



May 3, 2026

Prelude

Evan O'Donovan

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship:

O God, we come to you longing for your grace to nourish our souls. **Your Spirit works within us to reinforce and encourage our commitment to your cause:** Jesus, we come to let our lives be shaped by your teachings and example. **We seek to be a people who follow your way of life.** You are the source of all we need to shine some light into the darkness. **You have made us your people, to make a difference for goodness' sake in this world.**

***Hymn of Praise #366**

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling

vss. 1, 2 & 4

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation:

O God, we know that we are always welcomed into your presence. Your unconditional love helps us to come as we are without reservation. Your grace and mercy help us to amend our lives and grow in faith and service. Come Holy Spirit, and equip us anew to be God's people in the world. Amen.

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Grace:

God's love never ceases, no matter what! We are restored to life in Christ's spirit. **We are transformed, and we grow because God's grace never ceases.**

***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

Evan O'Donovan

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

Message

Pastor Ed

***Hymn of Faith #749**

Come! Live in the Light!

*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.

***Hymn of Preparation #401**

Here in This Place

vss. 1-3

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Share the Bread and Cup

Prayer Following Communion

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 #852**

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Evan O'Donovan

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Announcements

Thank you to Scott Nwosu and William Siocha 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 PERSON OF THE WEEK

Patrick Weaver

PRAYER REQUESTS

Shiple 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

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