

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
RIVER EDGE, NEW JERSEY
JANUARY 23, 2022 – 10:00 AM**



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

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

RESONANCES OF THE SPIRIT

“The mind that opens up to a new idea never returns to its original size.”

~ Albert Einstein.

PRELUDE

Adagio from Sonata in F Major, K 332

W.A. Mozart

CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen! The heavens have something to tell.
God speaks in mysterious ways.
Look! The sun and moon have lessons to teach.
God moves in mysterious ways.
Hear what the world around you has to say.
With open minds, we are ready to listen.
Come, Holy Spirit, speak to us today.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Spirit of God, as you vibrated over the waters at creation,
vibrate in our midst today.**
Create us anew.
**Surprise us with new insights,
and unite us together as one body
as we worship. Amen.**

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us of our life-long need of grace;
Here are table, font, and pulpit, here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**

**Sovereign God, of earth and heaven, in an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gifted and gifting God,
 reveal to us the truth of our gifts
 and the beautiful gifts of others.
Open our minds to listen,
 as the heavens pour forth your praise,
 and the day and the night declare truth.
Overcome our tears of sorrow and shame
with the joy of your grace and love,
 that we might see how beautifully
 you have created and gifted us to be.
Bind us together in perfect harmony and love,
 that we might be the faithful community
 you envision us to become. 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.

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system shows the vocal lines with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The second system continues the vocal lines and piano accompaniment, ending with a double bar line.

Text: early Greek
Music: Russian Orthodox liturgy

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's perfect love reclaims our life,
and God's law of love revives our souls.
 Receive these gifts of love,
that we may bring gifts of renewal and love to God's world.

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.

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of B-flat major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system shows the vocal lines with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The second system continues the vocal lines and piano accompaniment. The third system concludes the piece with a double bar line.



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.

HYMN OF CHOICE

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (*OT pg. 436*)

THE GOSPEL LESSON
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Luke 4:14-21 (*NT pg. 61*)

SERMON

Supercharged!

The Rev. Bernd Weishaupt

 HYMN OF RESPONSE

Beautiful Savior

St. Elizabeth

**Beautiful Savior! King of creation!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!**

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 #31

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Royal Oak

Refrain

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, our dear God made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings. *Refrain***

**The purple headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. *Refrain***

**The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. *Refrain***

 **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**

**O Lord, our God, hear our prayer.
May the gifts we bring before you
be outward and visible signs
of the inward and spiritual grace
you have blessed us with today.**

**May they reflect our commitment to continue Jesus' mission—
to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives,
sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed. Amen.**

**(1) O for a thousand tongues to sing my
great Redeemer's praise,
The glories ever echoing the triumphs of
God's grace!**

**(3) Jesus! The name that calms our
fears, that bids our sorrows cease
Is music in the sinner's ears, is life, and
health, and peace!**

**(2) My gracious Savior and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.**

**(4) Glory to God, and love and praise be
ever, ever given
By all the saints in every age, the church
in earth and heaven.**

BENEDICTION

We have all been baptized in one Spirit.

Spirit, make us one!

We have all been nurtured in one faith.

Christ, make us one!

We have all been saved in one great love.

God, make us one!

Go with the blessing of God, that we might all be one.

POSTLUDE

*Assisting God's people in worship this morning are the Rev. Bernd Weishaupt, worship leader;
Frank Meeks, liturgist; Gene Hammerle, technician;
Slavina Zhelezova, director of music; Russell Van Wetering, greeter;
Richard Metz, Fred Miller, Inge Reist, 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.

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



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.

The Life of Our Church This Week

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

Monday, January 24, 2022

Church Office Closed

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

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

7:00 pm	Mission Team
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Wednesday, January 26, 2022

7:00 pm	AA
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Thursday, January 27, 2022

7:00 pm	Chancel Choir
8:10 pm	Pilgrim Ringers

Friday, January 28, 2022

7:00 pm	Tri County Pipe
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Saturday, January 29, 2022

8:30 am	KWIS
7:00 pm	AA

Sunday, January 30, 2022

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

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Prayer Concerns – January 23, 2022

Prayers for Those with Health Needs

Diana Loeffel, 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, Barbara Carr, Peter Armstrong, Nelly Novarro, Anthony Mirabile, Carol, and Sue, Janet and Nicolas Post, Phil Ceppaglia.

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

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