



September 28, 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

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship:

God of grace, your love and care for this congregation never ends. **Your Spirit works to help us fulfill our calling as disciples.** Jesus Christ has called us to make a difference in the world, that reflects his way of faith, justice, peace, and service. **Our response is simply: to love God and neighbor as ourselves.**

***Hymn of Praise #686**

God of Our Life

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation :

Our God walks with us, every moment watching, and caring for us. Yet, sometimes, the distractions of life obscure our awareness of God's presence. Sometimes our obliviousness means we don't hear when God calls us. So we miss the opportunities we are given to serve her will. Open our hearts and attune us to the Spirit that we may respond joyfully when we are summoned. Amen.

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Grace:

God is so committed to our growth in grace and service. **The power of the Spirit ensures that we can be ready to follow when she calls.**

***Response of Praise #646**

Sing Out, My Soul

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

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!**

Ministry of Music

Evan O'Donovan

Meditation

The Call

Pastor Ed

***Hymn of Faith #733**

We All Are One in Mission

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**

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

Announcements (pg. 4)

***Hymn of Response #743**

O God, You Are My God

TOWN HALL MEETING

Our Response

The Congregation will now move to Davis Hall

Closing Prayer and the Blessing

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

Announcements

Thank you to Cheryl Anne Cammann & 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.

Food Collection During October:

Please remember to bring in canned and boxed food items when you come to Sunday services during the month of October (suggestions on page 5). All items will be brought to the Rahway Food for Friends Food Pantry to be distributed to those in need. As disciples of Jesus, let us feed the hungry!

'Shenanigans in the Park'

The Gutches family invites you to join them at the Rahway River Park Pavilion A for this fundraiser in memory of their beloved daughter, Shannon Reilly Gutches. It's Saturday, October 4th, from 11 am – 5 pm; admission is free. There will be games, crafts, a 50/50, food, and much more. All proceeds go to the *SRG Scholarship Foundation*.

Neighborhood Town Hall

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

Fabulous Finds Mini Mart will be held on October 4th, 9 am – 1 pm.



Online Donations

PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK

Michele Panila

PRAYER REQUESTS

Roberta D., Edna, 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

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Food Items to be collected during October

Throughout the month of October, canned and boxed food items, may be brought to Church on Sundays as our congregation continues its discipleship of feeding the hungry. Members have been generous over the last two years since we accepted the challenge to collect food during the months of February, June and October.

At the end of the month all items will be brought to the Rahway Food for Friends Food Pantry for distribution to those in need.

Food items may also be brought to the Church Office on Thursdays between 10 AM and noon.

The items that follow are some suggestions of food most needed and appreciated.

1. Kraft Mac and Cheese in a box
2. Boxed milk (such as Parmalat)
3. Pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles
4. Canned pasta
5. Canned veggies and soup
6. Rice a-Roni
7. Cooking oil
8. Spices, salt and pepper
9. Tea bags and coffee
10. Sugar and flour
11. Canned tuna
12. Cereal
13. Crackers
14. Peanut butter and Jelly
15. Cake mix and frosting
16. Stove top stuffing