

The Community Church in Harrington Park, NJ

Mid-Week Lenten Service

March 6, 2024

7:30 PM

Order of Service

PRELUDE

Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 141

Leader: God, come close. Come quickly! Open Your ears—it's my voice You're hearing!

People: Don't let me so much as dream of evil or thoughtlessly fall into bad company. And these people who only do wrong—don't let them lure me with their sweet talk!

Leader: May the Just One set me straight; may the Kind One correct me. Don't let sin anoint my head. I'm praying hard against their evil ways!

People: God, dear Lord, I only have eyes for You. Since I've run for dear life to You, take good care of me.

HYMN SING

(The congregation will make 3 selections.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, You given us reasonably comfortable lives. Sure, we have our challenges and difficulties. But compared to a lot of folks, we have it pretty easy. And our comfort grows comfortable. We get used to it. And when changes come along, we resist and resent them. We want to stay in the same place. But You're clear, God, we don't ever really get to stay in the same place. You're always looking for growth in us, which means change. So we'd ask You that the Spirit would spur us to change... and to grow in Christ. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

*GLORIA PATRI

#813

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Where He Leads Me/He Leadeth Me"
Rhoda Tillack, violin; Amy Duran, piano

arr. Brant Adams

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God, Your Word opens up Your Kingdom to us. Scripture reveals Who You are, and who we're to be. As we read it, we pray that You'd be really clear about how we might be part of Your transformation in us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

1 Timothy 4:11-16

p. 209 (NT)

MEDITATION

"Changes"

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

"Take Time to Be Holy"

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Amy Duran, piano

*Please stand if you are able.