

### For Prayer & Contemplation

“When Jesus fed five thousand people with only five loaves of bread and two fish, he was showing us how God’s love can multiply the effects of our generosity. God’s kingdom is the place of abundance where every generous act overflows its original bounds and becomes part of the unbounded grace of God at work in the world.” --Henri Nouwen

### Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude “Trio in G” - Rheinberger

### Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 145)

One: I praise your greatness, my God the King;  
I will praise you every day;  
I will praise you forever and ever.

**All: We give you thanks and praise, O God.**

One: Parents will tell their children what you have done.  
They will retell your mighty acts,  
wonderful majesty, and glory.  
And I will think about your miracles.

**All: We give you thanks and praise, O God.**

One: They will tell about the amazing things you do,  
and I will tell how great you are.  
They will remember your great goodness  
and will sing about your fairness.

**All: We give you thanks and praise, O God.**

One: The Lord is kind and shows mercy.  
God does not become angry quickly but is full of love.  
The Lord is good to everyone;  
God is merciful to all creation.

**All: Lord, everything you have made will praise you;  
those who belong to you will bless you.**

\*Hymn No. 691 “Lord, When I Came into This Life”

### Prayer of Confession (Written by John Calvin)

Almighty and gracious God,  
since our whole salvation stands  
in our knowledge of your holy word,  
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,  
that our hearts may be freed from the chains of sin,  
so that we may hear and receive your word,  
recognizing your gracious will for us.  
Teach us by scripture to love and serve you with delight,  
praising and glorifying you  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Moment of Silence

### Words of Assurance (Adapted from John 15:1-8)

One: God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!  
Believe the good news and give thanks;  
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn No. 581 “Glory Be to the Father”

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.”

### \*Passing of Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Anthem “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” - J. S. Bach - *Sanctuary Choir*

### Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

**Adults: God be with you there.**

**Children: God be with you here.**

### Scripture

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 6:1-9*  
Old Testament PG 163, Large Print 204

Second Reading: *Matthew 14:13-21*  
New Testament PG 16, Large Print 19

### Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “What Do You Have?” - Rev. Dr. Rose Niles

\*Affirmation of Faith (Apostle’s Creed)

I believe in God, the Father, almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,...

the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Invitation to Offering

### Consecration of Pledges

### \*Unison Prayer of Dedication

One: Giver of all that is good, we dedicate these gifts to you.

**All: They represent our sweat, our lives, and our hopes.  
Accept them as tokens of our thanks for all that you  
give us.**

One: Bless them to be used in your service,  
and multiply our small gifts to do great things.

**All: Bless us that we may be living sacrifices to you,  
And give us energy and imagination in your service.**

\*Offering Hymn No. 710 “We Lift Our Voices”

“We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are offering; we are offering.”

### The Prayers of the People

*Rachel, Jamie, Beverly, Ron, the family of Sandra, Meg, Gorman, Heather, Joanna, Dorothy, Sara, Jim, David, Ted, William, Mimi, Rachael, Laura, Russell, Phyllis, Aaron, Nic, Douglas*

### The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### Celebration Litany

One: Almighty God, creator of all,  
Jesus Christ, head of the church,  
Holy Spirit, bond of peace,

**All: We praise your Holy Name.**

One: For your promise to build up your church,  
for your calling and training of the apostles,  
for your preserving of the saints down the ages,

**All: We praise your Holy Name...**

One: For the faithfulness of Reformers, Martin Luther,  
John Calvin, John Knox and countless others;  
and the founders and generations of saints

in this congregation and presbytery,  
**All: We give you thanks, O Lord.**  
 One: For the newly established Presbytery FOR Southern New Jersey,  
 with all our sister congregations, from Bordentown to Cape May,  
 from the river to the shore, in cities, towns and countryside,  
**All: We give you thanks, O Lord.**  
 One: Together may we serve you in this time and place.  
 Grant us gifts and graces, wisdom, power and love,  
 and call us to the work of ministry,  
**All: Help us, O Lord.**  
 One: Empower us to proclaim good news to all  
 and to make disciples of all people,  
 caring for the places and needs to which you have called us.  
**All: Help us, O Lord.**  
 One: Almighty God, we celebrate the Presbytery FOR Southern New Jersey  
 and pray for your blessing on its work and worship.  
**All: May its missions be fruitful and its deliberations wise.  
 May its congregations be encouraged and strengthened.  
 May all its pastors and people rejoice in unity and peace,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\***Hymn** (bulletin insert) "O God, You Have Called Us"

\***Benediction**

\***Benediction Hymn No. 541** (v.1)

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

"God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
 with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again."

**Postlude**

"Land of Rest" (Lord, When I Came into This Life) - arr. Carlson

\*\*\*\*\* **Please stand as you are able.** \*\*\*\*\*

| <i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i> |                                  |
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| <b>Liturgist</b>                        | Bev Donofrio                     |
| <b>Ushers</b>                           | John Fitzpatrick, Renee Sheridan |
| <b>Coffee Hr. Hosts</b>                 | Renee Sheridan, Margaret Ginter  |

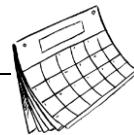


*Music Notes*

Today's prelude is the ninth in a set of ten trios for organ by Belgian composer Joseph Rheinberger. The anthem is one of J. S. Bach's most beloved choral settings, "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," which he composed in 1723 as part of his Cantata 147. The text, translated from the original German, is:

"Jesu, Joy my joy forever, cordial, comfort of my soul.  
 Jesus turns away all sorrows that would light and life control.  
 Strong and righteous, Jesus shining, brightness, pleasure, good defining,  
 so I ever am aware, heart and soul, of Jesus there!"

We thank the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.



*This Week's Calendar*  
 October 31-November 7



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| <i>Sunday</i><br>October 31    | <i>Happy Halloween!</i><br><b>10 AM</b> Worship Service<br><b>11:30 AM</b> Stewardship Seminar - Agape Room<br><b>2 PM</b> Deacons - Outside (weather permitting) |
| <i>Monday</i><br>November 1    | <b>7 PM</b> Session - Agape Room  |
| <i>Tuesday</i><br>November 2   |   |
| <i>Wednesday</i><br>November 3 | <b>6:30 PM</b> Girl Scouts - Social Hall  |
| <i>Thursday</i><br>November 4  |   |
| <i>Friday</i><br>November 5    |   |
| <i>Saturday</i><br>November 6  |   |
| <i>Sunday</i><br>November 7    | <b>10 AM</b> Worship Service  |

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*10 AM Worship Service  
 October 31, 2021  
 Reformation Sunday  
 Rev. Drew Harrison*