

*Welcome to*  
***Brick Presbyterian Church***



Healing of Peter's Mother-in-law  
By Rembrandt

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

April 28, 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

HEALING SERVICE

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\* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

*"Into My Heart"*

arr. by J. Kimball

BPC Bell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in your presence, God,

**In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.**

We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus,

**And you know by experience what human life is like.**

We come with our faith and with our doubts;

**We come with our hopes and with our fears.**

We come as we are, because you have invited us;

**And you have promised never to turn us away.**

\* HYMN

*"When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace"*

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Kristie

## PRAYER

Loving God, You gather us here today, here, where many have come before us seeking your healing, strength, and love.

**You know us, God: You understand who we are,**

**You know what troubles and puzzles us,**

**What makes us smile and what makes us sad.**

**You listen to our questions and our prayers.**

**You know the people we love, God, and the people we struggle with.**

**Sometimes we hurt others; sometimes we hurt ourselves.**

**So, we bring our own hurt, asking for your healing;**

**And we bring the hurt we have caused others, asking for forgiveness.**

*(pause)*

Listen to these words of Jesus, words that we can trust:

*"Don't be afraid." - "I love you."*

*"Your sins are forgiven." - "I will be with you always."*

*(pause)*

**Write these words in our hearts, loving God.**

**Let them take root in our living. Amen.**

## 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

*"Sim Shalom"*

# 752

## THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*(unison)*

**God, I open myself to you and your Word. Amen.**

1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 88

p. 513 in pew Bible

ANTHEM

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

arr. by Mitchell Eithun

BPC Bell Choir

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:21-31

p. 867 in pew Bible

The Words of Holy Scripture for the people of God;

**Thanks be to God, Amen.**

MESSAGE

Rev. Kristie Miles

### **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER**

PRESENTATION

On behalf of the session, I present Kellie Towlen who has been received into the membership of this congregation by transfer from Visitation Church.

Kellie, in baptism you were claimed by God, marked as Christ's own forever, and joined to his body by the Holy Spirit. You come to us then, not as a stranger, but as our friend in Christ and a member of the household of God. We rejoice that you now desire to join with this congregation in the worship and mission of the church.

Hear these words from scripture:

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all" (Eph. 4:4-6).

PROFESSION OF FAITH

As a member of the body of Christ, let us reaffirm the faith into which we were baptized, using the words of the Apostle's Creed:

**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.**

Kellie, we have professed our faith as one body. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and mission through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

#### BLESSING

Holy God, thank you for calling us to be your people and joining us to Christ's body, the church. We praise you for leading Kellie to this congregation. Empower us by your Spirit, that we might love one another as Christ loved us, honoring you in all that we say and do, giving our lives in service to others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Kellie, remember your baptism and be thankful, and know that the Holy Spirit is at work within you.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### WELCOME

Welcome to this ministry that we share in Jesus Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

#### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

## THE INVITATION

At the end of The Lord's Prayer, you are invited to seek prayer for yourself, on behalf of someone else, or for a crisis in the world, by taking it in turn to sit in one of the seats in the front of the sanctuary. Also, if you wish to share in providing the gift of the laying-on of hands, please come forward and place a hand on the shoulder of the person in front of or next to you.

Whatever your participation, you are invited to speak the words of our prayer below.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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.**

## LAYING ON OF HANDS AND HEALING PRAYER

**Spirit of the Living God,  
present with us now,  
heal you in body, mind, and spirit,  
and free you from all that harms you, in Jesus' name. 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

*"Prayer"*  
Flautist: Susan Gargano

by Amanda Harberg

\* DOXOLOGY      *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*      # 606

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION      (unison)

**God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to Christ’s ministry. Amen.**

### RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD’S NAME

\*HYMN      *“Shalom Chaverim”*      # 540  
*Sing 3 times: Hebrew, English, Hebrew*

CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      *“Praise to the Lord the Almighty”*      arr. Phillip Keveren



***Children and Families Have Options in Worship!*** - At the front of the sanctuary on the right-hand side, we have a **“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.

***The Nursery, in classroom #1, is available from 9:00AM-11:00AM for children pre-k and under.***

### Worship Notes

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***This morning's chancel flowers*** are given to the Gory of God by the Law family, in loving memory of Patricia Bertrand and Dorothy Law.

**Prayer List**

**Gary Baker, Elba Figueroa, Lori & Harold Fisher, Marlene Hirt, John Hunt,  
Rich Irwin, Arlene Liegl, Bob Mahns, Andy Meehan, Greg Morrison,  
Steve Prioli, Rev. Larry Stoess, Michael Toth, Rich West**

**And Our Homebound:**

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

**This Week in Our Church April 29 – May 5**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Bell Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Worship Committee Mtg</b>	<b>5:45PM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Food Pantry Open</b>	<b>10:00AM – 2:00PM</b>
	<b>Jr. Praise Team</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>
	<b>Stewardship/Benevolence</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
	<b>Praise Team</b>	<b>7:30PM</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>CINCO <i>de</i> MAYO DINNER</b>	<b>5:00PM – 8:00PM</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>*Church School</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
	<b><i>for children &amp; adults</i></b>	
	<b>Worship</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>

**A Special Offering, *Blanket Sunday*, will take place on Mothers' Day, May 12<sup>th</sup>**





**Come join us this Friday from 5-8pm for our Annual Cinco de Mayo dinner.**

*Details at the Narthex Table.*



**DINE TO DONATE AT BRICK OVEN RESTAURANT**

**775 Mantoloking Rd, Brick Township, NJ 08723**

***TO SUPPORT BRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH***

**When: Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays until June 12, 2024**

**Open 3:00 to 9:00 (BYOB) Dine In *or* Take Out - RESERVATIONS ENCOURAGED**

***Please pick up a coupon at the Narthex table to present to your server.***

## Emotional Distress Quiz

<https://quiz.tryinteract.com/#/6310ff2fad02da001682095e>

### **Who Should Take the Quiz**

This quiz is for anyone wanting to determine to what degree they might be struggling with anxiety and depression. Take this brief scientifically developed 10-item quiz to better understand your current level of emotional distress.

### **About the Quiz**

This free online quiz was adapted from the Kessler Psychological Distress Scale (K10). Please note this quiz is for personal use only; it is not meant to serve as a formal diagnostic tool. For a formal clinical evaluation or services speak with a licensed mental health or health care professional.

### **Instructions**

For each question that follows, answer with this in mind: over the last 30 days, how often have you experienced the following feelings?

- 1. None of the Time   2. A Little of the Time   3. Some of the Time  
4. Most of the Time   5. All of the Time*

1. During the last 30 days, about how often did you feel tired out for no good reason?
2. During the last 30 days, about how often did you feel nervous?
3. During the last 30 days, about how often did you feel so nervous that nothing could calm you down?
4. During the last 30 days, about how often did you feel hopeless?
5. During the last 30 days, about how often did you feel restless or fidgety?
6. During the last 30 days, about how often did you feel so restless you could not sit still?
7. During the last 30 days, about how often did you feel depressed?
8. During the last 30 days, about how often did you feel that everything was an effort?

9. During the last 30 days, about how often did you feel so sad that nothing could cheer you up?
10. During the last 30 days, about how often did you feel worthless?

### **Emergency Resources**

If you are thinking of hurting yourself or about suicide, seek help immediately:

- Call 988, 911, or your local ER.
- Call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

### **General Mental Health Resources**

United Church of Christ Mental Health Network ([www.mhn-ucc.org](http://www.mhn-ucc.org))

Anxiety and Depression Association of America (ADAA) [www.adaa.org](http://www.adaa.org)

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP): [www.afsp.org](http://www.afsp.org)

Interfaith Network on Mental Illness (INMI): [www.inmi.us](http://www.inmi.us)

Mental Health America: [www.mentalhealthamerica.net](http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net)

Mental Health First Aid: [www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org](http://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org)

Mental Health Ministries: [www.mentalhealthministries.net](http://www.mentalhealthministries.net)

National Alliance on Mental Illness: [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org)

National Suicide Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Veterans Lifeline – Option “1”

National Institute on Mental Health: [www.nimh.nih.gov](http://www.nimh.nih.gov)

Pathways to Promise: [www.pathways2promise.org](http://www.pathways2promise.org)

Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)  
[www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov) 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

### *Trauma Resources*

Coping with Disasters and Traumatic Events (SAMSHA): [www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov)

PTSD and Trauma Help Guide from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
[www.ptsd.va.gov](http://www.ptsd.va.gov)

Sidran Institute for Traumatic Stress Education & Advocacy: [www.sidran.org](http://www.sidran.org)

### *Youth Mental Health Resources*

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry: [www.aacap.org](http://www.aacap.org)

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/ Hyperactivity Disorder:  
[www.chadd.org](http://www.chadd.org)

The Child Anxiety Network: [www.childanxiety.net](http://www.childanxiety.net)

Child Mind Institute: [www.childmind.org](http://www.childmind.org)

### *Dementia Resources*

Alzheimer's Association: [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)

For people caring for someone with dementia: [www.alzheimers.gov](http://www.alzheimers.gov)

National Family Caregivers Association: [www.caregiveraction.org](http://www.caregiveraction.org)