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ORDER FOR WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

September 15, 2024

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Congregational responses are in **bold**

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Bob Auriemma, Liturgist

PRELUDE

"The Servant Song"

by Richard Gillard

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are not our own:

**so, neither our will nor our wisdom
should get in the way of God's hopes for us.**

We are not on our own:

**so, we should not choose what is easiest
or the most gratifying way to live.**

We are not our own, we are God's:

**so, let us choose to live for God,
and serve all of God's children.**

We are not on our own,

as we walk the streets of God's kingdom:

**so, as far as is possible, we will forget ourselves
and follow Jesus Christ.**

* HYMN

"O For a Thousand Tongues"

by Carl Gotthelf Glaser, Charles Wesley, David Crowder, Jack Parker

CCLI Song #5013881

Verse 1

**Oh for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace.**

Verse 2

**My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.**

Chorus 1

**So come on and sing out
Let our anthem grow loud
There is one great love Jesus.**

Verse 3

**Jesus the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace.**

Verse 4

**He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin
He sets the pris'ner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me.**

Chorus 2

**So come on and sing out
Let our anthem grow loud
There is one great love
There is one great love Jesus. (Jesus)**

CALL TO CONFESSION

We all make mistakes, many of them. We hurt ourselves, we hurt others, we hurt God with our words and deeds, with our silence and inaction. Let us confess to God our sins, trusting in the One who blesses us with mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spring of Wisdom, we confess that we have not denied ourselves and followed. We turn our backs on your outstretched hands of grace, and stumble into the arms of the world. We speak poisonous gossip about others, rather than tell of their glory as your child. We fire off words that find no rest until they pierce another's heart.

Forgive us, Rock and Redeemer. Give us speech which flows like cool water through another's parched spirit; give us silence with which to witness your wonders; give us words to proclaim Jesus is the Christ, our Lord and our Savior, the One who leads us to life.

Silence Is Kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Alice Batcher

With gentleness, God speaks to us;
With graciousness, God forgives us;
With joy, God embraces us.
**With our lips, we praise God;
With our words, we thank God;
With our silence, we find God in our hearts.
Thanks be to God. 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 *“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

**To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above
the Church in earth and heaven.**

Chorus

**So come on and sing out.
Let our anthem grow loud
There is one great love
So come on and sing out
Let our anthem grow loud
There is one great love, there is one great love
Oh there is one great love - Jesus**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bob Auriemma

O God, because without you, we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit, may in all things, direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

1st SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 1:20-33 p. 547

ANTHEM

“The Way”

by Pat Barrett

2nd SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:27-38 p. 875

Rev. Alice

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

MESSAGE

Rev. Alice Batchner

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN

"Nearer My God to Thee"

(video)

Official Lyric Video | Reawaken Hymns

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.

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

"My Heart Is Yours"

by Kristian Stanfill, Jason Ingram, Brett Younker and Daniel Carson

* DOXOLOGY

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

**We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(unison)

All around us, we are reminded that we are not on our own, but our lives intersect with the poor, the hungry, the hopeless, our sisters and brothers. As we seek to follow you, may we share from the abundance you have poured out upon us, so all might experience your grace and life. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

RETURNING TO THE WORLD IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN

"How Great Thou Art" (Until That Day)

Matt Redman, Chris Tomlin, Hillary Scott, TAYA & Friends

**O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all
The works Thy hand hath made
I see the stars
I hear the mighty thunder
Thy pow'r throughout
The universe displayed.**

Chorus

**Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee.
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.**

**And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin.**

CONNECTING OUR FAITH TO THE ACTIONS OF OUR CHURCH
CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“How Great Thou Art” (Until that Day)

**When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then shall I bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art**

**Until that day
When heaven bids us welcome
And as we walk
This broken warring world
Your kingdom come
Deliver us from evil
And we'll proclaim
Our God how great You are
With hope we'll sing
Our God how great You are**

**How great Thou art, How great Thou art
How great Thou art, How great Thou art**



Rev. Alice Batcher Bio:

Reverend Alice Batcher is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in NYC. Originally ordained with the American Baptist Churches USA, Alice now has standing with the United Church of Christ. During the week, Alice is a hospice chaplain. In her spare time Alice enjoys walking with her little poodles, COVID adoptees.



Today's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God,
In Memory of Florence Mallinson
by the Kathenes Family.



Worship Notes

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¹ <https://northchurchindy.wordpress.com/>



Children and Families Have Options in Worship!

At the front of the sanctuary on the left-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 also available for young children.



Tuesday & Wednesday September 17 & 18
LongHorn Steakhouse Fundraiser - All Day

Wednesday, September 18	Food Pantry Open C & T Meeting	10:00AM-2:00PM 11:30AM
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Saturday, September 21	MUM Sale	10:00AM – 2:00PM
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Sunday, September 22	Pancake Breakfast Worship MUM Sale <i>before and after</i> Worship	9:00AM 10:00AM
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The Christian Education Committee will be hosting a pancake breakfast at 9am next Sunday. Registration for the 2024-2025 Sunday School year is now open, and Registration forms are in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please speak to Lauren.

Prayer List

**The church was informed on the passing of member Giacomo “Jack” Macaluso on September 7. His funeral was held yesterday.
 Please keep his family in your prayers.**

Gary Baker, Donovan & Family, Figueroa family, Lori & Harold Fisher, Kiernan Holster, John Hunt, Rich Irwin, Dillon Kearns, John Kearns, Luke Meli, Greg Morrison, Steve Prioli, Michael Toth, Judy Willbergh

And Our Homebound:

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

RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER



Rt. 70 in Lakewood, Across from Costco

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 17 & 18

Available all day, Dine-in only.

10% of all food purchases will be donated to BPC.

Please pick up the necessary flyer in the Narthex.



BPC Annual Mum Sale

Saturday, September 21 from 10-2 and

Sunday, September 22 before & after worship

Prepaying is Available!

If prepaid, we can reserve your mums, so you don't miss out. We ran out of certain colors last year, so prepay and reserve the colors you want.

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

Session

Class of 2025

Chuck Cumella, Tom Fortier, 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

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Class of 2026

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

Class of 2027

Kevin Nagy, Sabrina Nagy, Tracey Podolsky, Wendy Schweis

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Christy Tompkins, Praise Team Leader

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