



Saddle River Reformed Church
Worshiping at
Old Stone Church

Resurrection of the Lord
Sunday, April 20, 2025
10am Worship

Head Usher: Suzie Peters

Reader: Cliff Kammerer

(*Congregation stands as they are able)

THE APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that God has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We gather today to shout Alleluia!

Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.

Out of the doom of death and despair,

Victory comes, glory appears.

We gather today to shout Alleluia!

Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.

We shall live, witness, and recount the deeds

Of the God whose love endures forever.

We gather today to shout Alleluia!

Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.

PRAYER

God of hope, We thank you that Christ is Risen today! Our hopes and dreams have come true. We do not have to fear death, for Christ goes before us. Open our hearts to receive your wondrous words of love, O God. Help prepare us for the opportunities to serve you by serving others. In Christ's Name, we pray. **Amen.**

from <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter-c-april-17/> Inspired by: Psalm 118; John 20

OUR HOPE: Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 17

Q&A 45

Q. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death.

Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life.

Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***HYMN: 367 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you have made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the job of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

*Book of Common Worship, Presbyterian Church
(U.S.A.), p. 317*

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE LAW OF GOD

PSALTER

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

the right hand of the Lord is exalted;

the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”

***I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.***

The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

***Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.***

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

***I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.***

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

***This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

*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: 357 “Christ Arose”

THE WORD OF GOD IN PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSONS

Acts 10:34-43

Back of pew Bible pages 129-130

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Back of pew Bible pages 176-177

John 20:1-18

Back of pew Bible pages 114-115

SERMON: "Practice Resurrection"

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

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: 360 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Flower Dedications

Marilyn Beisler - *In Memory of Bob*

Jane Collins - *In Memory of Ben and Pat Benkert*

Cam Conklin - *In Loving Memory of Kenneth Conklin*

Kirk & Thu Gagnon - *In Memory of Donald and Sara Gagnon and loved ones*

Lucia Donahue - *In honor of Christine Van Wetering*

Ennis-Gasero family - *In memory, and honor of our loved ones.*

Lori Geiger - *In Memory of Ev Geiger*

John Hopper, Jr. - *In Memory of my parents, John W. and Doris Hopper and my grandparents John J. and Kathryn Hopper*

Peggy & Jack Horney - *In Memory of Peggy and Jack Horney's parents, Jack's sister Priscilla Jones, and Peggy's grandmother Mildred S. Young*

Linda & Cliff Kammerer - *In Memory of loved ones, both family and friends*

Carole Lancaster - *In Memory of David "Font" Lancaster and Jean Lancaster*

Cathy Lowden - *In Memory of My Aunt Bertha Schmidt*

Ruth & Norm McGowan – *In Memory and Honor of loved ones, past and present*

Peet Family - *In Honor of loved ones past and present*

Lila Shayan - *In Memory of Miriam and Esko Koskinen*

Rozanne Sullivan and Lee Zimet - *In Memory of Catherine Galione*

Kay Yeomans - *In Memory of Bill Yeomans*



PLEASE PRAY FOR

The family and friends of Jay Coblentz who passed away on March 27, 2025. A celebration of life will be held July 4th weekend in northern New Jersey.

- **Una Ratmeyer**
- **John Seibert**

Our home-bound members:

**Joyce McClurg
Laura Parker**

Mary Breen
(Requested by Kathy Breen)

Michael Collins; Dina & Mohammed; Frank
(Requested by Jane Collins)

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

Jean Dunlap, great-grandmother of Zechariah
(Requested by the Ennis-Gasero family)

Judy Nygern; Andres Magi
(Requested by Peter Freeman)

Avalyn
(Requested by the Gagnons)

Anne
(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; Diane; Dick Meuer; Horst; Glen DePiero; Skip
(Requested by the Kammerers)

Joe C; Virginia F; Tom K; Dave C; Rich H; Carol B; Gary G; Pat O; Kathy B
(Requested by Cathy Lowden)

Johnny
(Requested by the McGowans)

Rhonda Shapson
(Requested by Nancy Peet)

Dorothy Crapanzano; Brian Peters; Cheryl; Paul; Michelle; Emily Bonaventure; Margie Peters
(Requested by the Peters)

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

Alexa Yannuzzi
(Requested by the Strohmeiers)

Marcy Robin; Russell Maitland; Lynn Friedman; Loris

Marfilius; Edward Verhulst; Lorraine Kolodziesk
(Requested by Rozanne Sullivan)

Vicki Lunghofer; Nellie LaTesta
(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
- Rains to ease the drought
- All victims of tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, drought, and man-made disasters including Myanmar earthquake and South/Midwest tornadoes
- 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 and Ukraine
- The victims of mass shootings and their families including those in Conway, Arkansas
- 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
- All those who have lost loved ones

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calling All Readers!

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary to sign up to be a reader each Sunday through the end of the season of Easter.

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!).

Activities for children are available in the basket in the back left of the sanctuary. Please help yourself! How we love to hear the joyful noise of our smallest and cutest members!

The Deacons will be collecting funds during April for Samaritan's Purse. Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ. The organization serves the Church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. For over 50 years, Samaritan's Purse has done their utmost to follow Christ's command by going to the aid of the world's poor, sick, and suffering. They are an effective means of reaching hurting people

in countries around the world with food, medicine, and other assistance in the Name of Jesus Christ. Please make checks payable to "Saddle River Reformed Church" and designate as "Mission of the Month."

The **Sew 'n' Sews** next meeting will be **Friday, April 25 at 12 noon at the Shannon Rose, 1200 NJ-17, Ramsey. All are welcome!!! Please let Christine Van Wetering know if you can attend.** This group is open to everyone! Join us! The group provides each other with lots of laughs, ideas, and fellowship.

Community Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, May 3rd from 8:30am-12noon in Fellowship Hall. Invite your friends and neighbors! Free will offering.

SRRC Bible Study the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7PM. Next session May 7. Join Pastor Leah on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, at 7:00 pm. We will meet in the Lounge, and via Zoom. If you cannot join us in person, you can log into Zoom. Go to: <https://www.zoom.com/>
Click on "Join" in the upper right
Meeting ID: 835 4129 0076
Passcode: 095799
All are welcome to attend and learn with us.
If you have any questions, please let Pastor Leah know.

WEEKLY Bible Lunch & Learn: Meets every Wednesday at 11am in the Lounge.

Mr. James Jones leads us in a bible class. He teaches on a variety of topics and discussions. Around noon, everyone joins in fellowship over a Bring-Your-Own-Lunch. You are welcome to hear new perspectives on scripture and everyday life.

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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Saddle River Reformed Church Consistory

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Pastor Leah is off Mondays. She will ONLY respond to pastoral emergencies on her day off, should they arise.

Regular Hours:

Tu & Fri- By Appointment // W & Th 9am-1pm

Elders

Peter Freeman, VP
Cathy Lowden, Treasurer
Nancy Peet, Clerk

Deacons

Cliff Kammerer
Suzanne Peters
John Seibert

Staff

Rozanne Sullivan
Director of Music & Organist

Stephanie Doyle
Office Manager
Tu-F 10am-2pm

Ken Conklin
Cemetery Superintendent Emeritus
In Memoriam