



**WELCOME**  
*we're so glad you're here*

**June 1, 2025**

*“Astonishing material and revelation appear in our lives all the time. Let it be. Unto us, so much is given. We just have to be open for business.” —Anne Lamott*

**Prelude**

Evan O'Donovan

**Welcome**

Reverend Ed Hoener

**Call To Worship:**

You meet us as we are, O God, with great mercy, compassion, and love. **You long to help us to grow, even through our personal challenges.** Jesus, You meet us in our lives as they are, with great grace. **You help us to get through the difficult times.** Holy Spirit, You meet us in the depths of our hearts with peace and hope. **You help us to become complete and confident in our spiritual journeys.**

**\*Hymn of Praise #65**

***Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah***

**Call to Reconciliation**

**Prayer of Reconciliation :**

O God, Your love is with us even in the darkest times. Yet, in such times it's hard to keep moving ahead. In such times, it's hard to have confidence or hope. But we come to surrender everything that's going on in our lives to You. Remove our sins. Restore our souls. Help us to walk on with You. Amen.

*Silent Prayers*

**Assurance of Grace:**

God shoulders all our burdens with us. **With God's grace, upholding us, we can continue to walk on.**

**\*Response of Praise #467**

***Give Us Light***

**vss. 1, 3, & 5**

**Sharing the Peace of Christ:**

Since the beginning of time, God has desired peace and wholeness, *shalom*, to be the state of all creation. **Such is the peace that grows in us through rest, reflection, and service.** Enable us to say "yes" to the peace that comes through unwinding ourselves, and openness to your Spirit. The peace of God be with you, **And also with you!**

**Ministry of Music**

Evan O'Donovan

**Scripture Reading**

*Mark 5:25- 34*

**Message**

Pastor Ed

**\*Hymn of Faith #178**

***The Woman Hiding in the Crowd***

**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.*

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

## **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 #525      *Let Us Break Bread Together***

### **Holy Communion**

#### **Invitation to the Table**

#### **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

#### **Sharing 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 #746      *Send Me, Jesus***

#### **Charge and Blessing**

#### **Postlude**

Evan O'Donovan

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## **Announcements**

**Thank you to Cheryl Anne Cammann & 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.*

**Childcare Reminder: Through the summer months, the childcare room is available if requested, however, we ask that a parent stay with their children while using the room. Ask for the room to be opened if you would like to use it.**

### **The Chosen Season 4 – Meeting TODAY**

Be sure to bring your calendars to determine the dates to meet in the fall.

### **Last Sunday to Sign Up for the Book Study: *God Didn't Make Us to Hate Us***

Please sign the sheet on the table in the narthex, OR talk to Selva at coffee hour. She is planning to meet on Friday evenings, and the times and place will be announced.

### **Coming in June**

A Four Message Series: "What Christian Faith Affirms about Relationships" in Marriage, Families, Neighbors, and Faith Communities. The first message will be presented on June 22.

### **Rahway Gallery Space Tour Invitation**

On Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 1 p.m. Please join us for a tour of the Rahway Gallery Space. The current exhibit is ***Black Wings: American Dreams of Flight***. The Rahway Garden Club members will be joining us for the tour. All are welcome!

### **Food Collection During the Month of June**

Please bring your donations and place them on the tables to the left of the altar. The donations will be taken to the Rahway Food For Friends pantry at the beginning of July. Page 5 has an article Sue created for a newsletter with some suggestions when donating items.

**Next Town Hall will be on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**Next Manse Fireside Chat @ 7 pm is Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.**



***Online Donations***

### **PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK**

Dona MacFarlane

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Savannah B. & family, Carole H., Gary Jameson, Louise Campanelli, Carlos Browne's family, Logan, Linda, Evelyn, Linnea & Roger, Diara, Antoine, Becky, John, Sam, Benjamin, Jarod B., Michael, Sara & Joan P., Mary "Cookie" F., Cameron, Nicole, Allison, Zia L., Mary R., Jane B., Pat & family, Major A. & family, Helen, Logan, Harper, Helene & Diane, Dorothy R., Amy

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

June 1, 2025  
Rev. Ed Hoener  
Lauris Beam  
Carol Ann Bregman  
Evan O'Donovan

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

## **Something to consider when donating...**


We at Old First are very generous and community centered, and we recognize that there is food insecurity here in Rahway. As we continue to care for people by doing our collections, here are some suggestions. I do not know who originally wrote this list, but I am grateful for the information. Some of the items we cannot gather because we only collect non-perishable foods, but the ideas are enlightening. May we continue to be a blessing to those in need.

Some tips and guidance if you donate to food pantries derived from feedback by those who use them:

1. Everyone donates Kraft Mac and Cheese in the box. They can rarely use it because it needs milk and butter which is hard to get from regular food banks.
2. Boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal which they also get a lot of.
3. Everyone donates pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles.
4. They cannot eat all the awesome canned veggies and soup unless you put a can opener in too or buy pop tops.
5. Oil is a luxury but needed for Rice a-Roni which they also get a lot of.
6. Spices or salt and pepper would be a real Christmas gift.
7. Tea bags and coffee make them feel like you care.
8. Sugar and flour are treats.
9. They fawn over fresh produce donated by farmers and grocery stores.
10. Seeds are cool in Spring and Summer because growing can be easy for some.
11. They rarely get fresh meat.
12. Tuna and crackers make a good lunch.
13. Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef.
14. They get lots of peanut butter and jelly but usually not sandwich bread.
15. Butter or margarine is nice too.
16. Eggs are a real commodity.
17. Cake mix and frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
18. Dish Soap / Dishwashing detergent is very expensive and is always appreciated.
19. Feminine hygiene products are a luxury and women will cry over that.
20. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.

Most people buy what they think food pantry users want, but have never asked them. If you help families, single people, foster youth and the homeless, this list can help better tailor your donations!


-Elder Susan Krivenko



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## ***“Fabulous Finds”* Mini Mart**

**Saturday, June 7th**

**9 am — 1 pm**

We’ve received so many new items over the last several weeks, and have a variety of furniture pieces such as chairs, sofas, dressers, tables, etc.

We also have an amazing jewelry display, household items, electronics, lamps, baby items, and so much more in our downstairs area.

Plus, we will have **FREE** items available at the sale.

**WHERE: 1731 Church Street, Rahway, NJ**

*All Are Welcome*

*Parking also available in the back of the church.*

*A portion of the proceeds goes toward  
local community outreach.*

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