## The Community Church in Harrington Park, NJ Mid-Week Lenten Service

March 1, 2023 7:30 PM

Order of Service

PRELUDE "Abide with Me" William Monk

Amy Duran, Nate Giordano

## **OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 18

Leader: I love you, God—You make me strong.

People: God is bedrock under my feet, the castle in which I live, my rescuing

knight. My God-the high crag where I run for dear life, hiding behind the

boulders, safe in the granite hideout.

Leader: I sing to God, the Praise-Lofty, and find myself safe and saved.

People: Live, God! Blessings from my Rock, my free and freeing God, towering!

HYMN SING (The congregation will make 3 selections.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we think of ourselves as individuals, not part of Your people, Your family. We think in terms of us and them. So, Your church isn't not united in You, but fragmented instead. We keep to our own little silos. Holy Spirit, knit us and Your whole church together as the family of God, we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

\*GLORIA PATRI #813

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "There Is a Balm in Gilead" arr. Mark Hayes

Amy Duran, Nate Giordano

## THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 1:3-10 p. 192 (NT)

MEDITATION "We Are Family" Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN "We Are Called to Be God's People" #415

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE "Hymn of Peace" David Paxton

Amy Duran, piano

\*Please stand if you are able.