

Welcome to
Brick Presbyterian Church

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ...



and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8, NRSV

ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

May 12, 2024

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Happy Mother's Day!

* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Sharon Thomas, Liturgist

PRELUDE

"Midnight Oil"
Soloist Bob Orlofsky

by A S Craig / JD Becker

CALL TO WORSHIP ¹

Come, let us delight in the law of the Lord.

Our joy is found in the love of God and neighbor.

Come, let us be nourished by the Living Water.

Together, we will worship the One who enables us to thrive.

* HYMN

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Kristie

CALL TO CONFESSION ²

As this Easter season comes to a close, we turn again to God to confess our sins, the sins of our community and our society, to prepare ourselves to live into the redemption Christ offers, first in individual, silent prayer, then together with our corporate prayer. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Savior God, we invite you into our lives for a season, only to forget and neglect you once again. You beckon us, calling for our attention, but we are distracted and busy taking care of other priorities.

Remind us, Holy God, that you are the source of our flourishing. You are the living water by which we have been planted. Forgive our neglect. Forgive our unfaithfulness. Focus us on you, your Word, and all that your Spirit provides. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings. We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **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

"We Are Forgiven"

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THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

1st SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 1

p. 465 in pew Bible

ANTHEM

"Resurrecting"

arr. Dan Galbraith

Vocalists: Sharon Thomas & Ed Murphy

The Words of Holy Scripture for the people of God;
Thanks be to God, Amen.

MESSAGE

“Chosen: Part 2”

Rev. Kristie Miles

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

* HYMN

“Lord, Speak to Me”

722, v. 1, 4, 5

MOTHER’S DAY PRAYER ³

Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give you thanks for our mothers. We are grateful that you chose to bring life through them. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in carrying us and giving us birth.

We thank you for the women who raised us, who were our mothers in childhood. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt,

grandmother, stepmother, or someone else, we thank you for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms.

We pray for older moms whose children are grown.

Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.

We pray for new moms experiencing changes they could not predict.

Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.

We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms.

Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.

We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.

Grant them strength and wisdom.

We pray for moms who enjoy financial abundance.

Grant them time to share with their families.

We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.

Grant them relief and justice.

We pray for step-moms.

Grant them patience, understanding, and love.

We pray for moms who are separated from their children.

Grant them faith and hope.

We pray for moms in relationships that are in crisis.

Grant them support and insight.

We pray for moms who have lost children.

Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We pray for mothers who could not carry their children to full-term.

Grant them healing and peace.

We pray for moms who gave up their children for adoption.

Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.

We pray for adoptive mothers.

Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.

We pray for girls and women who think about being moms.

Grant them wisdom and discernment.

We pray for all women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.

Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.

We pray for those people present who are grieving the loss of their mother.

Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.

Lord, we thank you for the gift of motherhood. We thank you for the many examples of faithful mothers in scripture, like Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Lois. Hear now the first names of other women who have inspired us by their motherly examples . . . We are mindful this day of all these women, and especially Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had the courage in faith to say "yes" to your calling. May these women gathered here today emulate these examples of faith. And may they model for all the rest of us what it means to be your disciple. Bless them on this special day; in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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.

BLANKET BLESSING

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 More I Seek You"* arr. D. Wise & D. Shipps
Vocalists: Sharon Thomas & Ed Murphy

* DOXOLOGY *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* # 606

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we bring you our offerings today, and ask that you bless them. Bless the money in the plates that it might be saved, stewarded, and spent in ways that honor you. Bless the tasks we will undertake this week that we might be coworkers in your coming kingdom. Bless the hours of our week – until we meet again – that our very lives may be our offering to you. Bless us to be blessings in this world. Amen.

RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN *"Go My Children, with My Blessing"* # 547

CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

CHARGE & BENEEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"He Is Exalted"* by Twila Paris



Worship Notes

Brick Presbyterian Church CCLI#1853779/Streaming#20110146

¹ Amy Loving. <http://worshipcloset.com/>.

² Teri McDowell Ott. <https://images.pres-outlook.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Outlook-Order-of-Worship-May-12.pdf>

³ https://worshiphelps.blogspot.com/worship_helps/

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 young children.*



***This morning's chancel flowers are given to the Gory of God,
In Celebration of Taylor Ann Law's 1st Birthday!***

***Love,
Grandma Patrice and Grandpa Craig***

&

**In Loving Memory of Josephine (Brown) Cumming,
Mother of Colin and Mary Cumming
Grandmother of Colin, Sean, Louis, and John
Great-Grandmother of John
*From our family to yours, Happy Mother's Day,
Thank you for all you do!***



Special Offering Today, *Blanket Sunday*

**Youth
Group**

The BPC Youth Group Meets Tonight from 6-8pm.



A Meal Packaging Event – We plan to pack over 10,000 meals to be sent to those who need it on **Sunday, June 9th** from **2:00PM – 4:00PM** at **St. Thomas Lutheran Church, 135 Salmon Street, Brick NJ**. For general information about Rise Against Hunger, visit www.RiseAgainstHunger.org.

All are Welcome to Participate in this Event – We will be **carpooling** to St Thomas and will meet in the **BPC Prayer Garden** at **1:45PM**.

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday and Confirmation



Please Wear Red

Prayer List

**Gary Baker, Elba Figueroa, Lori & Harold Fisher, Marlene Hirt,
John Hunt, Rich Irwin, Dillion Michael Kearns, John Patrick Kearns,
and their mom, Ashleigh Kearns, 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 May 13 – May 19

MONDAY	Finance Meeting	6:00PM
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM
TUESDAY	Session Meeting	7:00PM
WEDNESDAY	Food Pantry Open	10:00AM – 2:00PM
	Jr. Praise Team	6:30PM
	C & T Meeting	7:00PM
	Praise Team	7:30PM
THURSDAY	Choir Rehearsal	6:30PM
SUNDAY	Pentecost & Confirmation	
	Sunday	9:00AM
	*Church School	10:00AM
	<i>for children & adults</i>	6:00 – 8:00 PM
	Worship	
	<i>NO YOUTH GROUP</i>	

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Patrice Law, *Clerk of Session*

Tim Towlen, *Moderator of Deacons; Michael Candeloro, Vice-Moderator*

Session

Class of 2025

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

Class of 2026

Katie Candeloro, Marty Haluza, Michael Kraynick, Lynn Mizer, Jean Reilly

Class of 2027

Brian Aldrich, Michael Auriemma, Missy Brino, Mark Ellis

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Class of 2026

Sue Britton, Michael Candeloro, Joan Horan, Tim Towlen, Shawn Trautweiler

Class of 2027

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