

Date: September 8, 2024
Season of the Holy Spirit

Prayer of Preparation

Anne Osdieck

Distinctions? Who is poor? Do shabby clothes make us poor? Sometimes shabby is happy, but fine clothes with a fine roof is often miserable. Is there one among us without need? We are all poor. Jesus, be with us in our poverty.

Make us rich in love. Amen.

Gathering in the Presence of God

**Please stand as able, in body or in spirit*

Gathering Music

Welcome

Minute for Mission

Worship & The Arts

Pam Jusino

Gift: Guitar

Mimi McKennan

Guest: Elly Rolfes, Asst. Director of Bands, Cape Henlopen High School

***Call to Worship** (responsively)

Liturgist

What good is it if we say we love all people, but give special treatment to a few?

God calls us to love others as deeply as we love ourselves, with no strings attached.

What good is it if we say we want God to show mercy towards us, but are quick to judge others?

God calls us to forgive our sisters and brothers, to let mercy triumph over judgment.

What good is it if we say we trust God in every moment, but live guided by our fears?

We will speak and act as those who trust God to come and live in our fearful hearts.

*Hymn

In Christ There Is No East or West

GTG 317

Confessing Our Separation from God (unison)

Liturgist

Lord, you look at our hearts and not our outward appearance. We pray that we would not play favorites but instead see all people as your amazing creation! You love each person walking this earth whether they know you yet or not. You do not want to lose anyone but want everyone to come to know salvation through your son, Jesus Christ. Give us your heart for your people and let us be passionate about reaching out to all people and not just those who make us feel comfortable. You called everyone to you. You did not play favorites. Let us openly share your love with everyone, too, no matter their age, race, sex, color of their skin, or socioeconomic status. Let us see people through your eyes! And let them feel your love through us! Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness** *Jesus, Draw Me Close*

Rick Founds

Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.

Let the world around me fade away.

Jesus, draw me close;

Closer, Lord, to You.

For I desire to worship and obey.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

We Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Liturgist

Epistle Lesson

James 2:1-9, 13, 17

Liturgist

Source: New International Version

Anthem

All You Need is Love

Lennon-McCartney

Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento

Reflection Love Makes No Distinctions

We Respond to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *I Believe in Jesus* Marc Nelson

Prayers of the People of God - Joys and Hopes

The Act of Gratitude

Offertory *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

***Doxology: An Expression of Faith to God** GTG 606

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (unison) Liturgist

Holy Lord, maker of us all, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves and teach us that faith without works is dead. Open us to the opportunities for ministry that lie before us, where faith and words and the need of our neighbor come together in name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

We Follow God's Word into the World

***Hymn** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* GTG 835

***Benediction**

Postlude

Next Week's Liturgist: David Norton

WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Eddie Jusino

Liturgist: Al Cybart

Ushers: Dave and Deb Norton

Music: David Libby

Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento

Guest Musician: Brad Terry, Clarinet

The Westminster Choir

A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 @ 10AM – SUNDAY SERVICE WITH

FELLOWSHIP Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following the service for light refreshments, sponsored by Fellowship Committee

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 18 – OCTOBER 16 - Adult Ed Bible Study: "Picturing Scripture" with Alan Keohane.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Presenting nominations from the nominating committee or the election of church officers (after the worship service).

Moderator will be Rev. Eddie Jusino

Clerk of Session: Karen Palermo (only has to certify a quorum)

Silvia Ritchie presenting the nominations

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Ailing

Cheryl (sister of Deb Norton)

Kaitlin (granddaughter of Marlene Quinn)

Bonnie Ekas

Bob Harkins

Peter John (friend of Nancy Brock and her daughter, Wendy Rose)

Surgery/Post Surgery

Jerry Brock (brother-in-law of Nancy Brock)

Margaret Vacarielo (friend of Nancy Brock and her daughter, Wendy Rose)

Grief/Mourning

Barbara (sister of Don Foraker)

Rev. Ken (friend and colleague of Marjorie Egger)

Brent Libby (cousin of David Libby)

Carmen Franco Valiente (friend of Greg Estes)