

The Church in Brielle

A Congregation of the Reformed Church in America



Center for Spiritual Wellness



April 29, 2018

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

Prelude

Welcoming, Announcements & Greeting

Introit

Call to Worship:

Sisters and brothers,
We live in a broken world,
And bear the wounds of its brokenness
 The wounds of broken bodies
 The wounds of broken spirits
 The wounds of broken relationships
 The wounds of a broken environment

But God's love, is greater than our brokenness

What did you say?

(Louder) **God's love, is greater than our brokenness!!!**

Let us pray:

**Baptize us in your Holy Spirit, O God
Renew us in our bodies, minds and spirits
Touch the parts of our lives that need your healing
 And send us out as agents of restoration
So that justice, peace, fairness, and equality
 Obliterates oppression, war, corruption and hatred
In Jesus' Name. Amen!**

♪**Song of Praise:** *(please stand)* **"Above All"** Michael W. Smith

The Sacrament of Baptism Jude Duvall Devereux

Baptism is the sign and seal of God's promises to this covenant people.

In baptism God promises by grace alone:

**to forgive our sins; to adopt us into the Body of Christ, the Church;
to send the Holy Spirit daily to renew and cleanse us;
and to resurrect us to eternal life.**

This promise is made visible in the water of baptism.

(Water is poured into the font at this time.)

Water cleanses; purifies; refreshes; sustains: Jesus Christ is living water.

Through baptism Christ calls us to new obedience:

**to love and trust God completely; to forsake the evil of the world;
and to live a new and holy life.**

Yet, when we fall into sin, we must not despair of God's mercy,
nor continue in sin,

**for baptism is the sign and seal of God's eternal covenant of grace
with us.**

The Baptismal Covenant

The Welcome:

Let us welcome our new brother in Christ.

**Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ. Join with us as we
give witness in the world to the good news, for we are all one in
Christ Jesus. Alleluia.**

♪Baptism Hymn #470: "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Anthem

♪Doxology: #809 (please stand)

Prayer of Dedication:

**Gracious God, in baptism you show us that you cleanse us from all
sin, sustain us with new life, and promise to bring us eternally with
you forever.**

**Yet while we are here on earth we are your ambassadors of a
glorious Kingdom that is breaking in all around us.**

You bring your future into our present experience.

**So, we give all your gifts back to you: our time, talents and
treasures, so that your Kingdom breaks into this world, bringing
your Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven! Amen!**

**♪Hymn #502: (please stand) "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"
verses 1, 4, 5**

Prayer of Illumination

The Gospel Reading: John 21:15-25

(Page 120 in the New Testament section of your pew Bible.)

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

Sermon: "Walking Your Own Walk" Reverend Louis LaFazia

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

♪Hymn #496: *(please stand)* **"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"**

Benediction *(please remain standing)*

Postlude

Our Kingdom Goals

Maximizing the use of our Church Facility

Steven Husarik and Ken Olenyk

Focus on Children and Youth

Allison Devereux, Pam Bachler, Shannon Nish and Tamara Christiani
Freddie Fiorentino and John Linfante

Expand our Mission and Outreach

Mission and Outreach Ministry under the leadership of Candace Moose
and Freddie Fiorentino

Provide Support and Counseling Opportunities for our Congregation and our Community

Candace Moose, April Humes, and Lorrie McGough

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

Lisa Clark and Allison Devereux

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