

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

February 28, 2024

7:30 PM

Order of Service

PRELUDE

Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 23

Leader: God, my shepherd! I don't need a thing.

People: You have bedded me down in lush meadows; You find me quiet pools to drink from.

Leader: True to Your word, You let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction.

People: Even when the way goes through Death Valley, I'm not afraid when You walk at my side. Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure.

Leader: You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies. You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing.

People: Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life. I'm back home in the house of God for the rest of my life.

HYMN SING

(The congregation will make 3 selections.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, You put people into our lives, wonderful people, and we're enriched by them. But then they go out of our lives. Sometimes we just lose touch. But sometimes, they go away – off to college, they move across the country. Sometimes they die. And, as we see that time of leaving approaching, even though we know it's inevitable, we hold on tight. We hold on tight because we don't know what it will be like without them, we don't know if we can replace what they gave to us, because life will seem like a wilderness without them as part of it. And in that holding, there's a whiff of not quite trusting You. Because, while we may be without them, we're never without You. Because, while we may not be able to replace what they gave us, You give us even more. Because life can't be a wilderness when we're found in You. We pray, Spirit, that You'd teach us every day to trust You more and more. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

BELL CHOIR

"Quiet Reflection"

Jason Krug

Amy Duran, piano; Dorothy Abelman, director

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Job 1:12-22

p. 453 (OT)

MEDITATION

"Goodbye"

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

"Nearer, My God, to Thee"

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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*Please stand if you are able.