

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

March 15, 2023

7:30 PM

Order of Service

PRELUDE

Amy Duran, piano

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 119

Leader: Because You have satisfied me, God, I promise to do everything You say.

People: **I beg You from the bottom of my heart: smile, be gracious to me just as You promised.**

Leader: When I took a long, careful look at Your ways, I got my feet back on the trail You blazed. I was up at once, didn't drag my feet, was quick to follow Your orders.

People: **I get up in the middle of the night to thank You; Your decisions are so right, so true—I can't wait 'til morning!**

Leader: I'm a friend and companion of all who fear You, of those committed to living by Your rules.

People: **Your love, God, fills the earth! Train me to live by Your counsel.**

HYMN SING

(The congregation will make 3 selections.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord our God, thank You for giving us a calling, a ministry. Your calling gives us purpose. We're able to find meaning by living into what You'd have us do. But God, sometimes we find we're afraid of entering into Your call. You call us into something new, outside our experience. It intimidates us. Or, You call us to what we don't think we can do perfectly. It leaves us uncertain. And sometimes we just think we're not worthy of doing Your work. In our anxiety, we turn around and walk away from Your call. Give us courage to be part of the ministry toward which You're directing us, we pray. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

*GLORIA PATRI

#813

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"God Is in the Story"
Stephanie and Julie Budinich

Katie Nichol

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 3:1-13

p. 193 (NT)

MEDITATION

"Of Grace and Guts"

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

"A Charge to Keep I Have"

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Savior, Thy Dying Love"
Amy Duran, piano

arr. Larry Shackley

*Please stand if you are able.