



NEW HACKENSACK REFORMED CHURCH  
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*May 4, 2025*  
*~~ Third Sunday in Easter~~*  
*~~ Communion ~~*

*"This is the day the Lord has made, Let us rejoice and be glad in it"* *Psalm 118:24*

## We Celebrate the Good News

### The Gathering of God's People

Time to speak with each other

### Greeting

"The Lord be with you....  
And also with you."



*Please fill out and pass the Friendship Books.*  
*Visitors, please fill in your address as well. Thank You!*

## Prelude

### **"Come to the Table"**

*By Sidewalk Prophets*  
Miriam Thige - Soloist  
Gabriella Fryer- Accompanist

## The Call to Worship

*Elder and VP Roger Eddy*

Welcome to this time of shared prayer,  
when we encourage one another in our ministry.

**We need this time for reassurance  
and strengthening for all we face in life.**

Here we remember the faith we hold in common  
And find renewal and encouragement.

**It is hard to see ourselves as Christ's representatives  
when so few seem to put faith first.**

We feel alone and unappreciated,  
as if we were the only faithful ones left.

**When everyone marches to a different drummer,  
it is hard to know who's out of step.**

**All: Bring us together to hear your still small voice  
so we can recognize you when we're apart.**

*→Please join in our gathering hymn*

**Gathering Hymn: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"**

**#254**

## **The Welcoming Prayer/God's Greeting**

*Rev. Keith Tamlyn*



### **Sunday School Dismissal**

(after which children 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade leave for Sunday school)

(Children ages 3yrs - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are attending Children and Worship in room 9)

## **The Call to Confession**

*Elder Roger Eddy*

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Hear my prayer, O Lord, for I am searching for your direction, listening for your voice. I am lost and confused. Am I being called to a deeper level of trust? Why can I not feel your presence? Am I being readied for some new task that is hidden from me? Where are your guideposts? Am I being stripped of past accomplishments so that I will lean only on your presence? Why do you seem so far off when at one time you were walking next to me and I was doing your will? O God, hear my prayer. I confess my anxious and troubling questions. I confess the doubts and fears. I confess that I have grown weary of waiting and tired of praying. Listen to the depths of my heart. Come quickly, Great God, and show me the way. Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance / The Law**

*Elder Roger Eddy*

## **“Glory Be to the Father”**

### **Anthem**

#### **“Can God Spread a Table in the Wilderness?”**

*By Joseph M. Martin*  
Miriam Thige - Soloist  
Gabriella Fryer- Accompanist



#### ***We Proclaim the Good News***

Prayer of Illumination

#### **Scripture**

John 21: 1-14  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### **The Message**

**“Dealing With Change”**  
*Rev. Keith Tamlyn*

**Sermon Hymn:**      **“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”**      *see insert*



#### ***We Respond to the Good News***

*(Please print your prayer request on the blue card in the pew rack  
and deposit in offering plate.)*

**The Offering**

**The Doxology**

**The Offertory Prayer**

**God of all peoples and God of all places, we present these offerings,  
that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them we  
offer our varied ministries, that each of us may be a part of your answer  
to the cries of the world. Amen.**

*→Please remain standing.*



## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Invitation

\*Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if those who hear my voice open the door, I will come in to them and eat with them, and they with me.

**O taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy are all who find refuge in God.**

### Profession of Faith

**\*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### The Meaning of the Sacrament

**Minister:** Beloved in the Lord, the Holy Supper which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope.

**People:** **We come remembering that our Lord Jesus was sent into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world, through him, might be saved.**

By his death, resurrection and ascension, he has given us new life.

**We come to have communion with this same Christ, who has promised that he will never leave us or forsake us.**

In the breaking of the bread he feeds us with his own body.

**In the cup of blessing he comes to us as the vine in whom we must abide if we are to bear fruit.**

We come in hope, believing this bread and this cup are a foretaste of

that feast of love that we shall know when we are fully united with Christ.

**As Christ unites us all in one body, we are to receive this supper in true love, remembering the communion of saints of all ages.**

**Communion Hymn: “As Your Family, Lord, Meet us Here” vs 1,4 #773**

### **Words of Institution**

Breaking of the Bread

Sharing of the Cup

### **Prayer Response**

Almighty and all-glorious God, we draw near to the end of this time of worship reminded of our duty to serve you and our neighbors. We open our hearts so that your peace, which passes all understanding, may be showered upon us and upon all those we encounter. Amen.

**Prayer Hymn: “Surely the Presence of the Lord”** *back cover of hymnal*

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving (Pastor)**

#### **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.

**Sending Hymn: “Christ Beside Me” #543**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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