# Welcome to Brick Presbyterian Church

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# ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD $^{\rm 1}$

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

\* Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are in **bold** 

# **GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Brian Miles

PRELUDE

"Christ Arose"

arr. Beau Roberts

# CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to join with all the earth in praise: to sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, who has shown us steadfast love and faithfulness.

We praise the Lord with joyful noises, joining the symphony of the earth: the roar of the ocean, the call of the birds, the wind across the hills, people in every corner of the globe.

On this sabbath day of rest and gladness, we greet you with joy, our living God!

\* HYMN "Lord, We Have Come At Your Own Invitation" # 503

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Kristie

# CALL TO CONFESSION

There is nothing that can separate us from God's love. Therefore, let's confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and help us transform our lives.

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world?

Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

# ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News! The only one who could judge us, calls us friends.

# Jesus chose us over his own life, so let us choose Jesus in the life we have now.

By the power of the Spirit, our sins are washed away, and we are made new.

Let us live as God's forgiven children. Alleluia! 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"

#### THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, help us to hear familiar words with fresh ears, and to take your Holy Word to us seriously, as guide and pattern for our lives. **Amen**.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	Genesis 18:16-19	p. 13 in pew Bible
ANTHEM	<i>"I Then Shall Live"</i> BPC Choir	arr. Lloyd Larson
SECOND SCRIPTURE READIN	IG John 15:9-17	p. 939 in pew Bible

The Words of Holy Scripture for the people of God; Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

"Chosen"

Rev. Kristie Miles

#### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that all who love as commanded by God

"...are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that we may proclaim the excellence of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light."

1 Peter 2:9

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### 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.

#### 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 *"'Give Me Jesus'* with *'Steal Away to Jesus'"* arr. Ruth E. Schram BPC Choir

\* 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.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

You are invited to come forward to receive the Communion elements from one of the stations at the front of the sanctuary.

The servers will hand the elements to you. Gluten-Free and Regular premade, sealed Communion elements are available from the stations and from the server in the aisle.

The Bread of Heaven; **Thanks be to God**.

The Cup of Salvation; Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**.

# **RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME**

\* HYMN *"Called as Partners in Christ's Service" #* 761, v. 1, 3 CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

# CHARGE AND BLESSING

\* POSTLUDE

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

arr. Mark Hayes

#### Worship Notes

Brick Presbyterian Church CCLI#1853779/Streaming#20110146 <sup>1</sup>Liturgy written by Carol Holbrook Prickett. <u>https://images.pres-outlook.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Outlook-Order-of-Worship-May-5.pdf</u>



This morning's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God, in loving memory of our beautiful mothers: Irene Auriemma Anita Marinelli Eileen Vallarelli

# <u>Prayer List</u>

Gary Baker, Elba Figueroa, Lori & Harold Fisher, Marlene Hirt, John Hunt, Rich Irwin, Dillion Michael Kearns and John Patrick 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 6 - May 12

MONDAY	Bell Choir Rehearsal Deacons Meeting	7:00PM 7:00PM
TUESDAY	Fundraising Meeting PB&G Meeting	7:00PM 7:00PM
WEDNESDAY	Food Pantry Open C & T Meeting Jr. Praise Team Praise Team	10:00AM – 2:00PM 11:30AM 6:30PM 7:30PM
THURSDAY FRIDAY	Choir Rehearsal Flower Sale	6:30PM 10:00AM – 2:00PM
SATURDAY	Church Work Dy Flower Sale	8:00AM - NOON 10:00AM - 2:00PM

SUNDAY

\*Church School for children & adults Worship Youth Group Flower Sale till Sold Out 9:00AM

10:00AM 6:00 - 8:00 PM

# A Special Offering, Blanket Sunday, will take place next Sunday, May 12th



Sunday

May 12

After Worship



# DINE TO DONATE AT BRICK OVEN RESTAURANT 775 Mantoloking Rd, Brick Township, NJ 08723

TO SUPPORT BRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

When: Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays NOW 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.

#### **Brick Presbyterian Church**

Rev. Kristie Miles, Pastor 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

#### **Board of Deacons**

*Class of 2025* Dorothy Aldrich, Carol Orbann, Elorm Banini, Sharon Thomas, Lauren Towlen

*Class of 2026 Sue Britton, Michael Candeloro, Joan Horan, Tim Towlen, Shawn Trautweiler* 

*Class of 2027 Kevin Nagy, Sabrina Nagy, Tracey Podolsky, Sally Schoeneick, Wendy Schweis* 

#### <u>Staff</u>

Karen Ellis, Financial Secretary Mike Kraynick, Treasurer Patricia Loboda, Administrative Assistant Lorrie Haluza, Interim Christian Education Coordinator Bonnie Luton, Handbell Choir Director Edmond Murphy, Director of Vocal Music Christy Tompkins, Praise Team Leader Rev. Doug Chase, Pastor Emeritus