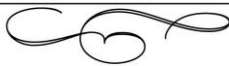


The Church in Brielle

A Congregation of the Reformed Church in America



Center for Spiritual Wellness



May 13, 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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

Prelude

Welcoming, Announcements & Greeting

Introit

Call to Worship: A Mother's Day Litany Read by Ann Scott

Nurturing, powerful protector.

You are as a mother eagle

Hovering over her nest. (Deut. 32:11-12)

You grant us refuge in the shadow of your wings. (Ps. 57:1)

You descend upon our enemies.

As a mother bear robbed of her cubs. (Hosea 13:8)

Give us grace to trust and stay by your side.

Loving, comforting caregiver.

You comfort us as mother, who comforts her child. (Isaiah 66:10-13)

You desire to gather us, your children, together. (Luke 13:34)

Like a hen gathers her brood under her wings. (Matt. 23:37)

Grant that we may rest in the comfort of your wings.

Compassionate, patient nurturer.

You gave birth to us and have carried us from the womb.

You have been carrying us on your back from the day we were born.

You always have, and you always will be there..

Carrying us... saving us. (Isaiah 46:3)

Fill us with thanks for your steadfast love.

Tender, sustainer of life.

You value and seek us out.

As a woman tirelessly sweeping for her lost coin. (Luke 15:8)

You nestle and nurture us in your bosom. (Numbers 11:12)

You nurse and satisfy us at your breast. (Isaiah 49:15)

Help us to find our value in your embrace.

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,

To the maternal care and love of God.

♪Hymn #362: *(please stand)* **“Morning Has Broken”**

Children’s Message and The Lord’s Prayer

Freddie Fiorentino

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Anthem

♪Doxology: #809 *(please stand)*

Prayer of Dedication:

God of life and love, you lavish us with all good gifts and care for us through the love of mothers who gave us birth and mothers who raise us up in the faith. Where would we be without them? They reflect your own love for all humankind. We know you because of them.

And so, we make this offering to you who gave us your Son so that we might have new life. We make this offering to you so that others may know your love. We make this offering to you so that justice and righteousness will pour over all the land, and so that others may have new life as well. We make this offering in Jesus’ name. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

The Old Testament Reading: Exodus 1:15-22

(Page 54 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**

♪Hymn #53: *(please stand)* **“Let All Things Now Living”**

Sermon: “All Good Gifts – Mothers in the Faith”

Reverend Louis LaFazia

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

♪Hymn #751: *(please stand)* **“For All the Saints”** verses 1, 2, 3

Benediction *(please remain standing)*

Postlude

Our Kingdom Goals

Maximizing the use of our Church Facility

Steven Husarik and Ken Olenyik

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

NOTES

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