

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

March 22, 2023

7:30 PM

Order of Service

PRELUDE

Amy Duran, piano

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 138

Leader: I thank You, Lord, with all my heart; I sing praise to You.

People: I face Your holy Temple, bow down, and praise Your name because of Your constant love and faithfulness, because You have shown that Your name and Your commands are supreme.

Leader: You answered me when I called to You; with Your strength You strengthened me.

People: Even though You are so high above, You care for the lowly and the proud cannot hide from You.

Leader: When I'm surrounded by troubles, You keep me safe. You oppose my angry enemies and save me by Your power.

People: You'll do everything You have promised; Lord, Your love is eternal. Complete the work that You've begun.

HYMN SING

(The congregation will make 3 selections.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, You ask us to love other people, and seek the best for them. We don't. We concentrate a lot more on seeking our own best. In fact, we worry about it. Holy Spirit, focus us outward, toward other folks, we ask through the One Who did just that, Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

*GLORIA PATRI

#813

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"It Is Well with My Soul"
Bell Choir – Dot Abelman, director

arr. Krug

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:29-5:2

p. 194 (NT)

MEDITATION

"Live in Love"

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

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"O God, Beyond All Praising"
Amy Duran, piano

Gustav Holst

*Please stand if you are able.