

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

March 29, 2023

7:30 PM

Order of Service

PRELUDE

Amy Duran, piano

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 128

Leader: All you who fear God, how blessed you are! How happily you walk on His smooth, straight road!

People: You worked hard and deserve all you've got coming. Enjoy the blessing! Revel in the goodness!

Leader: Stand in awe of God's Yes. Oh, how He blesses the one who fears God!

People: Enjoy the good life every day of your life.

HYMN SING

(The congregation will make 3 selections.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We've developed skills down through the years--You know them, God. In fact, any skills that we've developed are built on a foundation You've given. Though You know our skills, we try to hide them away from You. You could use the practical stuff we know how to do, but we keep it in reserve. Or sometimes we fool ourselves into thinking that You only use more profound gifts, not the things we happen to be good at. So, Holy Spirit, would You remind us to take our skills out of our toolboxes, out of our hiding places, so that we might further what You're trying to do in the world... and in us? Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

*GLORIA PATRI

#813

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"How Beautiful"

Paris

Ruth Cuffe, Justin Johnson, Amy Duran

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:1-2

p. 191 (NT)

MEDITATION

"Perfectly Practical"

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

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"
Amy Duran, piano

Bernadette Farrell

*Please stand if you are able.