

# Communion Sunday

United Presbyterian Church Plainfield 525 East Front Street Plainfield, New Jersey 07060

# WELCOME

May 4, 2025

#### OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, we gather in Your holy name to worship You and seek Your guidance in serving You faithfully. Grant us the grace to silence every distraction and remove every barrier that hinders us from hearing Your voice. As we lift our offerings of praise and thanksgiving, may they be pleasing in Your sight and bring glory to Your name. We pray in the mighty and holy name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Book Club

Beginning Sunday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

#### YouTube

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### Morning Devotions

Monday-Friday at 6:00 a.m. via Zoom

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#### Midweek Service

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. via YouTube

#### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is great and greatly to be praised!

He is the Creator of heaven and earth and all that is within them.

What do you proclaim about our God?

The Lord our God is One—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

What is the Church?

The Church is the Body of Christ, redeemed and restored through the resurrection.

Who makes up the Church?

We, the people of God, are members of His Body, with Jesus Christ as our head.

What does the resurrection accomplish for the Body of Christ?

The resurrection breaks every barrier and unites us as one!

What shall we say to God for this miraculous gift?

Praise the Lord! Through Jesus' death and resurrection, we are one Body in Christ.

Praise the Lord, who calls us into unity, peace, and purpose!

#### OPENING HYMN

(GTG) # 321 The Church's One Foundation

#### **UNISON SCRIPTURE READING**

And behold, the temple's veil was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth shook, and the rocks were split.

#### THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We affirm: There is neither Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free, male nor female, for we are one in Christ Jesus.

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I am not asking on behalf of them alone, but also on behalf of those who will believe in Me through their message, that all of them may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I am in You. May they also be in Us, so that the world may believe You sent Me. I have given them the glory You gave Me, so that: they may be one as We are one— I in them and You in Me—that they may be perfectly united, so that the world may know that You sent Me and have loved them just as You have loved Me.

# CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, thank You for the unifying power of Jesus Christ's resurrection, which has broken down every barrier—sin manifested in human constructs—that once separated us from You and from one another. Yet, we confess that we have often forgotten the unity we share in Christ. We have failed to live as one in Spirit, one in Body, one in faith, and one in baptism. Forgive us, Lord, for allowing division to take root in our hearts and communities. By Your grace, help us to live into the unity You have given us through Jesus' death and resurrection. Renew our hearts and strengthen our resolve to reflect Your love and reconciliation in all that we say and do. We pray in the mighty and holy name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING THE PEACE

GLORIA PATRI
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

# THE MORNING MEDITATION

#### COMMUNION HYMN

(GTG) #525 - Let Us Break Bread Together

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

All glory and honor are yours, O God, for you bring life from death, joy from suffering and dancing from mourning. We give thanks that abundant life is made known and present within us in your Son Jesus, who has come to live and die as one of us to reconcile all creation to life and life everlasting. By him, with him, and in him, the web of your love is made whole, and we, with It.

Jesus gathered his disciples and said, Remember me. And so we do. We remember that he gathered his friends and his betrayer around a common table, sharing the gifts of wheat and vine, the first fruits of the earth. We remember that he offered himself to us so that we may follow him even beyond death into your eternal love.

Gather us now at your table, O God, so that we may be sustained in our faith journey. May these gifts of the earth be for us the gift of your goodness made present and made known. And grant that we who eat this feast may be filled with your life and goodness.

#### PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS



#### Bread

This bread represents the body of Christ that was broken for us. Take eat it all.



#### Wine

This juice represents the blood of Christ that was shed for us. Take drink it all.

#### JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

#### 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 away from temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

#### CLOSING HYMN

(GTG) # 300 We Are One In The Spirit

# THE BENEDICTION