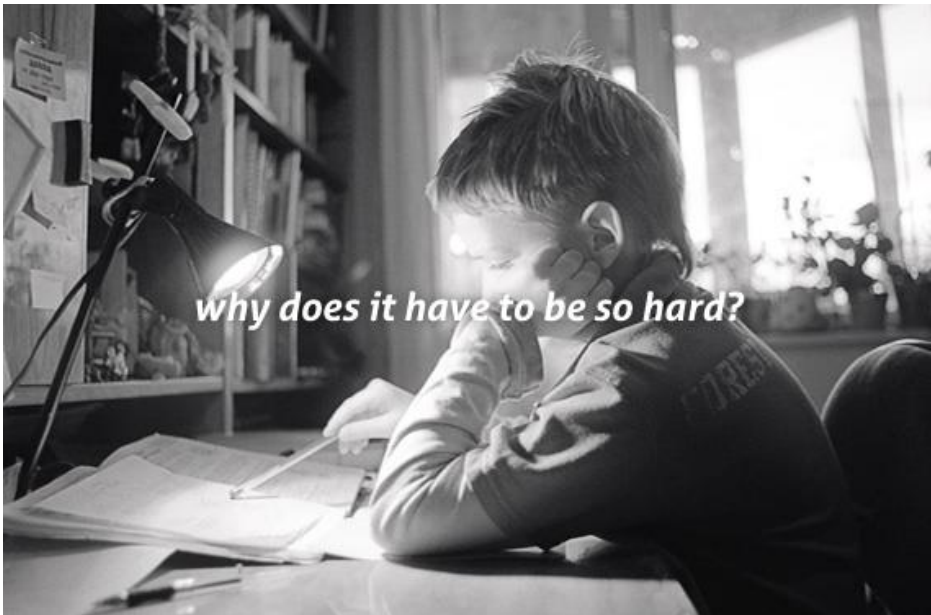


# *The Church in Brielle*

A Congregation of the Reformed Church in America



*Center for Spiritual Wellness*



## *Honest to God: Why Does It Always Have To Be So Hard*

September 15, 2019

### **WELCOME!**

Please accept a special welcome to this service of worship. God has gathered us as his people and we pray the worship hour will bring refreshment, renewal and inspiration. Guests are encouraged to fill out the *Welcome cards* found in the pew racks. Prayer requests can be written on the flip side of those cards and placed in the collection plate. We will include your prayers in today's service. Please join us for fellowship at our coffee hour following the service. Nursery care (up to 3 yrs. old) and Sunday School are offered during the worship hour. If you are not sure where to find these services, please speak with the usher.

**Please silence your cell phone when entering the sanctuary**  
Large Print Bulletins Are Available From The Ushers

# *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*10:00 am*

**Prelude**

**Welcoming, Announcements & Greeting**

**Introit**

**Call to Worship:**

We live in a world where we must rely on faith and not sight.

**All: Faith says that God hears us when we cry.**

**Faith says that God sees us when we fall.**

**Faith says that God is forgiving when we fail.**

**Faith says that God listens when we call.**

In this world we trust that God hears us, sees us, loves us and is with us.

This is our hope and our faith.

And so, we worship this mighty God

who walks with us in all our faith and doubts. **Amen!**

**♪Praise Songs:**

**Blessing of Teachers and Youth Leaders:**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Concern and The Lord's Prayer**

**Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings**

**Anthem**

**♪Doxology: #809** *(please stand*

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**For those, O God, who walk in darkness, we bring your light.**

**For those, O God, who feel unworthy, we bring acceptance.**

**For those, O God, who live in fear, we walk in solidarity.**

**For those, O God, who hunger, we bring food,**

**clothes to the naked, shelter to the homeless.**

**Bless us and this offering, we pray, and break through the**

**darkness of humanity's sin, redeem all that is lost and broken,**

**and bring your Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.**

**This we ask in the mighty name of our mighty Savior, Jesus Christ**

**the Lord. Amen!**

♪Hymn #638: (seated) **“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**The Old Testament Reading:** Psalm 13 Susan Tylka  
(Page 545 in the Old Testament section of your pew Bible)

Response to the Lesson: Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** “Honest to God: Why Does It Always Have To Be So Hard?”  
Reverend Louis LaFazia

♪Hymn #622: (please stand) **“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

**Benediction** (please remain standing)

**Postlude**

### **Our Kingdom Goals**

**Maximizing the use of our Church Facility**

**Youth, Young Adults and Families**

**Expand our Mission and Outreach**

**Provide Support and Counseling Opportunities for our Congregation  
and our Community**

**Offer Opportunities to Grow the Spiritual and Physical Health of our  
Congregation and our Community**

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