

# WELCOME

Blessings to everyone gathered here.

April 19, 2026



Prelude #50

*Deep in the Shadows of the Past v. 1*

Evan O'Donovan

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

**Call To Worship:**

O God, we thank you for all the ways that your living word, and accompanying grace strengthen us. **We thank you, God, for all the ways that Jesus' resurrection creates ever-new possibilities for following your Way.** Jesus' life and ministry exemplify God's loving and just intentions for all people and all the world. **The Spirit teaches, and empowers us to serve God's will for the world.**

**\*Hymn of Praise #393**

*O Day of Rest and Gladness*

**Call to Reconciliation**

**Prayer of Reconciliation:**

Your love, O God, continually motivates your grace towards us. Your word, O Christ, is an ever-changing source of guidance and truth for living in the center of God's purposes. Your power, O Spirit, keeps providing what we require to follow God's paths for our lives and our discipleship. Remove now every impediment that exists to us reaching our potential for loving you, O God, and our neighbor. Amen.

*Silent Prayers*

**Assurance of Grace:**

Your love for us is steadfast, O Lord. Your mercies are never-ending. **You are our strength, O Lord. With all our hearts, we trust in You.**

**\*Response of Praise #382**

*Heaven is Singing for Joy*

**vss. 1-3**

**The Service of Baptism**

**The Opening Address**

**The Presentation:**

**The Affirmations**

**Affirmation of the Congregation**

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**The Baptism and Anointing**

**The Candle Lighting**

**The Welcome (unison):**

**We welcome you, Nicolo Anthony, into the life of this church. We rejoice in your new birth, in water and the Spirit, and in the grace of Jesus Christ already at work in your life. We join you in seeking God's word, and God's presence, in life and in the world, so that we will grow *together* in discipleship and in love.**

**\*Hymn of Response #482**

*Baptized in Water*

**vs. 3**

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

**Sharing the Peace of Christ:**

Jesus, the risen Christ, promises *his* peace, to us. **His peace upholds us and strengthens our hearts!** Peace be with you! **And also with you!**

**Ministry of Music #225**

***Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle***  
**vss. 1, 3, & 4**

Evan O'Donovan

**Scripture Reading**

*Luke 24:13-35*

**Message**

Pastor Ed

**\*Hymn of Faith #252**

***Day of Arising***

**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 #837**

***Leaning on the Everlasting Arms***

**Charge and Blessing**

**Postlude #79**

***Light Dawns on a Weary World* vss. 1 & 2**

Evan O'Donovan

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**Announcements**

**Thank you to Sara Pender and Rachel Remelgado for running the projector & camera!**

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

**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**

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 PERSONS OF THE WEEK**

Ebbe family

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

William S., Hoener & Pender families, Abisiji B., Damilola B., Rosemary B., Bob M., Cheryl Anne, Doug A., Robin S., Patrick W., Lynn H., 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  
1731 Church Street**

April 19, 2026  
Rev. Ed Hoener  
Anga Nyambi  
Carol Ann Bregman  
Evan O'Donovan

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



# Our 3rd Annual FRIENDS OF WHEATENA PARK CLEAN-UP

Organized by the Rahway Garden Club



## SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

(Rain Date: Sat, May 2)

### 10 AM - 1 PM

Wheatena Park, Rahway 07065

We will meet at the Wheatena Park sign on the corner of Elizabeth Ave and West Grand Ave. Gloves, bags and other cleanup supplies will be provided by the Union County Parks Department.



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