



Shine God's Light

As disciples of Christ, we share and rejoice
in the warmth of God's love and light by
teaching the holy word,
servng Christ's community, and
growing together in faith.



October 15, 2023
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

The Service for the Lord's Day

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9:30 am

Prelude

Prelude in G
Holy, Holy, Holy!
Kathy Finnerty, piano

Ralph Vaughan Williams
Lani Smith

Call to Worship

One: The Lord leads us like a shepherd,

All: God nourishes our lives and restores our souls.

One: The Lord is with us, even in the darkest valley.

All: God's goodness and mercy are always close. Let us worship God!

*Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

No.1

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Hallelujah! Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Passing the Peace *(Please check first with those you approach)*

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
Joyful Ringers

Martha Lynn Thompson

Time with Children

Children's offering will be collected as they come forward for the message.

After the message, children and youth may depart for Sunday School or return to their pew.

Prayer for Illumination

Ceil Hopkins

First Reading

Exodus 32: 1-14(pg.69)

Anthem

O How Amiable

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of Hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handiwork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.

Gospel Reading

Philippians 4: 1-9 (pg. 955)

Sermon

Prayer Brings Peace

Rev. Amy Lincoln

Offering

We invite you to consider giving out of gratitude to God after worship today either by placing your offering in the wooden box hanging on the wall at each exit, scanning the QR code in your pew and/or giving online through the church website at www.flemingtonpres.org, or mailing a check to the church office at 10 East Main Street, Flemington, NJ 08822. We give thanks for your generosity, allowing our mission and ministry together to continue.

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

*Doxology

No. 607

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow: praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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

*Hymn *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* No. 687
(stanzas 1,2 and 6)

*Charge and Benediction

Response *Peace Be Yours* Austin A'hearn
Peace be yours. May the Lord be with you as we gather now and your whole life through:
blessing and mercy and wholeness too. May God's peace be yours.

Postlude *Epilogue* Norman Gilbert

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