

**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021 – 10:00 AM



*We are happy you are here this morning!*  
*The First Congregational Church of River Edge*  
*welcomes visitors and members to the warmth of our community.*

*All are invited to join in fellowship and conversation*  
*for lemonade on the lawn following worship.*

☒ *Invites the congregation to stand, as able.*  
*Bold Text is spoken in unison by the congregation.*

*We seek to be a dynamic community of faith*  
*committed to spiritual growth, following*  
*Christ's example and God's Word . . .*  
*with diverse worship, education, mission and*  
*compassionate care for all.*

- **IN-PERSON WORSHIPERS:** *Let the songs in our hearts rise from our lips! Fully vaccinated individuals may sing and participate fully in music during worship; masks are optional. We continue to require that unvaccinated individuals wear a mask. Hymnals in the sanctuary may be used, but hymn lyrics will continue to be available for Zoom worshippers.*
- **ZOOM WORSHIPERS:** *On computer or smart phone, click on the link at [fccriveredge.org](http://fccriveredge.org), or in the Thursday email invitation. By phone, call: 1-646-558-8656. If prompted, enter meeting ID: 892501398*

**THE APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE

*Simple Gifts*

arr. Joseph M. Martin

WELCOME (10:00 AM)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather, as those called to worship God.

**We gather, as those called to follow Christ.**

We gather, as those empowered by Spirit.

**We gather, that we may be scattered in service and witness.**

**Amen.**

☒ OPENING HYMN 304

*All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*

CORONATION

☒ PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people offer a sign of peace to one another.*

SOLO

*Spirit Song*

John Wimber

**THE WORD OF GOD IN PROCLAMATION AND SACRAMENT**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Psalm 78: 23-29*

(OT PG. 538)

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

READING FROM THE GOSPEL

*John 6: 24-35*

(NT pg. 98)

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

*“Enough”*

Rev. Sherry Taylor

**THE RESPONSE TO GOD**

SHARING OUR TITHES, OUR GIFTS, AND OUR OFFERINGS

*FCC members and friends are invited to give offerings and fulfill pledges to FCC in these ways:*

- **IN-PERSON WORSHIPERS:** Place offerings in the Narthex basket, as you depart after the postlude.
- **Mail** your checks to the church, **109 Continental Ave., River Edge, NJ 07661.**
- *click on the “Donate” button at [fccriveredge.org](http://fccriveredge.org) to contribute by credit card or PayPal account.*

OFFERTORY

*God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty*

Alfred V. Fedak

☒ DOXOLOGY

☒ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Loving God, this is a time for us to give up our own selfish needs and to offer ourselves in selfless deeds. Help us to do the work that you want us to do in our time.**

**Help us to be more gracious in our giving, just as your Son graciously embodied your gift of love to this world. Amen.**

## WE GATHER FOR COMMUNION

### *In-Person worshipers:*

*The bread is offered by the pastor at the head of the center aisle. Partake of the bread and proceed toward either side aisle to take from the tray and partake of the cup. Drop the cup in the container provided at the side aisle, as you return to your seat.*

*Alternatively, if you cannot come forward, or need gluten-free bread, please signal an usher.*

### *At-home worshipers:*

*Have bread, or similar food item, available, as well as grape juice, wine...or a similar fruit juice.*

*Partake of the elements available to you, or raise your empty hands toward your mouth in a "Communion of Empty Hands," as if you were receiving the bread and the cup.*

### THE INVITATION

He was always a guest.

In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna, he was always a guest. At the meal tables of the wealthy where he pled the case of the poor, he was always a guest. Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, he was always the guest.

But here at this table, he is the host.

Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him; those who want to follow him must first be fed by him; those who would wash his feet must first let him make them clean. For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished; this is the time when Christ can make us new.

So come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world.

Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Early in the morning in the multicolored company of your Church on earth and in heaven we celebrate your creation, your life, your death and resurrection, your interest in us: so we pray:**

**Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired, new love where we have turned hard-hearted, forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded, and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves.**

*(silence)*

To all and to each where regret is real, God pronounces pardon and grants us the right to begin again. Thanks be to God.

**Amen.**

## THE STORY

What we do here, we do in imitation of what Christ did first.

To his followers in every age, Jesus gave an example and command rooted in the experience he shared with his disciples in an upstairs room in Jerusalem.

On the night on which he was betrayed, and as they were sitting at a meal, Jesus took a piece of bread and broke it. He gave it to the disciples saying, "This is my body. It is broken for you. Do this to remember me."

Later, after they had eaten, he took a cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you. Drink this, all of you, to remember me."

So now we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and this cup, the produce of the earth and the fruit of human labor. In these, Jesus has promised to be present; through these Christ can make us whole.

## OUR COMMUNION PRAYER

Please join me in prayer:

**And now, lest we believe that our praise alone fulfills your purpose, we fall silent and remember him who came because words were not enough.**

**Setting our wisdom, our will and our words aside, emptying our hearts, and bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn for the healing, the holding, the accepting, the forgiving which Christ alone can offer.**

*[silence]*

**Merciful God. Send now, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and this cup and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.**

**And let that same Spirit rest on us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share. Amen.**

He whom the universe could not contain, is present to us in this bread. He who redeemed us and called us by name now meets us in this cup. In them God comes to us so that we may come to God.

The first time Jesus sat down to this meal, among those gathered there was one who would doubt him, one who would deny him, one who would betray him, and they all would leave him before the night was over-and he knew it. Still he sat down and ate with them.

If he ate with them surely he's ready to eat with us-baptized or not, confessed or not, Christian or not, sure or not, believer or not, saint or sinner or a little of both. All you have to be to eat at this table is hungry

All things are ready; come, taste, and see how good God is.

*Worshippers come forward to receive communion as directed by ushers.*

#### OUR PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray:

**In gratitude in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So Holy One, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Thank you. Amen.**

#### THE RESPONSE TO GOD

 HYMN 347

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

LINSTEAD

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Christians, We Have Come to Worship*

arr. Mark Hayes

**In-person worshippers** remain seated until the postlude is ended.

At the conclusion of the service there will be a brief fellowship time for **Zoom worshippers**.

*Assisting God's people in worship this morning are Rev. Sherry Taylor, guest preacher; Kathleen Motoike, lay reader; Gene Hammerle and Vic Babington, technicians; Vic and Anabelle Babington, soloists; Larissa Sokoloff, guest organist; Russell Van Wetering, greeter; Wayne Placek, Jane Silane, Janet Arena, ushers, Jane Silane, lemonade on the lawn.*



*The sympathy of our congregation is extended to the family of Barbara Schmidli at her death, Thursday, July 22. A memorial service is being planned for September 4, 2021.*

*We welcome our guest Pastor Sherry Taylor, who grew up in a suburb of Baltimore, Maryland where her only claim to fame was that she saw the Beatles perform live, twice in 1964. She graduated from Mary Baldwin College, a Presbyterian Women's College in the Shenandoah Valley, with a major in Religion and Philosophy. She received her divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary.*

*The Communion is from The Wee Worship book which is from the Iona Community in Scotland.*

## The Life of Our Church This Week

### **Sunday, August 1, 2021**

10:00 pm	Worship Service/Rev. Sherry Taylor
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### **Monday, August 2, 2021**

#### ***Church Office Closed***

12:00 pm	Al Anon – Pilgrim Hall
7:00 pm	Step by Step – NA

### **Saturday, August 7 2021**

7:00 pm	AA
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### **Sunday, August 8, 2021**

10:00 am	Worship Service/ Lay Leader, Wayne Placek
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### **LEMONADE ON THE LAWN**

#### **Hosts are needed!**

Any member or friend who would like to be a host is encouraged to do so either as an individual host, as a family or with another person. Sign-up sheets will be available on the table in The Commons or please contact Russell Van Wetering directly at [aprilsky@optonline.net](mailto:aprilsky@optonline.net), or 201-261-1795. In case of inclement weather or excessive heat, lemonade will be served in the Commons.

## **FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF RIVER EDGE**

### **Prayer Concerns – August 1, 2021**

#### **Prayers for Those with Health Needs**

Alice Rushforth, Victor Babington, Sr., Judi Schmitt, Dona Berg, Bob Wieboldt, Joe Corona, Alec Cameron, Jr., Adamarie Kendall, Arlene Rudd, Richard Smith, Diane Pra, June Seilheimer, Joan Sullivan, Judy Macht, Rev. Muriel (Mimi) Hachfeld, Edwina Arena, Barbara Carr, Peter Armstrong, Nelly Novarro.

#### **Those Homebound, in Assisted Living Residences or in Nursing Homes**

Jean & Victor Babington Sr., Doris & Chet Price, Chris Egner, Hilma Albrecht, Phyllis Malley, William Spencer, Mildred Alderdice, Joan Sullivan.

#### **Serving in the Military**

Michael Shuler, Bob Bailey

### **CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION**

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#### **CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**

Monday, Office is **closed**. Tuesday through Thursday, **8:30 – 4:30 pm**.

Friday, **8:30 – 1:00 pm**

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## All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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St. 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; alt.

Rev. 19; 5:9; Phil. 2:9-11

St. 4, John Rippon, 1787; alt.

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2 A - dorn, O mar - tyred saints of old, the cor - o - na - tion hall;  
 3 All heirs of Is - rael's chos - en race, now ran - somed from the fall,  
 4 Be - fore the cross, with heav - en's throng, we on our knees shall fall;

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown Christ ser - vant of all.  
 Ex - tol the wound - ed One fore - told, and crown Christ bear - er of all.  
 Pro - claim the won - ders of God's grace, and crown Christ heal - er of all.  
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown Christ sav - ior of all.

At - tend the Sav - ior's sov - ereign claim, and crown Christ ser - vant of all.  
 Ex - tol the wound - ed One fore - told, and crown Christ bear - er of all.  
 Pro - claim the won - ders of God's grace, and crown Christ heal - er of all.  
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown Christ sav - ior of all.

*Edward Perronet, long a worker for English Methodism, later became a Congregational minister near Canterbury. John Rippon, an English Baptist minister, wrote more than 1,000 hymns. The tune is by Oliver Holden, an early American carpenter, legislator, musician, and hymnal editor.*

Tune: CORONATION C.M.  
 Oliver Holden, 1793

# Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Luke 10:1-9

Fred Kaan, 1975; alt.

C F G Dm G C G

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,  
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,

C F G Dm7 C G C

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!

Refrain (first time p, second time f)

C C7 F Dm G C F C

Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

This hymn came into being when composer Doreen Potter asked poet Fred Kaan to write a text for her adaptation of a Jamaican folk melody. It was first used at the World Council of Churches Assembly in Nairobi (1975), and in Vancouver (1983).

Tune: LINSTEAD L.M. with refrain  
 Jamaican folk song  
 Adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975