



Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026

Prelude #729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian vss. 2 & 3

Evan O'Donovan

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship:

Holy Spirit, you have breathed life into every living thing! **You are the energy that sustains all creation.** Inspiring Spirit, you call your people to live the ways of justice and compassion. **Your passion for righteousness burns in our hearts.** Spirit of Life, you free us from the powers of sin and death. **We can follow Christ without fear and join his mission.** Spirit of Reconciliation, you break the barriers of language, race, and culture. You heal the divisions that separate people. **You unite us in the love and peace of Christ.** Holy Spirit, one day all creation will be renewed to sing God's praises! **You are making things on earth as they are in heaven.**

*Hymn of Praise #393

O Day of Rest and Gladness

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation:

The Spirit is always restoring our souls and renewing, shaping our lives according to God's ways. The Spirit helps us to live the teachings of Christ. So, we come, with open hearts and lives, to receive the ministry of the Spirit, so that our lives can reflect God's love into the world.

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Grace:

We are given all we may need to follow the ways and truths of Christ. **We are empowered to live a new life in Christ, every step of the journey.**

*Response of Praise #790

In Silence My Soul Thirsts

vs. 3

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

Jesus Christ shapes our lives with shimmering grace and peace, justice and joy. **So that we are part of making a brighter day for the whole human family.** We receive these gifts with thanks! **We share this peace with each other!** Peace be with you! **And also with you!**

Ministry of Music #250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Evan O'Donovan

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-4, 14-18, 21

Message

Pastor Ed

*Hymn of Faith #301

Let Us Build a House

vss. 1-4

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

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**

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***Hymn of Response #287**

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

vss. 1, 2 & 5

Charge and Blessing

Postlude 765

May the God of Hope Go with Us

Evan O'Donovan

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

Announcements

Thank you to Cheryl Anne Cammann 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 Moving to a New Night

"The Chosen" gatherings are moving to a new night! We are meeting on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm at the manse. Please join in the discussion! May and June are focusing on Maundy Thursday. July begins looking at Good Friday and beyond.

June 5 and 26; July 24 and 31; August 14 and 28; September 18; October 2 and 9; November 20; December 11

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 PERSON OF THE WEEK

Linda Simpson

PRAYER REQUESTS

Matthew W. & family, Shipley family, Eunice, Barbra & Dave, William S., Hoener & Pender families, Abisiji B., Damilola B., Rosemary B., Bob M., Cheryl Anne, Doug A., 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

May 24, 2026
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**First Presbyterian Church of
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GUEST SPEAKER

Founder of The New
Evangelicals and Former
Christian Nationalist.

FRIDAY MAY 29TH
7PM

An open and honest
conversation regarding
justice, faith, politics, and
Christian Nationalism.

FREE ADMISSION

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Talk will also be live streamed.

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