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WELCOME!

Welcome to the United Presbyterian Church Plainfield.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor's

The cation will be on vacation from July 31to August 21.

Youth recognition

In recognition of Youth Sunday, the religious education department will now celebrate the youth and recognize the dedication of their teachers.

Luncheon

You are cordially invited to join the next pastor's luncheon on July 21, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, in the Hansen Room here at the church.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship the Lord our God in the beauty of holiness.

We lift our hearts to the Lord with thanksgiving and our hands in praise.

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Glory to God in the highest.

02 OPENING HYMN (GTG) # 370

This is My Father's World

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 42

As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before him? Day and night I have only tears for food, while my enemies continually taunt me, saying, "Where is this God of yours?" (Tasha Vaughn, liturgist) My heart is breaking as I remember how it used to be: I walked among the crowds of worshipers, leading a great procession to the house of God, singing for joy and giving thanks amid the sound of a great celebration! Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again— my Savior and my God! Now I am deeply discouraged, but I will remember you— even from distant Mount Hermon, the source of the Jordan, from the land of Mount Mizar.

I hear the tumult of the raging seas as your waves and surging tides sweep over me. But each day the LORD pours his unfailing love upon me, and through each night I sing his songs, praying to God who gives me life.

"O God my rock," I cry, "why have you forgotten me? Why must I wander around in grief, oppressed by my enemies?" Their taunts break my bones. They scoff, "Where is this God of yours?"

Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again— my Savior and my God!

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 holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

> AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle<u>s'</u> Creed (traditional)



CALL TO CONFESSION

Please join me in the morning prayer that is printed in the bulletin. Let us confess our sins to God and before each other.



Almighty God, we acknowledge you are Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. You alone created all things great and beautiful. Thank you for your grace and mercy. Thank you for Jesus Christ, the author, and Finisher of our faith. Thank you for the gift of repentance, and redemption, and for making reconciliation with you possible through the blood of Jesus Christ. Forgive us for not devoting ourselves completely to following your simple commands to love you and others. Forgive us and help us do better by living Christ-centered daily. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING THE WORD

1 Kings 19:1-8

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

MORNING MEDITATION

The Nature of God's Love

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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



Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

> BENEDICTION (Hebrews 13: 20-21)





CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (GTG) # 599

Amen



