

## Order of Worship

*We are caring believers who grow, share, and live out our faith in Christ.*

January 15, 2023

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" arr. Carter  
Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME

### ***Our Approach to God***

CALL TO WORSHIP from Isaiah 40

Leader: Listen, far-flung islands, pay attention, faraway people:  
God put me to work from the day I was born. The moment  
I entered the world He named me.

**People: He gave me speech that would cut and penetrate. He  
kept His hand on me to protect me.**

Leader: He made me His straight arrow and hid me in His quiver.

**People: He said to me, "You're my dear servant, Israel,  
through whom I'll shine."**

Leader: But I said, "I've worked for nothing. I've nothing to show  
for a life of hard work. Nevertheless, I'll let God have the  
last word. I'll let Him pronounce His verdict." "And now,"  
God says, "This God who took me in hand from the moment of  
birth to be His servant, to bring Jacob back home to Him, to set  
a reunion for Israel—what an honor for me in God's eyes! That  
God should be my strength!"

**People: He says, "But that's not a big enough job for my  
servant—just to recover the tribes of Jacob, merely to  
round up the strays of Israel. I'm setting you up as a  
light for the nations so that my salvation becomes  
global!"**

\*HYMN "How Great Thou Art" #147

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We're Your people, God; You've called us together. You've  
given us purpose through Your church, in Your church. But we  
take the church so lightly. We make it about us. We show up  
or don't, depending on the vagaries of whim or weather. We  
hold out for the church to give to us, rather than giving our all  
for it. We treat Your call into the church blithely. And so Holy  
Spirit, we ask that You'd remind us to treasure the church of  
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

CHANCEL CHOIR "Come, Come unto Me" Dosso

## ***The Word of God***

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

\*HYMN "Come, Share the Lord" #462

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 p. 165 (NT)

SERMON "Called Together" Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meaning of the Sacrament (Responsive) insert

Invitation

Communion Prayer (Responsive)insert

Communion

Communion Thanksgiving (Responsive) insert

### ***Our Response to God***

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN "Rise Up, O Church of God" #433

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Holy Manna Fantasy" Carter

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**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Anonymous; Lynn Baker; Deanna & Roger Carman;  
Marilyn Clark; Ann Froeder; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano;  
Richard Smyth; Craig Terjanian.

**THE UNITY PRAYER:** We pray that the perfect love and mercy that we have  
been shown through Christ would give us the strength to show love and mercy to  
others.

**THE FLOWERS** are given in celebration of friends and family and to the glory of  
God.

**OUR SYMPATHIES** are extended to Janet Kaden on the passing of her mom,  
Elizabeth Hoffman, on January 5<sup>th</sup>. George and Janet's address is PO Box 518,  
Ocean Grove, NJ 07756.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mary Ann Schran and Greg Pearson on the birth of  
their granddaughter, Vanessa Marie McKane Pearson, to parents Jonathan and  
Dana on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

<u>THIS WEEK</u>		
<b>Monday</b>	10-12:00	Snack Pack Event
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30	Finance Committee
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00	Outreach
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00	Congregational Care
	7:30	Chancel Choir
<b>Saturday</b>	11:00	Eric Hoerauf Memorial Service

**Sunday, January 22, 2022**

9:00 AM - Choir Rehearsal  
 10:00 AM Worship  
 Puppet Club and Sunday School  
 11:15 – Children's Choir

**THE COURIER DEADLINE** is today, Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Please submit your articles to [cchp@verizon.net](mailto:cchp@verizon.net).

**HELP US WITH ANOTHER SNACK PACK EVENT!** You've been so generous with your donations and time for our previous Snack Pack events. Please consider helping again. All Snack Packs cost \$6 each. We will be assembling 1,000 Snack Packs on January 16 from 10 AM to 12 noon. Can you help us, once again, by donating to offset the cost and joining us to help assemble them? You can make your checks payable to the Community Church, noting in the memo portion, "Snack Pack," and place it in the offering plate. To volunteer your time, all you need to do is be here on the 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. To read more about the Snack Pack program, you can go to this website:

[www.cfanj.org/weekend-snack-pack-program](http://www.cfanj.org/weekend-snack-pack-program)

**A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ERIC HOERAUF** will be held this coming Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 11 AM in our sanctuary.

**ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED** to join us at our monthly Women's Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, February 4th at 9:30 AM in Founders' Hall. Feel free to invite a friend.

**THE 2023 FLOWER CALENDAR IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD!** If you'd like to sign up for a special date to donate flowers, please put your name on the calendar next to that date. Take a slip out of the pocket to the left of the calendar, fill it out, and leave it on the desk in the office along with your check made payable to the Guild for Christian Service for \$25.

Meaning of the Sacrament

**Leader:** Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, the holy supper which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope.

**People:** **We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent of the Father into the world to assume our flesh and blood and to fulfill for us all obedience to the divine law, even to the bitter and shameful death of the cross.**

**Leader:** By His death, resurrection, and ascension He established a new and eternal covenant of grace and reconciliation that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken by Him.

**People:** **We come to have communion with this same Christ who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world.**

**Leader:** In the breaking of the bread He makes Himself known to us as the true heavenly bread that strengthens us unto life eternal.

**People:** **In the cup of blessing He comes to us as the Vine in whom we must abide if we are to bear fruit.**

**Leader:** We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and foretaste of the feast of love of which we shall partake when His kingdom has fully come, when with unveiled face we shall behold Him, made like unto Him in His glory.

**People:** **Since by His death, resurrection, and ascension Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit who unites us all in one body, so are we to receive this Supper in true love, mindful of the communion of saints.**

### Communion Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: . . . With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore Your glorious name.

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: . . . Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**People: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

### Communion Thanksgiving

Leader: Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at His Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving! Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**People: and all that is within me, bless His holy name.**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**People: and do not forget all His benefits**

Leader: Who forgives all your iniquity,

**People: Who heals all your diseases,**

Leader: Who redeems your life from the Pit,

**People: Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**People: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins,

**People: nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

**People: so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;**

Leader: As far as the east is from the west,

**People: So far does He remove our transgressions from us.**

Leader: As a father has compassion for his children,

**People: So the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,**

Leader: Who did not spare His own Son,

but gave Him up for us all,  
and will also give us all things with Him.

**People: Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen**