

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY
JANUARY 16, 2022 – 10:00 AM**



*The First Congregational Church of River Edge
Welcome's you to our worship service this morning!*

✠ *The congregation may stand, if comfortable doing so. **Bold Text** is spoken in unison by the congregation.*

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

“Miracles happen every day, change your perception of what a miracle is and you'll see them all around you.” ~ Jon Bon Jovi

PRELUDE

We Shall Overcome

Piano Medley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Faith, healing, wisdom, knowledge -
these different gifts matter equally to God.

Teachers, preachers, doctors, parents -
we all are gifted to serve.

So, gather with joy, for the one who turns water into wine,
can create miracles through the gifts we bring and the lives we live.

Welcome, one and all,
for we all are miraculous children of God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Spirit of God, we praise your steadfast love.

Dance with us,

as we come into your presence with joy.

Celebrate with us,

as we recognize and remember your many gifts.

Call to us,

as we listen for your voice

and learn to develop and share your gifts.

River of love,

wash over us with your wisdom this day.

We have gathered, Jesus dear, we have come to watch and listen. Fix our minds, our senses clear, to receive your heavenly lesson. Please improve our concentration; draw us into contemplation.

All our intellectual dreams come to nothing, fade at daybreak. All our hopeful plots and schemes, start in pretense, end in heartache. Thoughtful speech and active justice, you accomplish these within us.

Born of God, true light of light, Holy Spirit, pure, unfailing: All our faculties excite, ears and heart and mouth unsealing: Then, through Jesus' mediation, God will hear our supplication.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Divine Spirit, you come into our world
and turn our expectations upside down.
We often feel ourselves ill equipped to be Christ's faithful disciples,
yet you bless us with your spiritual gifts.
We often feel overwhelmed by the demands of life,
yet you are there to transform the everydayness of our lives
into moments of celebration.
Just as you changed water into wine at the wedding in Cana,
transform our weaknesses into possibilities
for witness and ministry.
Continue to bless and embolden us,
that we may help others find their own spiritual gifts,
and touch their own moments of wonder. Amen.**

We observe a moment of silence

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy

English Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Text: early Greek
Music: Russian Orthodox liturgy

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In Christ's love, we are forgiven.

In the Spirit's power, we are gifted and made whole.

Rejoice and give thanks for these glorious gifts.

GLORIA #759

Glo - ry to the Cre - a - tor, the Christ, the Ho - ly Spir - it,
Three - in - One; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is
now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men. A - men.

☒ PEACE

May the peace of Christ, the light of the world, be with you.

And also with you.

The people offer a sign of peace to one another.

ANTHEM

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

African-American Spiritual

THE WORD OF GOD

THE EPSITILE LESSON

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (NT pg. 174)

THE GOSPEL LESSON

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

John 2:1-11 (NT pg.93)

✠ HYMN OF RESPONSE

Jesus, Come! For We Invite You!

SICILIAN MARINERS

1. Jesus, come! For we invite you,
 Guest and master, friend and Lord;
 Now, as once at Cana's wedding,
 Speak, and let us hear your word:
 Lead us through our need or doubting,
 Hope be born and joy restored.

3. Jesus, come! In new creation,
 Heav'n brought near by pow'r divine;
 Give your unexpected glory
 Changing water into wine;
 Rouse the faith of your disciples—
 Come, our first and greatest Sign!

2. Jesus, come! Transform our
 pleasures, Guide us into paths unknown;
 Bring your gifts, command your
 servants, Let us trust in you alone:
 Though your hand may work in secret,
 All shall see what you have done.

4. Jesus, come! Surprise our dullness,
 Make us willing to receive
 More than we can yet imagine,
 All the best you have to give;
 Let us find your hidden riches,
 Taste your love, believe, and live!

PASTORAL PRAYER

God of Grace,
Hear Our 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 not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SHARING OUR TITHES, OUR GIFTS, AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERATORY ANTHEM

I Have a Dream

Ruth Elaine Schram

✠ DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God all creatures here below;
 Praise God above, you heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

There are many gifts, but one Spirit.

There are many services, but one Lord.

We offer our gifts in the service of the living Christ.

We offer our gifts in the service of all God's people.

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty; Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the harsh past has thought us, sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

**Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
come to the place for which our people sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where
the white gleam of our bright star is cast.**

**God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, God who has
Brought us thus far on the way; God, who by your
Might, let us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met you,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the Wine of the world, forget you;
Shadowed beneath your hand, may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.**

✠ BENEDICTION

Looking behind, may we be filled with gratitude.
Looking forward, may we be filled with vision.
Looking upwards, may we be filled with strength.
Looking within, may we be filled with peace.

POSTLUDE

Boléro de concert, Op. 166

L. Lefébure-Wély

*Assisting God's people in worship this morning are the Rev. Bernd Weishaupt, worship leader;
Nadia Orendain, liturgist; Gene Hammerle, technician;
Slavina Zhelezova, director of music; Chancel Choir; Brian Leddy, greeter;
Wayne Placek, Tom Rushforth, Jeff Keehn, ushers.*

WELCOME! If you are a guest or visitor with us this morning, you are invited to sign our guest book in the Narthex, or fill out one of the visitor cards found in your pew. Cards can be placed in the Narthex basket, as you depart after the postlude.

SANCTUARY SERVICES ARE RECORDED – All services and programs held in the church sanctuary are recorded and available on compact disc. Copies may be obtained by completing a *CD Request Form* available in the Narthex or by contacting the church office.

GREETERS ARE NEEDED - Any member or friend who would like to be greeter is encouraged to do so. Sign-up sheet will be available on the table in The Commons or please contact Russell Van Wetering directly at aprilsky@optonline.net, or 201-261-1795.

The Life of Our Church This Week

Sunday, January 16, 2022

10:00 am	Worship Service Rev. Bernd Weishaupt/Church School
11:15 am	Carol & Nowell Choir
12:30 pm	The Well Church

Monday, January 17, 2022

Church Office Closed

12:00 pm	Al Anon
7:00 pm	Step by Step – NA
7:30 pm	River Edge Swim Club

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

7:00 pm	Leadership Council
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Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Congregator Deadline

7:00 pm	AA
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Thursday, January 20, 2022

7:00 pm	Chancel Choir
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Friday, January 21, 2022

7:00 pm	Tri County Pipe
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Saturday, January 22, 2022

8:30 am	KWIS
7:00 pm	AA

Sunday, January 23, 2022

10:00 am	Worship Service Rev. Bernd Weishaupt/Church School
11:15 am	Carol & Nowell Choir
12:30 pm	The Well Church



To continue our tradition of “Tackling Hunger,” a soup collection box will be available in the Entryway beginning Jan. 16th through Super Bowl Sunday on Feb. 13th. Unfortunately, we will not be collecting coins this year, but you may make a monetary donation to the national campaign at www.tacklehunger.org. All canned soup donations will go to the Center for Food Action in Englewood and the food pantry at St. Peter’s Church in River Edge.

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Prayer Concerns – January 16, 2022

Prayers for Those with Health Needs

Diana Loeffel, Emma Babington, Judi Schmitt, Rev. Chuck Holm, Rick Skae, Beverly Cannizzaro, Sue Becker, Dona Berg, Joe Corona, Adamarie Kendall, Arlene Rudd, Richard Smith, June Seilheimer, Judy Macht, Rev. Muriel (Mimi) Hachfeld, Edwina Arena, Barbara Carr, Peter Armstrong, Nelly Novarro, Anthony Mirabile, Carol, and Sue, Janet and Nicolas Post, Phil Ceppaglia, Leonard “Jay” La Verghetta.

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, Joan Sullivan, Bill Finch.

Serving in the Military

Michael Shuler, Bob Bailey, Andrew Pohl

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Office is **closed**. Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm.

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