



**Saddle River Reformed Church**  
Worshiping at  
**Old Stone Church**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 17, 2023**  
**10am Worship**

Minister: Rev. Sanjiv Katttekola

Head Usher: Cliff Kammerer

(\*Congregation stands as they are able)

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

### PRELUDE

### VOTUM

Pastor: Those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not weary, they shall walk and not faint.

**People: Amen.**

*Isaiah 41:10*

### OUR HOPE: Heidelberg Catechism Question & Answer #56

Q. What do you believe concerning “the forgiveness of sins?”

**A. I believe that God, because of Christ’s satisfaction, will no longer remember any of my sins or my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life.**

### GREETING

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And with you, also.**

**\*HYMN: 426 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (v. 1 & 2)**

## PRAYER OF HUMAN CONDITION

***Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy loving-kindness; according to Thy tender mercies blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sin. For we acknowledge our transgressions; and our sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God; and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.***

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross that we might be dead to sin, and be alive to all that is good. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

## READING OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

*Matthew 22:37-40*

## PSALTER

Pastor: When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

***People: Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.***

Pastor: The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.

***People: The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.***

Pastor: Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?

***People: O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?***

Pastor: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,

***All: who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.***

*Psalm 114*

## \*GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father;***

***and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,***

***As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,***

***world without end. Amen, Amen.***

**\*HYMN: 406 "Wonderful Words of Life" (v. 1 & 3)**

## THE WORD OF GOD IN PROCLAMATION

### SCRIPTURE

**Exodus 14:19-31**

*Front of pew Bible page 61*

**Romans 14:1-12**

*Back of pew Bible page 163*

**Matthew 18:21-35**

*Back of pew Bible page 20*

**MESSAGE: "Forgiveness"**

### THE RESPONSE TO GOD

#### OFFERING

##### \*DOXOLOGY

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

##### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

## 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.*

**\*HYMN: 602 "I Have Decided to Follow  
Jesus" (v. 1, 2, & 3)**

## \*BLESSING

## \*POSTLUDE

Today we welcome to our pulpit Rev. Sanjiv Kattakola. Pastor Sanjiv is an Ordained Minister in Reformed Church in America, served as Interim Minister and Pulpit Supply Preacher. Ministry is his second career, he was Registered Nurse at St. Michael's Medical Center, Newark; Bayonne Medical Center, Bayonne.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Kirk Gagnon
- John Seibert

Our home-bound members:  
Joyce McClurg  
Laura Parker  
Bernice Schweizer

Brett Ferra; Bill Conklin  
*(Requested by the Conklins)*

Judy Nygern, Andres Magi;  
David Ross  
*(Requested by Peter  
Freeman)*

Jane Sands; Avalyn  
*(Requested by the Gagnons)*

Amy Rohrbacher  
*(Requested by Eileen Jones)*

Franklin Jones  
*(Requested by James Jones)*

Claudia Kammerer; Roger;  
Suzette A; Anna Hartung;  
Bertha Mandel; Denny  
Thompson; Chris Reilly;  
Terri; Regina Dumont;  
Whitney; Roger Trespicio;  
Sydney Sue; Paul  
Sherman; Andrew  
McDonagh; Bob C; Chris  
Hernandez  
*(Requested by the  
Kammerers)*

Tim P; Joe C; Virginia F;  
Tom K; Alye K; Ann S  
*(Requested by Cathy  
Lowden)*

Lorenzo Dameano; Julia  
Henderson  
*(Requested by Nancy Peet)*

Dorothy Crapanzano; Brian  
Peters; Richard Eaton;  
Suzanne Peters-McCaig;  
Jamie Peters; Margie  
Peters; Cheryl; Sierra  
*(Requested by the Peters)*

Alexa Yannuzzi  
*(Requested by the  
Strohmeiers)*

Rosemary Franke; Kandra  
Niagra; Marcy Robin;  
Russell Maitland; Lynn  
Friedman; Stephanie  
Schwartz; Arlene Teck;  
Terry Ross; Loris Marfilus  
*(Requested by Rozanne  
Sullivan)*

Vicki Lunghofer  
*(Requested by Christine Van  
Wetering)*

## PRAYERS OF SUPPORT FOR

- RCA missionaries
- The Leadership of the Reformed Church in America: General Synod, Regional Synod of the Mid-Atlantics, the Classis of the Greater Palisades, and our Consistory
- Seminary students at New Brunswick Theological Seminary and the Western Theological Seminary
- All victims of tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, wildfires, earthquakes, drought, and man-made disasters including those affected by the flooding in Libya; earthquake in Morocco; Hurricane Idalia; Tropical Storm Hilary; Hawaii wildfires; those in Brazil who experienced heavy rains and floods in the Brazilian state of Rio Grande do Sul, causing the death of over thirty people; for the twenty-six people, mostly women and children who died when a boat carrying more than 100 farmers capsized in north-central Nigeria; the deadly fire at a nine-story apartment tower in Hanoi, Vietnam, causing the death of over fifty-five people; the thirty-two people who died in a huge fire at a karaoke complex near Ho Chi Minh City in southern Vietnam
- Leaders of government and international aid organizations
- Those serving our country, veterans, and all peoples affected by war and terrorist attacks
- The victims of mass shootings and their families including those in Detroit, Michigan and Greensburg, Louisiana
- Those working to dismantle racism and break barriers for people living with disabilities
- The poor, oppressed, sick, lonely, homeless, unemployed, exiles and refugees, infirm and the dying, prisoners, caregivers, and those struggling with addiction and mental illness and their families
- The families who have served our congregation through their ministry: Marlyn Minnick, Louise Brevet, Ellen Springsteen, and Bob & Arlene Fretz

- Our congregation's search committee, that they may be led to choose the best candidate to lead our church in the future
- All those who have lost loved ones

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Deacons will be collecting funds during September and October for the Hawai'i Community Foundation - Maui Strong Fund.** Please make checks payable to Saddle River Reformed Church and designate as "Mission of the Month." The **Maui Strong Fund** is providing financial resources that can be deployed quickly, with a focus on rapid response and recovery for the **devastating wildfires on Maui**. HCF is working in close collaboration with state and county leaders, nonprofit organizations, and community members to get an understanding of the quickly evolving priorities. Funding will support evolving needs, including shelter, food, financial assistance, and other services as identified by their partners doing critical work on **Maui**.

**Women's Bible Study** Please consider joining us for a simple Bible Study at the Ramapo Reformed Church. Pastor Mary will lead the group through various scripture readings in the style of Lectio Divina. No preparation is necessary! First session of the school year will be **Tuesday, September 19 at 1pm. We will meet in the Coffee Room of the church building (100 Island Rd)**. We will meet every other Tuesday from September through June.

The next luncheon date for the **Sew and Sews** is **September 22 at noon at the Hearth and Tap** at 125 Kinderkamack Road in Montvale. If you are planning on attending we suggest you bring a sweater.

**Cozy Soups for Fall** - Come and bring your friends to the Old Stone Church Kitchen **Saturday, October 21st 11am-2pm**. Hot soups made by our own church members. Choose from: Butternut Squash, French Onion, Split Pea, or Corn Chowder or White Bean with Ham. Proceeds go to feed the hungry at the Center for Food Action. If you wish to make soup, please contact Linda Kammerer to advise what type you plan to make.

**RCA Restructuring Team Roundtable Meetings This Fall Seek To Engage And Gather More Feedback**

The restructuring team will be hosting another round of roundtable events this fall in order to gather feedback on the second draft of their proposals. Dates and locations for the fall roundtable events are now posted on the RCA website. These gatherings are open to everyone who is a part of the RCA. Please consider this your invitation to join the in-person event that is most convenient to you or the denomination-wide virtual event on January 8.

- November 19, 2:00-5:00 p.m., NBTS' Sage Library, New Brunswick, New Jersey
- January 8, 8:00-10:00 p.m. Eastern, denomination-wide virtual meeting

Rev. Mark Ennis of the Clinton Avenue Reformed Church in Bergenfield is looking for **ESL teachers for their Spanish-speaking outreach program**. Anyone with an interest can call the church office: 201-384-2454.

Join **NJ Interfaith Center for Cancer Care on Wednesdays from 3-4pm for an online interfaith cancer support group**. This group is open to anyone who has faced cancer and would like to be in an interfaith environment, providing and receiving mutual support through deep listening, sharing, and contemplation. The group will be led by an NJIC3 staff member. Email Nobuko at [nobuko.njic3@improvingnj.org](mailto:nobuko.njic3@improvingnj.org) or Austin at [austin.njic3improvingnj.org](mailto:austin.njic3improvingnj.org) if you have any questions.

**Bible Study/Lecture:** Meets every Wednesday at 11am in the Lounge followed by the "Lunch Bunch" from 12:15-1pm. If you are looking for a lively conversation, join us for both or either one.

**Time for Fellowship!**

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary for **Sunday Iced Tea Socials**. They are weekly, immediately following the service. This provides us with a chance to chat and catch up with our church family while enjoying a treat or two (or three!).

**Food Donations**

The **Center for Food Action in Mahwah at 90 Ridge Road is open M-F from 10am-2pm** to accept donations. Their most needed items are Supermarket Gift Cards, Canned Meat (tuna, chicken, etc.), Canned Hearty Soups, Canned Vegetables, Macaroni & Cheese, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Tomato Sauce, Toothpaste, Toothbrush & Dental Floss, Cold Cereal (low sugar) & Oatmeal, Powdered Milk &/or Boxed Milk, such as Parmalat, Canned Fruits, Instant Potatoes, 100% Juice, Baby Formula & Diapers sizes 4, 5 & 6, Bar or Bottled Soap, and Canned Dog Food & Canned Cat Food.

The Saddle River Reformed Church worshipping at the Old Stone Church in Upper Saddle River is a member of the Reformed Church in America, serving the New York and New Jersey area since 1628. The Congregation was formed in 1784.

The Reformed Church is part of the Presbyterian/Reformed Christian tradition. We celebrate the sacraments of Baptism and Lord's Supper.

The congregation is an inclusive community that believes that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior and the Bible (Hebrew and Christian) reveals those things needed by Christians for spiritual development and living. We believe that the people of the church are to follow the way of love and action given to us by Jesus.

***We believe we are at our best when we serve our community.***

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Cliff Kammerer  
Suzanne Peters  
John Seibert

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Stephanie Doyle  
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Tu-F 10am-2pm

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In Memoriam

