

Order of Worship

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

January 8, 2023 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Barbara Ciannella, organ

WELCOME

Our Approach to God

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 130

Leader: "Get out of bed, Jerusalem! Wake up! Put your face in the sunlight. God's bright glory has risen for you.

People: The whole earth is wrapped in darkness, all people sunk in deep darkness, but God rises on you; His sunrise glory breaks over you.

Leader: Nations will come to your light, kings to your sunburst brightness.

People: Look up! Look around! Watch as they gather, watch as they approach you: Your sons coming from great distances, your daughters carried by their nannies.

Leader: When you see them coming, you'll smile—big smiles! Your heart will swell and, yes, burst! All those people returning by sea for the reunion, a rich harvest of exiles gathered in from the nations!

People: And then streams of camel caravans as far as the eye can see, pouring in from the south, loaded with gold and frankincense, preaching the praises of God.

*HYMN "This Is My Father's World" #143

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We're comfortable. We want to be comfortable. The goal of our lives is to have options and be comfortable. But Jesus, You try to move us. You try to move us to a different place than we are. You try to move us from living as we always have to living as You would have. And so, to follow You is always to be moving out of our comfort zones. And we admit that we're not so good at that. Holy Spirit, help us to live in the direction You're trying to move us. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

CHANCEL CHOIR "The Journey" Larson

The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN "As with Gladness Men of Old" #290

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-12 p. 2 (NT)

SERMON "Don't Dodge Disruption" Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

Our Response to God

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Elders: Jocelyn Brueck, Chuck Dages

Deacons: Rich Budinich, Jean Greenlaw

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN "We Three Kings" #288

*BENEDICTION

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OUR SYMPATHIES are extended to Joan Hoerauf on the passing of her son, Eric, last Monday. A memorial service will be held in our sanctuary on Saturday, January 21st at 11 AM. If you'd like to help with the repast, please call Dot Abelman at 201-573-0503.

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: Lord, there is no gift we can bring you worthy of your love and sacrifice, and we pray that the Holy Spirit will help us to give you our hearts in prayer.

THE FLOWERS are given by the Lupfer Family in celebration of Lynne's birthday and by Jean Greenlaw in loving memory of her mother, Edie Greenlaw.

THIS WEEK

Monday	7:30	Consistory
Tuesday	7:30	Deborah Circle
Wednesday	1:30	Rachel Circle
	7:30	Property Committee
Thursday	7:30	Chancel Choir
Friday	11:30	Club 60
Saturday	8:30	Men's Group

Sunday, January 15, 2022 - Communion

COURIER DEADLINE
9:00 AM - Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Worship – Installation of Consistory Members
Puppet Club and Sunday School
11:15 – Children's Choir

CONSISTORY will meet tomorrow, Monday, January 9 at 7:30 PM.

THE CIRCLES ARE GATHERING THIS WEEK! All women are invited to attend a circle meeting for fellowship and devotions. Come Tuesday at 7:30 PM in the Johnson Chapel or Wednesday at 1:30 PM in the conference room. If you have any questions, please call Chris Novak or Tracy Ciavaglia.

THE MEN ARE INVITED to our monthly Men's Group on Saturday, January 14th at 8:30 AM.

THE NEXT COURIER DEADLINE is next Sunday, January 15th. Please submit your articles to 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 16th at 10 AM. To read more about the Snack Pack program, you can go to this website:

www.cfanj.org/weekend-snack-pack-program/

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.

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