



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

**Day of Pentecost**  
**Women in Ministry Sunday**  
**May 19, 2024**  
**10am Worship**

Minister: Rev. Dr. Jodie Wu

Head Usher: Peter Freeman

(\*Congregation stands as they are able)

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: There are different spiritual gifts,

**People: but the same Spirit.**

Pastor: There are many of us,

**People: but the same Spirit who gives to us all.**

Pastor: There are different ministries,

**People: and the same Lord.**

Pastor: There are many places for us to serve,

**People: and the same Lord who calls to us all.**

Pastor: There are different activities,

**People: but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.**

Pastor: There are many of us,

**All: and one God who calls and equips us for service.**

*drawn from 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 (Common English Bible)*

### SENTENCES

Pastor: How manifold are your works, O Lord! In your wisdom you have made all things.

**People: The sea is deep and wide; We praise your name on high!**

Pastor: All things are gathered in at the proper time and are ever sustained by the Lord.

**People: Your goodness fills our life; All creatures are satisfied!**

Pastor: The Lord sends his Spirit to create new life and to renew the face of the earth.

**People: We rejoice in your wisdom, O God; Your bounty is professed evermore!**

Pastor: The earth bears witness to God on high and invites us to sing his praises.

**People: May our meditations please the Lord; May our joy be heard forever.**

Pastor: We rejoice together for God is present in our midst!

**All: Praise the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord.**  
*adapted from Psalm 104*

### OUR HOPE: Heidelberg Catechism Question & Answer #26

Q. What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?"

**A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ the Son.**

**I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this sad world.**

**God is able to do this because he is almighty God, and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.**

## **GREETING**

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

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

**\*HYMN: 11 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”** (v. 1 & 2)

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

We have received life through the Spirit of God compelling us to future glory. In this, we know the Spirit of God intercedes for us and helps us in our weakness. Together may we confess what the Lord has already heard.

*adapted from Romans 8:22-27*

## **PRAYER OF HUMAN CONDITION**

***Almighty God, you poured your spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we resist the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made on in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.***

*Book of Common Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), p. 343*

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

“I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.”

*from Ezekiel 37:14*

## **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*

## **\*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: 389 “Spirit of the Living God”** (v. 1 & 3)

## THE WORD OF GOD IN PROCLAMATION

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, our Maker, at the dawn of creation you spoke, and light came into being. O Christ our Redeemer, at the grave of Lazarus you spoke, and the dead came to life. O Holy Spirit our Guide, at the gathering on Pentecost you spoke, and fearful disciples received courage to proclaim the gospel. Great God, speak now. Let us hear your Word of light and life, and, having heard, go forth in the Spirit's power as witnesses to the truth of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Pray to the Lord*

### SCRIPTURE

**Acts 2:1-21**

*Back of pew Bible page 119*

**John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

*Back of pew Bible page 110*

**MESSAGE:** "I Will Pour Out My Spirit"

## 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

Pastor: God, by your Holy Spirit you equip us to make known your grace and goodness. Freed from haste which compromises safety and quality, Freed from needless hesitance which delays desired progress,

***People: Holy Spirit, direct the tempos of our life.***

Pastor: Freed for exercising self-discipline toward the best we can be and do, Freed for rejoicing in the accomplishments of others,

***People: Holy Spirit, inspire our efforts and guide our aims.***

Pastor: Freed for honoring faithful standards of ethics and excellence, Freed for creative pursuits which minister to ever present needs,

***People: Holy Spirit, grant us wisdom.***

Pastor: Freed for careful research which grounds medical advances, Freed for measured diplomacy which seeks enduring commitments to peaceful resolution of conflict,

***People: Holy Spirit, grant us patience.***

Pastor: Freed for sharing our faith with friend, foe, and stranger, Freed for bridging generations and centuries with our enduring love,

***People: Holy Spirit, grant us courage.***

Pastor: Freed for recognizing and valuing people as your children, not merely for what they produce and the services they provide; Freed for contributing ourselves and our resources,  
***People: Holy Spirit, bind us together as your family.***

Pastor: Freed for exemplifying the enduring worth of faithful convictions without apology, Freed for celebrating the resurrection and reign of Jesus Christ,  
***All: Holy Spirit, instill in us Christ's peace which passes all understanding, God's love which encourages and equips and joy in the Lord which knows no end. Amen.***

–Rev. Kathy Jo Blaske

#### **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: 392 “Holy Spirit, Light Divine” (v. 1 & 4)**

#### **\*BLESSING**

God's gifts and mercies have been lavished upon us with abundance. These gifts and mercies have been taken up by many faithful people, and this day we celebrate the faithful women who have used their gifts and shared God's mercies with us. May we, inspired by God's grace and the faithful women in our lives, go forth from this place, ready to serve, ready to listen, ready to answer God's call.

#### **\*POSTLUDE**

Today we welcome back to our pulpit the Rev. Dr. Jodie Wu. Dr. Wu is co-pastor at Bogart Memorial Reformed Church in Bogota. She is a graduate of Hope College, Fuller Theological Seminary, and Duke Divinity School. Pastor Jodie and her husband, Imos, have two children, ages 13 and 15. When she has spare time, she enjoys making pottery and quilting.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Friends and family of  
David Lancaster**

- **Kirk Gagnon**
- **Una Ratmeyer**
- **John Seibert**
- **The Rev. Mel Van Hattem**

**Our home-bound  
members:  
Joyce McClurg  
Laura Parker**

**Brett Ferra; Bill  
Conklin; June Conklin;  
Victor Zeringo**  
*(Requested by Jo  
Conklin)*

**Judy Nygern; Andres  
Magi; Ron Kraham**  
*(Requested by Peter  
Freeman)*

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

**Amy Rohrbacher**  
*(Requested by Eileen  
Jones)*

**Claudia Kammerer;  
Roger; Suzette A; Anna  
Hartung; Bertha  
Mandel; Denny  
Thompson; Chris  
Reilly; Terri; Roger  
Trespicio; Sydney Sue;  
Paul & Barbara  
Sherman; Chris  
Hernandez; Patti;  
Hyuncha; Diane; Dick  
Meuer**  
*(Requested by the  
Kammerers)*

**Tim P; Joe C; Virginia  
F; Tom K; Ann S; Dave  
C; Rich H; Carol B;  
Gary G**  
*(Requested by Cathy  
Lowden)*

**Lorenzo Dameano**  
*(Requested by Nancy  
Peet)*

**Dorothy Crapanzano;  
Brian Peters; Cheryl;  
Joe Evans; Paul;  
Amanda and David**  
*(Requested by the  
Peters)*

**Janet Sandgran**  
*(Requested by the Sew  
'n' Sews)*

**Alexa Yannuzzi**  
*(Requested by the  
Strohmeys)*

**Kandra Niagra; Marcy  
Robin; Russell  
Maitland; Lynn  
Friedman; Stephanie  
Schwartz; Arlene Teck;  
Terry Ross; Loris  
Marfilius; Catherine  
Galione**  
*(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 flash floods in Afghanistan and Indonesia
- Leaders of government and international aid organizations
- Those serving our country, veterans, and all peoples affected by war and terrorist attacks including the humanitarian crises in Israel and Gaza, Sudan, and Ukraine
- The victims of mass shootings and their families including those in Stockton, Alabama; Louisville, Kentucky; Atlanta, Georgia; and Tallahassee, Florida
- 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, 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, including the friends and family of David Lancaster

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEXT SUNDAY: Tour of Gravesites of Veterans on Sunday, May 26** - On Sunday, May 26, the day before Memorial Day, the Old Stone Church Cemetery will be holding a special tour of gravesites of veterans. Family members and volunteers will be on hand from 11:30 am to 3 pm to share stories about the veterans.

**WEEKLY Bible Study: Meets every Wednesday at 11am in the Lounge followed by the "Lunch Bunch" from 12:15-1pm.** Making Plans - In Bible study this week we talked about making plans and following God's plan. God planned for the Israelites when they were Egyptian slaves. He sent Moses to lead them. He provided a column of clouds and fire as a guide ahead of them. He moved the column to their rear to protect them when the Egyptian army threatened. He opened the Red Sea for them to cross safely. His plan was magnificent and miraculous...just like God. We are not Egyptian slaves, but we still have problems and God knows what they are. Yes, He knows our problems and He provides us with His protection. He will show us the way. He parts the sea. He knows where we are. He plans ahead. Exodus is not a story of the past.

Every Wednesday at 11AM our Bible study leader, James Jones, uses illustrations and personal experiences to enrich our understanding of God's Word. His respect for the Bible and his love of God inspire us all toward a deeper connection of our own faith.†

**The Deacons will be collecting funds during May and June for Church World Service (CWS) Blankets program** that shares blankets, warmth, and comfort to those in need. When tough times arise, a simple act of kindness can make all the difference. Through the CWS Blankets program, you can share compassion, in a practical way, with neighbors facing hard times. When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That is why the CWS Blankets program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone. Please make checks payable to “Saddle River Reformed Church” and designate as “Mission of the Month.”

**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! The final session will be **Tuesday, May 28 at 1pm. We will meet in the Coffee Room of the church building (100 Island Rd).**

The **Sew 'n' Sews** next meeting will be **Friday, June 7 at 12 noon in the Lounge**. This group is open to everyone. The group provides each other with lots of laughs, ideas, and fellowship.

### **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 Hearty Soups, Canned Vegetables & Fruits, Diapers Sizes 4, 5, 6, Pasta, White & Brown Rice, Dried Beans, Baby Formula, Bar or Bottle Soap, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Tomato Sauce, Canned Meat & Fish, Canned Pastas, Stews, & Chilis, Canned Tomatoes, and Low Sugar Cereal.



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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