

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

March 20, 2024

7:30 PM

Order of Service

PRELUDE

Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 78

Leader: Listen, dear friends, to God's truth; bend your ears to what I tell you.

People: I'm chewing on the morsel of a proverb; I'll let you in on the sweet old truths.

Leader: Stories we heard from our fathers, counsel we learned at our mother's knee.

People: We're not keeping this to ourselves, we're passing it along to the next generation—God's fame and fortune, the marvelous things He has done.

HYMN SING

(The congregation will make 3 selections.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, when it comes to our kids and grandkids, people we care about, we haven't necessarily been effective at passing on our faith. Some of us have let children make their own faith decisions. We've said, "Well, you can come with me to church, or you can stay in bed" – with predictable results. Some of us have tried the opposite, and forced faith down our kids' throats, until they've rebelled. And sometimes we've looked at our kids and grandkids and kicked ourselves for our failures, instead of trusting the Holy Spirit to nurture the seed that's already been planted in them. God, we know You forgive us. Please help us to forgive ourselves, through Christ. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

*GLORIA PATRI

#813

CHANCEL CHOIR

"Quiet Faith"

Heather Sorenson

Nate Giordano, guitar; Amy Duran, piano

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 1:3-7

p. 211 (NT)

MEDITATION

"Passing the Baton"

Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

~over~

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN

"A Christian Home"

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Amy Duran, piano

*Please stand if you are able.

FLOWER ENVELOPES are in the pews for your convenience in donating to our Easter lily display.

THIS SUNDAY is Palm Sunday. Our service will be a little shorter. We ask that everyone go down to Founders' Hall following the service for a Palm Sunday pageant put on by our Sunday School. The Alleluia Choir will also be singing. There will be refreshments following, and palms will be given out.