

Order of Worship

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

September 3, 2023

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Ron Romaine

Our Approach to God

OPENING PSALM

"He's On Our Side"

Psalms 124

Nate Giordano, Guitar

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 83-85

Leader: What are the keys to the Kingdom?

People: The preaching of the holy Gospel and Christian discipline toward repentance. Both preaching and discipline open the kingdom of heaven to believers and close it to unbelievers.

Leader: How does preaching the Gospel open and close the kingdom of heaven?

People: According to the command of Christ: the kingdom of heaven is opened by proclaiming and publicly declaring to all believers, each and every one, that as often as they accept the gospel promise in true faith.

Leader: God, because of what Christ has done, truly forgives all their sins.

People: The kingdom of heaven is closed, however, by proclaiming and publicly declaring to unbelievers and hypocrites that, as long as they do not repent, the anger of God and eternal condemnation rest on them. God's judgment, both in this life and in the life to come, is based on this Gospel testimony.

Leader: How is the kingdom of heaven closed and opened by Christian discipline?

People: According to the command of Christ. Those who, though called Christians, profess unchristian teachings or live unchristian lives, and after repeated and loving counsel refuse to abandon their errors and wickedness, and after being reported to the church, that is, to its officers, fail to respond also to their admonition—such persons the officers exclude from the Christian fellowship. By withholding the sacraments from them, and God himself excludes them from the kingdom of Christ.

Leader: Such persons, when promising and demonstrating genuine reform,

People: Are received again as members of Christ and of His church.

*HYMN

"Majesty"

#10

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear LORD, we come before you this morning admitting that we often fall short of your desires for our lives. Forgive us, we pray, for our many failings this week. Forgive us, too, for failing to be your disciples to a world that sorely needs to hear the truths found in Your Word. So many times, Father, we neglect to spend time meditating on Your Word, only to fill the time with worldly attractions. We allow our prayer time to be consumed by daydreaming, and let days slip by, in service to only ourselves that should be spent in service to You and our brothers and sisters. Forgive us, LORD, we pray, and create in us a clean heart—one that is fit for honoring and serving You, the one true and living God. Guide us, through the power of Your Word and prayer to a life of fellowship and service that will glorify Your Holy name. Strengthen us, Father, both as individuals and as a body of believers, so that when people see us, they see Jesus in us. (A time for personal reflection)

SILENT PRAYER

Amen.

1 John 1:8, 9

Leader: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

People: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from unrighteousness.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hymn Sing

The Word of God

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

#562

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 119:1-11

p. 566 (OT)

Romans 10:10-17

p. 160 (NT)

SERMON

"The Three-Legged Chair"

Elder Ron Romaine

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

Our Response to God

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY #815
 JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
 THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
 *HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" #435
 *BENEDICTION
 POSTLUDE Amy Duran, piano

***Please stand if you are able.**

This morning, we welcome to CCHP, Elder Ron Romaine. Ron was raised in Oakland, NJ, on a small chicken farm. He graduated from Indian Hills High School in 1969 and attended Luther College of the Bible, Eastern Nazarene College and Nyack College. He spent forty years working for the Oakland, NJ Post Office. He retired in 2008 and began a second career as an entertainer. He is a former Associate Pastor of The Oakland Church of The Nazarene. He currently serves as an elder of The English Neighborhood Reformed Church in Ridgefield, NJ. Ron is married to Arlene Romaine and has four grown sons and nine grandchildren.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Anonymous; Lynn Baker; Judi Keith; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian.

THE UNITY PRAYER: We pray, God, that Your Word penetrates our hearts and spirit and goes to the heart of who we are. May Your Word be stored in our hearts so that when the mind forgets, the heart reminds.

THE FLOWERS are given by Jane and Bruce Marshall in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday	7:30	Consistory
Thursday	7:30	Chancel Choir
Friday	11-3:00	Club 60

Sunday, September 10, 2023

9:00 AM Chancel Choir & 10:00 AM Worship

(Puppet Club and Sunday School begin next week, September 17)

Join us for coffee hour in Founder's Hall every Sunday following worship.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17 is a very special day. We will be worshipping outside and The Ramsey Wind Symphony will play during the service. We will begin our fall discipleship campaign, *Lessons from Liverpool*, on that day (each theme for the weeks of the campaign will be illustrated by a Beatles song; the themes are from the emphases of the four Gospels).

SUNDAY SCHOOL & PUPPET CLUB start that day, and we will have a **Kickoff Picnic** after the service. We hope you will bring a friend, family member or perhaps a new neighbor on that day. A lot of folks have moved into the area over the summer – it would be great to let some of them know about our church by bringing them to worship. We trust that worshipping outside will be a more accessible atmosphere for the service.

PART OF OUR FALL DISCIPLESHIP CAMPAIGN, *Lessons from Liverpool*, will be small groups that will run during the week following September 17 through November 1. The focus of our groups will be to explore the themes and emphases of each of the Gospels. We'll be using excellent videos from the Bible Project, as well as questions and discussion. You have your choice of three small groups. One meets Sundays after worship in the Johnson Chapel. Grab a cup of coffee and then head off to the group. Another gathers through Zoom at 7:15 PM on Wednesdays. Let the office know you want to participate and we'll get you the link (cchp@verizon.net, 201-768-2457). The last gets together on Thursday mornings at 10 AM in the Chapel. Being a part of a small group is one of the best ways to grow your faith. We hope you'll be part of one.

SEE THE SIGN-UP SHEETS IN THE NARTHEX: Ushers & Greeters; Nursery Volunteers; September 17 Picnic: Side dishes & desserts

LOOKING AHEAD ALL-DAY RETREATS

Women's Retreat, Sat. September 23 & Men's Retreat, Sat. October 7
 Both will be held at the Wood's home in Lavalette, NJ. Carpooling will be available. Watch for timing and details.

FALL WORK DAY: Saturday Morning, September 30

We hope you can attend to work on projects around the church, inside and out. Please text or call Keith Michels 201-218-2441 or Barry Wood, 201-937-6219 if you plan to participate.

125TH ANNIVERSARY of CCHP – Sunday, November 19, 2023. Worship Service and Celebration Brunch. Please give us any photos from past years for our bulletin board and slide show. Leave them in the office or if digital, email to cchp@verizon.net.

SNACK PACK EVENT: Thank you for donations and to the over 30 adults and children who assembled 1,000 Snack Packs on August 24 for the CFA program serving children at risk for inadequate food on weekends and holidays. Thus far, we have collected \$3,415 - over half the cost! You may still donate by cash or check made out to "CCHP".

PLEASE REMEMBER THE NORWOOD FOOD PANTRY: Visit their website for a list of the most needed items, www.norwoodpantry.org.