





### Guest Preacher



#### **Reverend Doris Glaspy**

Rev. Doris A. Glaspy received a Bachelor of Arts from Upsala College, East Orange, NJ, and studied at the Graduate School of Public Policy at Drew University, Madison, NJ. She received a Master of Divinity from New Brunswick Theological Seminary. In 1994, Rev. Glaspy was ordained as a minister of Word and Sacrament by the Newark Presbytery. Subsequently, she served as Supply Pastor for Bethel Presbyterian Church, East Orange, NJ, for three years. In 1997, she was installed as the pastor of Roseville Presbyterian Church, Newark, NJ. She was the first woman pastor in the church's 169-year history. Rev. Glaspy's service in the larger church includes representing the Newark Presbytery as Commissioner to the General Assembly, Moderator of Presbytery, and member of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry and the Committee on Ministry. On the Synod level, she served as Moderator of Mission and Outreach Advocacy, a member of the Personnel Committee, and the Board of Trustees.

She is retired from Roseville Church after an 18-year pastorate. Since retirement, she has done supply preaching in the Newark and Elizabeth Prosbytories and source on COM

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Before entering the ministry, Rev. Glaspy worked as a Court Administrator for the Plainfield Municipality for twenty-five years. Rev. Glaspy is married to Jay, her high school sweetheart, and resides in Plainfield. They have five children and eleven grandchildren. She enjoys deep-sea fishing and reading.







Good morning, God! Please bless and unify our hearts so we may worship you in spirit and truth. May our offerings of thanksgiving and praise rise to you as a sweet-smelling savor. Help us blot out everything that would interfere with us worshiping you. In Jesus' holy name, we pray. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER





### Announcements



1. The midweek contemporary service resumes Thursday, September 14, @ 7:30 p.m., via YouTube. The topic: analyzing the Westminster Shorter Catechism, questions 49-52.

2. The UPC Book Club resumes Sunday evenings in September and continues via Zoom through the end of November at 7:30 p.m. We will read and discuss Rabbi Harold S. Kushner's book When Bad Things Happen to Good People.

3. The UPC Healthfair and Bazaar will occur on Saturday, October 7. Anyone interested in working with the team may contact Elder Avril Lecky at 908-757-3195. Also, please let Elder Lecky know the names of providers who should receive invitations to participate.

4. Advent Study begins Sunday, December 3, and is held daily during Advent at 7:30 p.m. via ZOOM. The daily devotional will be announced later.







## RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP



To God be the glory, great things he has done.

Our God is awesome and reigns from heaven above.

He hears the intense prayers of his people.

He answers and turns their weeping into laughter.

God will use what the enemy means for evil to his glory and the good of his people.

Praise the Lord God Almighty for his faithfulness!











### UNISON READING-Psalm 24



[Let the people of God] say -- if it had not been the Lord who was on our side when our enemies attacked us, then they would have swallowed us up alive when their anger was sparked against us; then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters. Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.







# AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' 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 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 sitteth 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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.









### UNISON READING-Psalm 138:1-7



I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will continually sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. On the day I called, you answered me and increased my strength of soul. All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. Though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he perceives from far away. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.





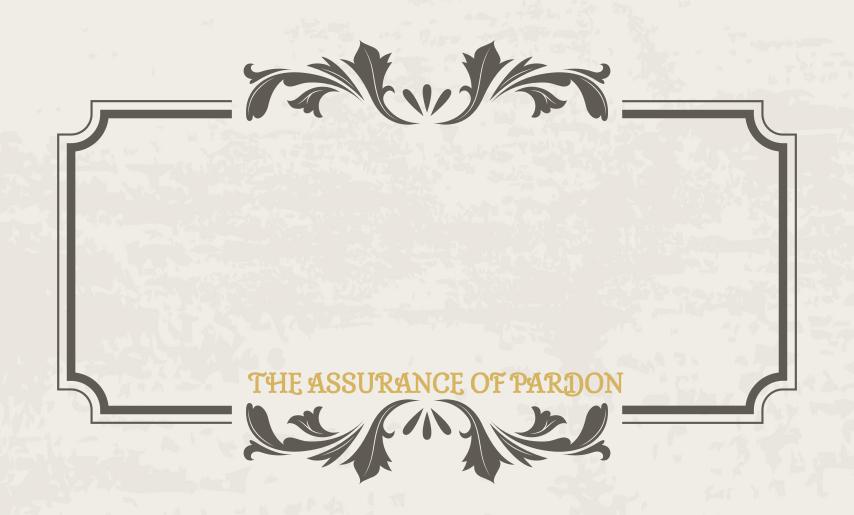




Holy and merciful God, in your presence, we confess our sinfulness, shortcomings, and offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, wasting your gifts, and forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord. By your loving mercy, forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and abide in your ways for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. And it is in his mighty name, we pray. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

















Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. Lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER





