



March 8, 2026

Prelude #328

Praise God, All You Nations

Evan O'Donovan

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

Opening Prayer:

We pray to You, O God, because we want Your Spirit to uphold us and help us forward. **We pray because we are Your people. We pray because we want to be part of what You have in store for us.** We thank You for the gift of life. We thank You for its opportunities to share compassion: to model forgiveness, acceptance, love, and justice. **Let these gifts enlarge our sense of what is truly life-giving. Empower us to be wise about what we support, and what we resist, for the sake of our neighbor.** Help us to be faithful and courageous, expectant and patient. Help us to be responsive in ways that are borne of hope - for each other, for our church, and the world around us. **We thank You, O God, that we are held in the love and grace that overcomes the darkness.** Help us to plant our faith there! Empower us to be ready; for the work of fulfilling Your purposes for us, and our church's mission. **Open our minds and hearts to hear and respond to Your call. Grant us courage and resolve to follow Christ wherever we are led.**

*Hymn of Praise #42

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, is Sure

Meditation

We Reflect and Share Together...

*Hymn of Preparation #521

In Remembrance of Me

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer Following Communion:

From the very beginning, the call from God has been, "Listen and Go." It involves risk. It will be movement, action, life. **It will be doing the next right thing being open to all that it means for us to be a "Eucharist": literally a "good gift" with what God has given us.** In the Eucharist, Jesus saves us from making the good news about another world, and not this one. Jesus saves us from proclaiming a gospel only about individuals and not about the systems that oppress them. **Jesus saves us so that we expand the gospel to be about every single particle of creation being reconciled to its maker.** We "do this" in remembrance of Jesus because this holy meal changes us, humbles us, brings us together. We "do this" because it's about more than this ritual – we emulate his whole way of life. **We do this as part of our lives. Listening and Going. When we do this in remembrance of him, the world will never be the same, and neither will we. AMEN.**

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

***Hymn of Response #741**

Guide My Feet

Charge and Blessing

Postlude #656

We've Come This Far By Faith

Evan O'Donovan

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Announcements

Thank you to Scott Nwosu and 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.

Chair Yoga: All are Welcome to Join Us

The morning session is on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. The next session will be on Tuesday, March 10th. The evening session is on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. The next evening session will be on Thursday, March 12th.

The Chosen

The gatherings will be held at the manse at 12:30 pm on the following dates. If something should change for the April* date, Diane will let us know when it is being rescheduled: March 15, and 29, April 12*.

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 in the kitchen in Davis Hall.



Online Donations

PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK

Eunice Schwietering

PRAYER REQUESTS

Doug A., Robin S., Patrick W., Lynn H., Miriam M., Michele P., Louise & Teddy, Barbara, Carol & Jake, Sue K., Agnes N. & family, Anne H., 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**

March 8, 2026
Rev. Ed Hoener
Diana Nwosu
Carol Ann Bregman
Evan O'Donovan

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



Hey Families,

You're invited to our Community Easter Egg Hunt! ✨

Get ready to bring your cameras for photos with the Bunny, grab your Easter baskets or bags for the hunt, and enjoy a morning filled with laughter, excitement, and springtime fun!

📍 **Saturday, March 28, 2026**

📍 1731 Church Street, Rahway, NJ

Bring the whole family and join us for:

- 🥚 An exciting Easter Egg Hunt
- 📷 Adorable photos with THE Easter Bunny
- 🍌 A safe, welcoming, family-friendly atmosphere
- 💛 A chance to make sweet spring memories together

This is a **FREE community event** and a wonderful way to spend quality time with your family and kids.

[**HERE: 5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt!**](#)

Please note: Registration is required to reserve your child's spot so we can make sure every child receives plenty of eggs! Spaces fill quickly, so be sure to secure your family's spot right away.

To keep the hunt fair and fun for everyone, children will be grouped by age:

- 🥚 **0–4 years old: 9:30 AM**
- 🥚 **5–8 years old: 10:30 AM**
- 🥚 **9–11 years old: 11:30 AM**

We can't wait to celebrate spring with our amazing Rahway families! 🌸

If you have any questions, please **text or call 732-381-1933**.

See you at the hunt!