

NEW HACKENSACK REFORMED CHURCH 1580 Route 376, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 (845)462-0810 <u>office@nhrc-church.org</u> Pastor: Rev. Keith W. Tamlyn

April 7, 2024 ~~ Second Sunday of Easter ~~ Communion

"This is the day the Lord has made, Let us rejoice and be glad in it"

Psalm 118:24

We Celebrate the Good News

The Gathering of God's People Time to speak with each other Greeting "The Lord be with you.... And also with you."



Please fill out and pass the Friendship Books. Visitors, please fill in your address as well. Thank You!

# Prelude

Gabriella Fryer

## The Call to Worship

Elder Arra Mowry / Congregation

- Leader: Sing out a song of joy; Let the melody ring through the trees and bounce on the waves.
- People: Sing for joy, For Christ is risen, Love is persistent, Joy is contagious.
- Leader: Sing your praise, For the water that brings refreshment, For the bread of new life, For the cup of blessing.
- All: Sing, family of God, Sing with joy.

#### Gathering Hymn:

#### "Christ Arose!"

#235

### The Welcoming Prayer/God's Greeting Rev. Keith Tamlyn

#### **Children's Prayer**



(after which children 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade leave for Sunday school) (Children ages 3yrs - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are attending Children and Worship in room 9)

## The Call to Confession

Elder Arra Mowry

## Prayer of Confession

Great God of love, you are lavish in your care for us, stunning us with beauty, answering our prayers, giving us ideas and friends when we are in need of help. Yet, how little we take notice of your care, how rarely we offer thanks, how quickly we think we are the only ones concerned. We easily get overwhelmed and overburdened, we seldom feel praise welling up in us, we let whining and grumbling have their way with us. God of great love, let us breathe deeply this day and experience your blessings. Amen.

> Words of Assurance / The Law Elder Arra Mowry

#### "Glory Be to the Father"

Hymn:

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

(vs1,3)#254

We Proclaim the Good News

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Prayer of Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 145: 1-9 John 20: 19-31 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

### The Message "Easter Joy Continues with Praise and Thanksgiving" Rev. Keith Tamlyn

Anthem

#### "How Great Thou Art"

Matthew Rizzo - Soloist Gabriella Fryer- Accompanist



## We Respond to the Good News

(Please print your prayer request on the blue card in the pew rack and deposit in offering plate.)

### The Offering The Doxology The Offertory Prayer

### In the name of our Risen Living Lord, we bring our gifts to you, O God. Help us to give with them a ready mind, a willing spirit, and a joyful heart. Amen.

→Please remain standing.



## Communion at the Lord's Table

The Reformed Church in America supports an "open table policy" for communion. This means that all baptized adults and children who believe that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior are welcome to the Lord's Table. We invite you to join us at The Lord's Table for communion, with grape juice representing the Blood of Christ and Bread representing the Body of Christ.

#### \* The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered, and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Ghost; the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets.

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead; and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

#### Meaning of the Sacrament

Our Savior Jesus Christ has ordained and instituted this Holy Supper to nourish and sustain those who are born again and grafted into his family: his church. Christ has instituted an earthly and visible bread as the sacrament of his body and wine (grape juice) as the sacrament of his blood.

Just as truly as we take and hold the sacraments in our hands and eat and drink them in our mouths, by which our life is then sustained, so truly we receive into our souls, for our spiritual life, the true body and true blood of Christ, our only Savior. We receive these by faith, which is the hand and mouth of our souls.

This banquet is a spiritual table at which Christ communicates himself to us with all his benefits.

By the use of this holy sacrament we are moved to a fervent love of God and our neighbors.

#### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

#### And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

#### It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gracious and loving God, we thank you that in your love, you created for us a wonderful world. You made it a place of peace for the whole of your creation; you filled it with

everything your people need. You made us in your image, to follow your way, and to live in right relationship with you and with each other.

And from the beginning, you saved us! Even when we gave up on your way of peace and justice, yours is a love that never gave up on us. And so you sent your greatest gift, the gift of your only Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen. The Invitation

All who are baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and who have expressed their love for Jesus within the fellowship of the Church are welcome to approach the table.

Come, for all things are now ready.

### Communion Hymn "Spirit of the Living God" #297

Please retain elements until all have been served

<u>Words of Institution</u> The Breaking of the Bread The Blessing of the Cup

Prayer After Communion

O God, through this bread and this cup, you have made us one with you and with each other. May the unity we find at this table be a gift that we carry out into your suffering, divided world. Help us to find strength in knowing that you, the God of peace, will always be with us. Amen.

Prayer Hymn:	"Surely the Presence of the Lord"	back cover of hymnal
	Prayers of Thanksgiving (Pastor)	

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.

### Sending Hymn: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" #240 Benediction and Postlude

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