **Chair Yoga**

If you have been looking for a low impact exercise, your search is over. Cheryl Anne Cammann is starting a yoga experience where all the movements are done while seated in a chair. The movements gently work the muscles in your torso, arms and legs, strengthening and toning. Each participant works at their own level, gaining more flexibility and strength over time. If this sounds like “your kind of thing” contact Cheryl Anne through the church email ([office@1stpresrahway.org](mailto:office@1stpresrahway.org)) to find out when sessions are being held and to sign up. The sessions are each 45 minutes long and offered during morning and evening hours.

**Neighborhood Town Hall Postponed Until November 8<sup>th</sup>; more info in the October Tower Chimes.**

***Fabulous Finds Mini Mart will be held on November 16th, 9 am – 2 pm.***



*Online Donations*

### **PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK**

Joan Pender

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

William S. Jr., Roberta D, Edna, Sue K., Kaiser, Portia & family, Agnes N. & family, Ken & Gail, Rick C., Ellen, Anne H., Flo, Leo & family, Mike & family, Carol & Jake, Savannah B. & family, Carole H., Becky, John, Sam, Michael, Sara & Joan P., Mary “Cookie” F., Nicole, Allison, Mary R., Helen, Logan, Harper, Helene & Diane, Dorothy R., Amy

## **The First Presbyterian Church of Rahway 1731 Church Street**

October 5, 2025  
Rev. Ed Hoener  
Lauris Beam  
Carol Ann Bregman  
Evan O’Donovan

10:30 A.M.  
Pastor  
Worship Leader  
Administrator  
Music Director

### **Food Items to be collected during October**

Throughout the month of October, canned and boxed food items, may be brought to Church on Sundays as our congregation continues its discipleship of feeding the hungry. Members have been generous over the last two years since we accepted the challenge to collect food during the months of February, June and October.

At the end of the month all items will be brought to the Rahway Food for Friends Food Pantry for distribution to those in need.

Food items may also be brought to the Church Office on Thursdays between 10 AM and noon.

The items that follow are some suggestions of food most needed and appreciated.

1. Kraft Mac and Cheese in a box
2. Boxed milk (such as Parmalat)
3. Pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles
4. Canned pasta
5. Canned veggies and soup
6. Rice a-Roni
7. Cooking oil
8. Spices, salt and pepper
9. Tea bags and coffee
10. Sugar and flour
11. Canned tuna
12. Cereal
13. Crackers
14. Peanut butter and Jelly
15. Cake mix and frosting
16. Stove top stuffing