

Date: September 10, 2023
Season of the Holy Spirit

Prayer of Preparation

God of love and judgment, when the Egyptians enslaved the Hebrew people, your love set them free; when rulers oppress the poor and powerless, your judgment brings peace and justice back to the land. Move us, O God, that we may fulfill the law of love and be a people who radiate your light. Touch our hearts, that we may come to love our neighbor as we come to love ourselves. Amen.

Gathering in the Presence of God

**Please stand as able, in body or in spirit.*

Gathering Music

Adoration

Florence Price

Welcome

***Call to Worship** (responsively)

Liturgist

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song.

Let all God's children rejoice!

Clap your hands and praise God with dancing.

Shout for joy and praise God with music.

For God brings justice to the peoples.

God brings judgment upon the powerful.

Leader: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song.

Let all God's children rejoice! (based on Psalm 149)

*Hymn

What Is This Place

GTG 404

Confessing Our Separation from God (unison)

Liturgist

Merciful God, it is easier to destroy than it is to build; it is easier to hurt than it is to heal. Forgive us, Holy One, when we parade our wounds for all to see, rather than work quietly for forgiveness and reconciliation.

Correct us, Gracious Spirit, when we seek public vindication of our wrongs

over the health of your body. Help us love one another with a perfect love, that we may cast aside the works of darkness and fulfill the law of love. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Jesus, Draw Me Close

Rick Founds

Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.
Let the world around me fade away.
Jesus, draw me close;
Closer, Lord, to You.
For I desire to worship and obey.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

We Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Liturgist

Anthem

Kum Ba Yah

African American Spiritual

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:15-20

Liturgist

Source: New Revised Standard Version

Reflection

"Where Two or Three Are Gathered"

We Respond to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

I Believe in Jesus

Marc Nelson

Joys and Hopes of the People of God & The Lord's Prayer

The Act of Gratitude

Liturgist

Offertory:

Hornpipe in E minor

Henry Purcell

***Doxology: An Expression of Faith to God**

GTG 606

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)**

Liturgist

In celebration of their deliverance from slavery, and gratitude for their freedom, the ancient Hebrews offered you their worship and their praise. In celebration of our deliverance from the things that enslave us and gratitude for your saving love, we offer you our worship and our praise. Just as the Passover stands as a perpetual observance of thanksgiving for your love and care, so may our offerings be a perpetual observance of our gratitude for your calling in Jesus Christ. Amen.

We Follow God's Word into the World

***Hymn**

Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak (vs 1,3,4,5)

GTG 722

***Benediction**

Postlude

Toccata in C

J.S. Bach/
Van Denman Thompson

Next Week's Liturgist: Pam Jusino

WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Marjorie Egger

Liturgist Clare MacDonald

Ushers: Diana Green and Nancy Tompkins

Music: Georgiana Ibach

The Westminster Choir

A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

WHERE'S EDDIE?

Pastor Eddie is at home recovering from his hand surgery until September 12. He is able to assist with pastoral emergencies, contact him at 516-377-8971.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Marjorie Egger (Marge) is a second career pastor who graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary in 2006. She was called to serve as a Hospice Chaplain in Northwest Indiana and served there for 6 years. She and husband Jerry retired to Millville, DE and joined New Castle Presbytery. She came out of retirement when Delaware Hospice asked her to serve as Hospice Chaplain, a position she served for 5 years. Now fully retired, she enjoys grandchildren, knitting, baking and walking Bethany Beach each morning. Marge is also enjoying getting to know the people of Westminster/Rehoboth.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 @ 1pm – 3pm – ICE CREAM ON US!

Everyone is invited to join in fellowship with our neighbors at Saint Edmond Roman Catholic Church for our annual **Ice Cream Social**. Delicious Chocolate, Vanilla, Salted Caramel Crunch ice creams, sprinkles, music, games, and MORE! Everyone is welcome. (Parking meter fees are no longer in effect.)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 @ 10am – SUNDAY SERVICE – Receiving New Members. Join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service. Light snacks and refreshments sponsored by the Fellowship and Membership Teams.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – NOVEMBER 8 @ 10am - Adult Ed Bible Study returns with Alan Keohane's "Picturing Scripture", an engaging online Bible Study.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Grieving/Mourning:

Clif Hilderley

Richard Derrickson

John Weiss (Sid Simon's friend)

Surgery and Post-Surgery:

Carol Geiger (Charlotte Jacobs' and John Still's cousin)

Don Jacobs

Pastor Eddie Jusino

David Libby

Illness:

Hal Casey (Mable Granke's son-in-law)

Jeff Dunn (Genie Hindall's brother)

Norman and Judy Moore

Liam Green (grandson of Diana Green)



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DONATION DRIVE

Aug. 20-Sept. 10

Items requested but not limited to:

Non-food:

paper towels
toilet paper
dish/laundry detergent
hand soap
travel-size
personal care items

Food:

peanut butter
jelly
egg noodles
canned tuna
canned spaghetti
(pull-off tabs, if possible)

