

June 21, 2026

# Celebrating the Gifts of



**Prelude**

Evan O'Donovan

**Welcome**

Reverend Ed Hoener

**Call To Worship:**

O God, we've come to offer our lives to you, so that we may receive restoration in mercy and grace. **In your presence, we find our well-being in your unconditional love.** O Lord, you listen to everything we need to pray, and that is what quiets our souls. **You help us to find wisdom and strength for our lives.** O God, every day is another opportunity to learn and grow. **With you, we receive the power to reach our potential.**

**\*Hymn of Praise #386**

***Come, Worship God***

**vss. 1, 2, & 4**

**Call to Reconciliation**

**Prayer of Reconciliation:**

O God, Your deepest desire is that we learn how to become ourselves. All along that journey, You forgive and heal us when we lose sight of the better way. Confident of Your steadfast love, we will venture forth to discover our next steps of growth in life and grace.

*Silent Prayers*

**Assurance of Grace:**

Now, and always, God extends to us the gifts of unconditional mercy and grace. **We thank You, O Christ, for always being ready to heal us heart and soul!**

**\*Response of Praise #797**

***We Cannot Measure How You Heal***

**vs. 3**

**Sharing the Peace of Christ:**

The words we are about to say are all at once: a longing in our souls, a promise to believe, and a command to follow! The peace of the Lord be always with you! **And also with you!**

**Ministry of Music**

Evan O'Donovan

**A Reading and Meditation**

**\*Hymn of Faith #731**

***Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm***

**vss. 1-3**

**Celebrating the Gifts of the Men in Our Lives**

**Introductory Words**

*A Time of Silent Contemplation is Observed*

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

## **Giving Thanks**

*People may come forward to light a candle, and name the particular gifts you received from the men you name at the table.*

### **Prayer of Gratitude:**

O God, today we are thankful for the men who made a difference in us; fathers, sons, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, husbands, and friends **We thank You for the countless roles they played in our families and communities, and most of all in our lives.**

We thank you for the men in our lives who helped us learn how to make good decisions and the resilience to rise above challenges. **They showed us the value of striving to become better every day.**

For the men who modeled dignity, respect and goodness, and who stood for what is right even when it was unpopular. **They showed us what it's like to try to make the world a better place.**

For those men in our lives who carried heavy responsibilities without complaint. And showed compassion and kindness with ease. For those who walked with integrity and loved wholeheartedly. **We give thanks, and remember them with honor, love and great appreciation! Not just today, but every day. We thank God, for who they are, and were, and for every way they blessed our lives.**

**\*Hymn of Praise #622**

***I Will Exalt My God, My King***

### **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 #700**

***I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me***

**Charge and Blessing**

**Postlude**

Evan O'Donovan

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## **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.*

### **June Food Collection**

Please bring your non-perishable donations and place them on the tables to the left of the Chancel. The donations will be taken to our library and become a part of our emergency pantry.

### **Chair Yoga Has Returned**

The next session is Tuesday, June 30th at 9:00 a.m. in Davis Hall. The next Thursday evening session will be on July 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in Davis Hall. Please note: **NO Chair yoga on June 23rd & 25th.**

### **The Chosen – Fridays @ 7pm**

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 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.



**Online Donations**

### ***PRAYER PERSONS OF THE WEEK***

Remelgado family

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Fran, Paul, Matthew W. & family, Eunice, Barbra & Dave, William S., Abisiji B., Damilola B., Rosemary B., Bob M., Doug A., Patrick W., Lynn H., Michele P., Louise & Teddy, Barbara, 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**

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