




Owe no one
anything,
except to

Love

each other ...



Romans
13:8, ESV

ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD ¹

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 10, 2023

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME

Gary Tutzauer

PRELUDE

"Piano Interlude"
W. R. Mahns, Keyboardist

Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

This day is God's gift to us.

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

God has graciously gathered us together in this place.

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

God is good and faithful. God is our worthy of our praise.

* HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Kristie

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy that God intends. We will first pray in silent, individual prayer, and then collectively.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(we begin with a moment of silence for personal confession)

Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace so that day by day we might move closer to the people you would us be. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since God has reconciled us through Jesus Christ, let us also be reconciled to one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

* RESPONSE TO GRACE

"Doxology"

Charles Coffin²

**To God, all glorious heavenly light;
To Christ, revealed in earthly night;
To God, the Spirit now we raise;
Our joyful songs of thankful praise.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

1ST SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 13:8-14

p. 987 in pew Bible

ANTHEM

"Make Us One"

by Twila Paris

2ND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:15-20

p. 852 in pew Bible

MESSAGE

"Step, Step, Crunch!"

Rev. Kristie Miles

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

366, v.1,2

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967, 9.23 (*adapted*)

We believe that:

The new life [in Christ] does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, fear. We still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as people mature in love and faithfulness in his life with Christ, we lives in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer....

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(*unison*)

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.

MOMENT FOR GRATITUDE

You are invited to silently thank God for one of your recent blessings.

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"The Potter's Hand"

by Darlene Zschech ⁴

* RESPONSE TO BLESSINGS *“Lord, We Thank You for this Food”*³ # 660

**Lord, we thank you for these gifts;
help us share with all in need;
body, soul refresh anew to live the Gospel,
give your people love.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD’S NAME

* HYMN *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* # 611

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *“Shout to the Lord”* Zschech - Carter
W. R. Mahns, Keyboardist

Worship Notes

Brick Presbyterian Church CCLI#1853779/Streaming#20110146

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¹ https://images.pres-outlook.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Outlook-Order-of-Worship-9_10.pdf

² https://www.hillsidemedford.org/transforming-love/doxology/?gad=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwrranBhAEEiwAzbhNtec96LsNzqMebsWQwt6JBXaieCfMrRmN_Wy_N2GHzhAEDh_w6if-dRoCcYsQAvD_BwE

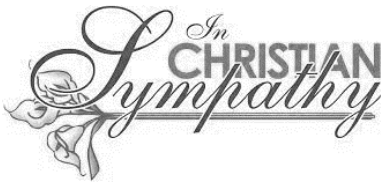
³ Lord, We Thank You for this Food" words changed to "these gifts"

⁴ CCLI Song #2449771/License #1853779



**This morning's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God
by the Horan family
in loving memory of Arthur and Muriel Best.
*You are Always in Our Hearts!***

Children and Families have options in worship! At the front of the sanctuary on the right-hand side, we have our new **PrayGround area**. This space is for children to sit together and do quiet activities while being present for the worship service. Children's bulletins, lap desks, crayons / colored pencils, puzzles, soft toys, and children's Bibles are available in the narthex.



**Please keep in your prayer the Irwin family,
following the passing of Marion Irwin.**

The Irwin family extends an invitation to the church family to celebrate the life of Marion at the

Weatherhead Young Funeral Home, 885 Mantoloking Rd., Brick NJ tomorrow, September 11th. A visitation will be held beginning at 9:30am followed by the funeral service at 11:00am. The burial will be at Graceland Memorial Park in Kenilworth, NJ.

Mark Your Calendar for BPC September Happenings

TODAY

Youth Group Pool Party at Brian Aldrich's home from **1-3pm**

NEXT SUNDAY, September 17

Sunday School begins at 9am

Adult Bible Study with Rev. Brian Miles at 9am

Rev. Chase will become Pastor Emeritus during the 10am Worship Service

A pancake breakfast will follow the morning service

The Youth Group kicks of their 2023-2024 season from 6-7pm

Mum sale on Saturday, September 23, 10:00 - 2:00 and Sunday, September 24, until sold out. Mums sell for \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. You will be able to pre-order, but we cannot guarantee colors at the time of delivery. Free local delivery is also available. Stop by the fundraising table in the Narthex. Cash or check will be accepted. All check will be made out to Brick Presbyterian Church or BPC.

Country Line Dance Tickets are Available. There will be a caller to teach you a few line dances and of course you can dance your own way. Light refreshments will be available. There is so much entertainment and games you don't want to miss this event on **Saturday, September 23rd from 7-10pm.** This is going to be a great fellowship evening. Tickets will be limited as we need plenty of dancing room. **Cost is \$20.00** per person, so don't wait to get your tickets as you don't want to miss this fun evening.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends 25% discount coupons are now available for \$5.00 for the October 18 event.



<i>MONDAY</i>	Finance Committee	6:00pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
	Deacons Meeting	7:00pm
<i>TUESDAY</i>	Session Meeting	7:00pm
<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	Food Pantry Open	10am - 2:00pm
<i>THURSDAY</i>	Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm

PRAYER LIST

Gary Baker, Elba Figueroa, The Irwin Family,
Christine Licknack, Jim McCue, Michael Toth



And Our Homebound:

Don Bertrand, Jack Macaluso,
Christine Meiselman - Hampton Ridge, Toms River
Ada Trinidad - Monmouth Crossing, Freehold

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Chuck Cumella, Tom Fortier, Patrice Law, Christy Tompkins, Craig Trautweiler

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