United Presbyterian Church Plainfield



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PRELUDE



Fantasy on Ode to Joy (Beethoven) arr R. Daniels

OPENING PRAYER





Announcements

1. The Session meets, Wednesday, September 15, at 7:30 pm, via GoToMeeting.

- Weekly Bible study and prayer begins, Wednesday, September 22, from noon to – 1:00 PM (hybrid service)
- 3. Thursday, September 25th midweek contemporary worship service begins, via YouTube Livestream, 7:00-8:00 pm.

For the entire service, find a quiet place without distractions and fully immerse yourself in worship.



GOD'S LOVE IS UNCONDITIONAL AND EVERLASTING.!



Visit the websites/YouTube channels of the musicians whose music enhances our

service.



RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Lord, we enter your gates with thanksgiving.

And your courts with praise.

Be merciful and accept our offerings and teach us how we ought to live in the world.

Your law is perfect, and it revives the soul.

Your judgments are perfect; from them, the unwise can gain insight.

Your teachings are pure and just. They stir heartfelt joy.

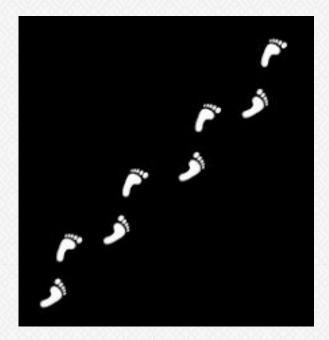
Your commandments are clear and easy to follow. They enlighten.

Your everlasting love is pure, and your guidance is true and altogether righteous.

They are more desirable than gold, even much fine gold, and sweeter than honey and the honeycomb's drippings.

Moreover, by them, your people are warned, and there is great reward in keeping them.

Guide My Feet (Vs. 1, 3, 4, 6,)



OPENING HYMN #741 (GTG)

RESPONSIVE READING OF Proverbs 1:23-33 Give heed to my warning; I will pour out my thoughts to you and make my words known to you.

Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my admonishment,

I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind when distress and anguish come upon you.

Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me.

They hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof.

Therefore, they shall eat the fruit of their way and be filled with their own devices.

Waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them.

But those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- THE APOSTLES' CREED (TRADITIONAL VERSION) 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin to God and before one another.

UNISON READING OF CONFESSION Almighty God, I confess I am unaware of all my sins. You know what they are. Some sin I have foolishly sought to conceal. Yet, you know all about them. Please forgive me and cleanse me. Help me understand your will and stir in me the desire to embrace and follow your commandments- to love you with my whole being and love my neighbors as myself. Purify my intentions, so my actions are motivated by love, not out of spite, vainglory, or envy. In your mercy, hear my prayer. In Jesus' mighty name, I pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and sisters, receive the good news. According to Scripture, when we confess our sin and earnestly repent, God hears and throws our sin into the sea of forgetfulness. Praise God for grace and mercy. **Rejoice in the Lord and be glad!**

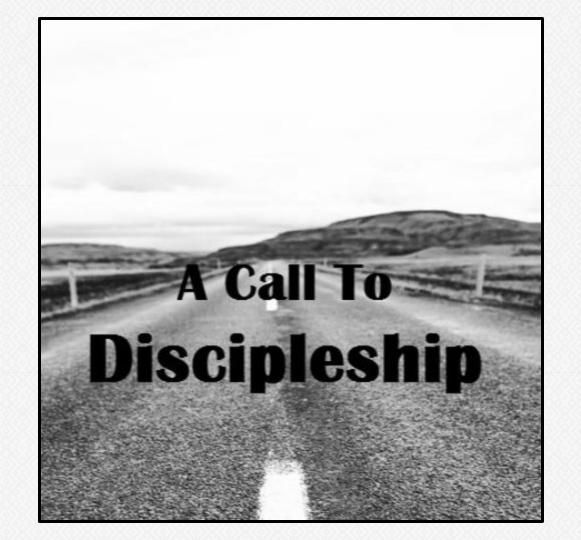
PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING THE WORD - Mark 8:34-36 Jesus called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake and for the sake of the gospel will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

THE MEDITATION

Jesus Schools the Crowd, or Discipleship for Dummies



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sandy W. grieving people Lois G. John S. The sick homeless people those living in war-torn countries Leaders marginalized people authenticity lonely people people of good will our nation moral courage Spiritual insight the will to press onward wisdom safety justice and equality for all relief hope peace

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 our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us away from temptation, and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



CLOSING HYMN # 366 (GTG)

THE BENEDICTION

May grace and peace be ours in abundance in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. Amen

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