



April 27, 2025

"Jesus is a figure of the present and not simply of the past. He continued to be experienced by his first followers after his death and continues to be experienced to this day. It's not just that his memory lived on or that his spirit lived on, as we sometimes speak of the spirit of Lincoln living on. Rather, he was and is experienced as a figure of the present. In short, Jesus lives."

--Marcus Borg

Prelude #728 *Somebody's Knocking at Your Door* vss. 1-2 Evan O'Donovan
Welcome Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship:

Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth, we lift our hearts to You! We celebrate your triumph over sin and death! **We rely on Your great power for us, and for our salvation!**
You are the embodiment of God's will, for us and for God's world. **We rely on Your grace for us, and for our sanctification.**

Hymn of Praise #239 *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation :

O God, You love us deeply and unconditionally, just as we are. Yet Your love desires nothing more than our growth in faith and faithfulness. Forgive us when we stray from Your paths. Renew in us a right spirit, so we can walk in Your ways. Amen.

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Grace:

In steadfast love, God forgives us, and restores our souls. **With God's grace, we have all we need to follow Him.**

Response of Praise #814 *In God Alone

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

The risen Christ has promised a peace like no other. **It is a peace which upholds and strengthens our souls!** Peace be with you! **And also with you!**

Scripture Reading

Acts 5:27-32

Ministry of Music #762 *When the Poor Ones* Evan O'Donovan

Scripture Reading

Rev. 1:4-8a

Message Pastor Ed

Hymn of Faith #296 *Go in Grace and Make Disciples

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.

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

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***Hymn of Response #240**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

vss.1-2

TOWN HALL MEETING

Closing Prayer

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.

Blessing

Postlude #824

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest

Evan O'Donovan

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Announcements

Thank you to Cheryl Anne Cammann & Princeton Nwosu for running the projector & camera!

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

TODAY: Town Hall Meeting during worship.



Next Manse Fireside Chat @ 7 pm is in April on Friday, the 25th.



Online Donations

PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK

Carlos Browne

PRAYER REQUESTS

Becky, John, Sam, Benjamin, Jarod B., Michael, Sara & Joan P., Savannah B., Cameron, Nicole, Allison, Zia L., Mary R., Carole H., Alyne's family, Jane B., Carlos Browne & family, Pat & family, Lauris & Cindy, Michele P, Major A. & family, Helen, Logan, Harper, Helene & Diane, Dorothy R., Amy

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

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Rev. Ed Hoener
Kennedy Nyambi
Carol Ann Bregman
Evan O'Donovan

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