

# *The Church in Brielle*

A Congregation of the Reformed Church in America



*Center for Spiritual Wellness*



**What Is Your Why?  
"...that I may know Christ!"**

**Lent 4: Worship  
March 22, 2020**

**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**

*March 22, 2020*  
*Third Sunday of Lent*

*10:00 am*

**Prelude:**

**Welcoming, Announcements and Greeting:**

**Introit:**

**Call to Worship:** *(please stand)*

**Loving God,**

**I invite you into my life today**

**and make myself available to you.**

**Help me to become the-best-version-of-myself**

**by seeking your will and becoming a living example**

**of your love in the world.**

**Open my heart to the areas of my life that need to  
change**

**in order for me to carry out the mission**

**and experience the joy you have imagined for my life.**

**Inspire me to live the Christian faith**

**in ways that are dynamic and engaging.**

**Show me how to best get involved in the life of my  
church.**

**Make our community hungry to know you, love you and  
serve you.**

**Give me courage when I am afraid,**

**hope when I am discouraged,**

**and clarity in times of decision.**

**Teach me to enjoy uncertainty and lead your Church**

**to become all you imagined it would be**

**for the people of our times.**

**In Jesus' Name, Amen!**

**♪Hymn: #516 Be Still and Know**

*(please stand)*

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

**Anthem:**

♪**Doxology: #809**

*(please stand)*

**Prayer of Dedication:**

This offering, Great God, we make to your glory and honor! Take it, bless it, multiply it, and spread it, we ask in faith, so that the kingdom of this world, and all its brokenness, is swallowed up by your Kingdom of love, acceptance, tolerance, open-mindedness, inclusivity and justice.

This we pray in the Name of your Glorious Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, who taught us to pray and prays with us...

**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: #532 Be Thou My Vision**

*(please stand)*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving & Concern and of Illumination:**

**The Old Testament Reading:** Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24  
*(Page 639 in the Old Testament section of your pew Bible)*

Response to the Lessons:

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

**Sermon: What Is Your Why?: Self-Reflection**

Reverend Louis J. LaFazia

**Prayer of Blessing on God's Word:**

♪**Hymn: #520 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus**

*(please stand)*

**Benediction:** *(please remain standing)*

**Postlude:**

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## **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**

## **NOTES**

## **Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24**

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

<sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

<sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

<sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

<sup>7</sup>Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup>If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

<sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

<sup>10</sup>even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

<sup>11</sup>If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

<sup>12</sup>even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

<sup>13</sup>For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

<sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup>Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

<sup>17</sup>How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup>I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

<sup>23</sup>Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

<sup>24</sup>See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

## **For projection but not in bulletin:**

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

We long for a day when the lion will one day lie down next to the lamb in safety. We long for a day when we will be free from sin and pain and sorrow. And we long for a day when swords will be melted down and re—formed into plowshares. What we long for, fellow sojourners, is God’s Kingdom.

Until then we wait, we watch, and we work for what our hearts desire – the fullest realization of God and God’s Kingdom of righteousness and justice and peace.

It is with Thanksgiving for God’s amazing grace that we give to God, for Jesus promises that one glorious day he will return to fully bring his Kingdom of Righteousness on earth as it is in heaven.

Let us give our tithes and offerings in Thanksgiving and joy.