



Palm Sunday

Hosanna:

Blessed is the King...

that cometh in

the name of the Lord.

JOHN 12:13

Prelude #204

Stay with Me

Evan O'Donovan

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship:

We remember this day as holy, even though the people's praise turned so easily to contempt. **Yet O Lord, you didn't turn away. To this day, you continually seek to gather all people to yourself; to help them change and grow.** Holy Week is hard to conceive. It's so much easier to celebrate you, Jesus, when we can overlook the days that are coming. **Yet the only way to Easter morning is "through death's shadow".** But we will fear no evil – for you are with us in that darkness. Your Spirit comforts us. **This holy week, help us to remember you, Jesus. Help us to pray. Help us to be ready to cross the threshold to your triumphant resurrection.**

***Hymn of Praise #197**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation:

O God, we thank you for all the ways you move to set us free. We are here to be relieved of our burdens. We are here to be healed from our fears and troubles. With your mercy, grant us new strength to face life's demands. Let our lives reflect what is beautiful and good, for Christ's movement in the world. Amen.

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Grace:

God gives us all we need to walk steadfastly in the way Christ has shown us to walk. **Every step of the journey, nothing can separate us from the love of God.**

***Response of Praise #831**

I Depend Upon Your Faithfulness

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

Through Christ, divine peace is ours to receive, and to reform the way we live our lives. **We carry this peace wherever we go, for ourselves, and for the sake of others.** May God's peace be with you. **And also with you!**

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:29-40

Ministry of Music #195

When Twilight Comes

Evan O'Donovan

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:41-44

Message

Pastor Ed

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

***Hymn of Faith #160**

A Stable Lamp Is Lighted

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

Please come forward to share your request so all may hear.

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.

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. 4)

***Hymn of Response #751**

From the Nets of Our Labor

vss. 1, 4 & 6

Charge and Blessing

Postlude #161

Woman in the Night vss. 3 & 4

Evan O'Donovan

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

Announcements

Thank you to Linda Anderson and Susan Krivenko for running the projector & camera!

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

The Chosen - TODAY

We will meet at the manse at 12:30 pm. After today, the next date is April 12; however, Diane will let us know if that date needs to be rescheduled.

Taizé Services During Lent

Our last service is Wednesday, April 1, from 7 – 8 pm.

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd @ 7:30pm

We will commemorate the last supper that Jesus had with his disciples. We will explore the messages Jesus was so careful to convey to them, and we will celebrate Holy Communion in remembrance of him

Coffee Hour Sign-up

We are looking for people to host coffee hour. There is a sign-up sheet for the Sunday(s) you'd like to host on the food table in Davis Hall.

Rahway's Best Events

Rahway's Best has events that might be of interest to our families: Best Hoops "Pass Me the Ball" Basketball sessions (registration w/fee required) are being held now through April 24th; and enrollment for their Summer Camp is now open (registration w/fee required). For more information, please call or text: 732- 381-1933.



Online Donations

PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK

Beverly Woolley

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bob M., Cheryl Anne, Anne H., Doug A., Robin S., Patrick W., Lynn H., Miriam M., Michele P., Louise & Teddy, Barbara, Carol & Jake, Sue K., Agnes N. & family, 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
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March 29, 2026
Rev. Ed Hoener
Gail Anderson
Carol Ann Bregman
Evan O'Donovan

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