



**September 14, 2025**

*"Give us pure hearts that we may see you; humble hearts that we may hear you; hearts of love that we may serve you; hearts of faith that we may abide in you." Dag Hammarskjold*

**Prelude #4**

***Holy God, We Praise Your Name vss. 1-2***

Evan O'Donovan

**Welcome**

Reverend Ed Hoener

**Call To Worship:**

Generous God, the extravagance of all your gifts is beyond words to express. We thank you for this day, this earth, this life; and your quiet power that sustains us. **We praise you for this time for reflection and healing and the presence of your Spirit.** We thank you for the gift of life days, for your gifts of light and love, beauty and blessing, family and friends, faith and hope. **We thank you for all that moves us to gratitude, and to love and pray and serve your will.** We thank you for this day of confirmation, when we who have grown among you, are now deciding to join with you, as disciples. **You are each gifts to us all, and we give thanks for the promise and love and hope and challenge you bring! Thanks be to God!**

**\*Hymn of Praise #69**

***Here I Am, Lord***

**Call to Reconciliation**

**Prayer of Reconciliation :**

**God, we come to you thankful for your endless love and patience that welcomes us as we are, and longs to help us grow in faith and service. Life can be hard sometimes, so we pray that you will heal us where we need it most. Help us to know your mercy, that gives us the power to risk the honesty and humility that moves us toward wholeness within. Thank you for making us your family, living in your household, through Jesus Christ, our friend and Lord. Amen.**

*Silent Prayers*

**Assurance of Grace:**

We pray confident that with your help O God, we can change! We pray this, not with fear, but for love of you, and the selves we know we can become. So, let your love and mercy move in and through us now; freeing us to love and trust and live with joy! **Restore our souls, so that we may be your instruments for loving and doing justice.**

**\*Response of Praise #646**

***Sing Out, My Soul***

**Sharing the Peace of Christ:**

We come to our church as different young people with different experiences, and from different places in our faith journeys. **Yet, we are all united in the peace of the Spirit.** We come to our church with our different gifts, different passions, different ways that we can make a difference. **Yet we are all one community in Christ.** Jesus is the source of our peace. He breaks down the walls that try to divide us from anyone. **Christ is at work, making one new humanity.** We are citizens of the new humanity and members of God's household. **Peace is the foundation of the household that Jesus builds.** The Holy Spirit has poured her love into our hearts! As God's own, by amazing grace, let us share among ourselves, the peace of Christ. Peace with you! **And also with you!**

**Scripture Reading**

*Mark 12:28-34*

**Ministry of Music #726**

***The Summons***

Evan O'Donovan

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

**Scripture Reading**

*1 Timothy 4:7b-16*

**The Confirmands Read their Faith Statements**

**Meditation**

Pastor Ed

**\*Hymn of Faith #737**

*Lord Jesus, You Shall be My Song*

**vss. 1, 3 & 4**

**Service of Confirmation:**

**Introductory Words**

**Presentation**

**The Declarations**

**Prayer**

**Laying on of Hands and Anointing**

**The Welcome**

**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.*

**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**

**Announcements (pg. 4)**

**\*Hymn of Response #700**

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

**Charge and Blessing**

**Postlude #465**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Evan O'Donovan

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## **Announcements**

**Thank you to Sara Pender & Rachel Remelgado for running the projector & camera!**

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

### **Rahway's Best – Nerf Battle Event**

Rahway's Best is hosting a fun event on September 19<sup>th</sup> called 'Nerf Battle'. A flyer is attached with all of the details, including the contact information, so you can sign up since there is limited space available.

### **Neighborhood Town Hall**

We will be hosting a Neighborhood Town Hall on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow.

***Fabulous Finds Mini Mart will be held on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 1 pm.***



***Online Donations***

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

*Caroline Balla*

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Sue K., Kaiser, Portia & family, Agnes N. & family, Ken & Gail, Rick C., Ellen, Anne H., Flo, Leo & family, Mike & family, Carol & Jake, Savannah B. & family, Carole H., Logan, Linda S., Linnea & Roger, 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**

September 14, 2025  
Rev. Ed Hoener  
Confirmands  
Carol Ann Bregman  
Evan O'Donovan

10:30 A.M.  
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Administrator  
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