



Order of Worship
Striving to be what Christ tells us through Scripture.

August 9, 2026

10 AM

PRELUDE

"Arioso—Psalm 23"
Eunjoo Lee-Huls, organ

Jan Mulder

WELCOME

Our Approach to Go

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 67

Leader: I give thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise.

People: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

Leader: For you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

People: On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of spirit.

Leader: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

People: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

Leader: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly

People: but the arrogant he perceives from far away.

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the weather of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

People: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

*HYMN

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

#97

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Give Me Jesus"
Eunjoo & Ed Huls

Traditional Spiritual
arr. Jack Schrader

CHILDREN'S TIME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Word of God

*HYMN

"Jesus Calls Us"

#592

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 1:15-19
Romans 12:1-5
Elizabeth Dahlberg-Lee, liturgist

p. 49 (OT)
p. 161(NT)

SERMON

"A Mind Is a Terrible Thing to Waste"

Pastor Waldis

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

*CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meaning of the Sacrament (Responsive)	insert
Invitation	
Communion Prayer (Responsive)	insert
Communion	
Communion Thanksgiving (Responsive)	insert

Our Response to God

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN "All for Jesus" #588

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Toccata-Sortie" Auguste Larriu
Eunjoo Lee-Huls, organ

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Romans 12: 1-3 A Mind Is A Terrible Thing To Waste

Exegesis (Background)

1. We must give God _____ of ourselves.
2. You must use your _____ to know God's will.
3. We _____ community, other people.

Life Application

Use the _____ God has given you.

True philosophy is _____ of God.

Meaning of the Sacrament

- Leader: Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, the holy supper which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope.
- People: We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent of the Father into the world to assume our flesh and blood and to fulfill for us all obedience to the divine law, even to the bitter and shameful death of the cross.**
- Leader: By His death, resurrection, and ascension He established a new and eternal covenant of grace and reconciliation that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken by Him.
- People: We come to have communion with this same Christ who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world.**
- Leader: In the breaking of the bread He makes Himself known to us as the true heavenly bread that strengthens us unto life eternal.
- People: In the cup of blessing He comes to us as the Vine in whom we must abide if we are to bear fruit.**
- Leader: We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and foretaste of the feast of love of which we shall partake when His kingdom has fully come, when with unveiled face we shall behold Him, made like unto Him in His glory.
- People: Since by His death, resurrection, and ascension Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit who unites us all in one body, so are we to receive this Supper in true love, mindful of the communion of saints.**

Communion Prayer

- Leader: The Lord be with you.
- People: And also with you.**
- Leader: Lift up your hearts!
- People: We lift them up to the Lord.**
- Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- Leader: With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore Your glorious name.
- People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**
- Leader: Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:
- People: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Communion Thanksgiving

- Leader: Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at His Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving! Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: and do not forget all His benefits

Leader: Who forgives all your iniquity,

People: Who heals all your diseases,

Leader: Who redeems your life from the Pit,

People: Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

People: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins,

People: nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

People: so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;

Leader: As far as the east is from the west,

People: So far does He remove our transgressions from us.

Leader: As a father has compassion for his children,

People: So the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,

Leader: Who did not spare His own Son,
but gave Him up for us all,
and will also give us all things with Him.

People: Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord,
from this time forth forevermore. Amen

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PRAYER CONCERNS: Peter Bird; Lauren Clarke; Harold Friedeman; Dave Hall; Marilyn Hams; Justin Johnson; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Jeanne Serrano; Craig Terjanian.

UNITY PRAYER: We thank you, God, for your abundant grace in our lives. We don't deserve it, but you freely give it anyway. Forgive us when we get so busy that we forget to stop and notice your grace.

THE FLOWERS are given by Wendy Gumberg in loving memory of her brother, Wayne.

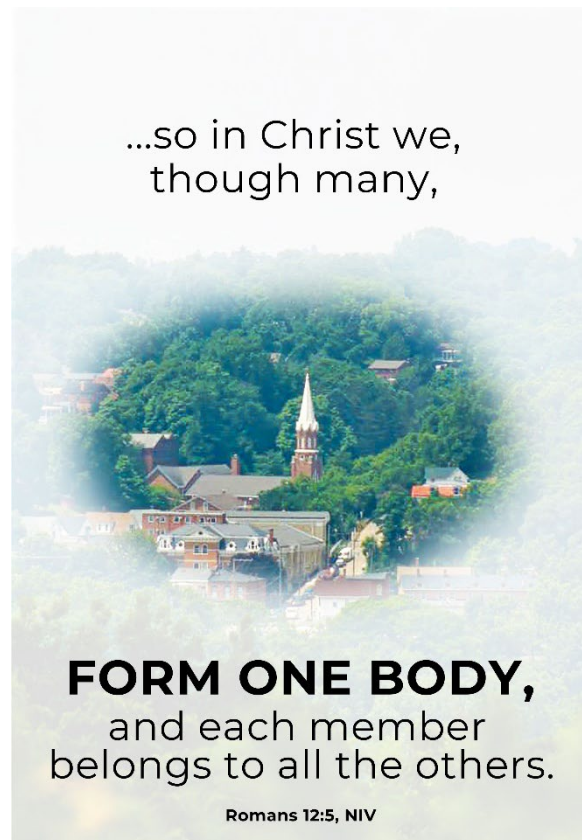
A BIG THANK YOU to Sandy Bennington for once again organizing and leading a great summer Bible study.

SAVE THE DATE!

Snackpack Event – Thursday, August 20 – 10 AM

Each snackpack costs \$7.00. Please consider sponsoring some bags to help defray the cost of this worthwhile event. Make your checks payable to Community Church and place them in the offering plate with a note in the memo for "Snackpack." And come on August 20th at 10 AM to help assemble the 1,000 Snack Packs.

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE is taking up a special "back-to-school collection" for the WholeSum Pantry in Norwood. We will be collecting the items until August 16th and delivering them to the WholeSum Pantry on August 17. Check out the flyers in the Narthex for the specific needs. You can bring them with you to church and place them on the table in the Narthex. Or, if you use Amazon, you can order them and have them delivered directly to the church at 1 Spring Street, Harrington Park, NJ 07640.



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