

October 29th, 2023

*Reflections on Inclusivity*

*Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries.*

*Without them, humanity cannot survive.*

*Dalai Lama*

Order of Worship

*(\*Please rise in body and/or spirit )*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

Prelude

Adeus

Valdemar Henrique

Candle Lighting

## **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: God is our refuge and strength:

**People: we will not fear.**

Leader: Though the earth shakes,

**People: we will not fear.**

Leader: Though the waters swirl around us,

**People: we will not fear.**

Leader: Though the nations rise and fight,

**People: we will not fear.**

**All: God is our help in the time of trouble:  
we will not fear.**

**\*Hymn #12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

## **Call to Confession**

Leader: Jesus says, If you continue in my word, you are my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. We try to live in Christ's truth, but we still fall short and find ourselves bound. Let us pursue God's word through our confession.

### **Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**God of the ages, you have been faithful to us, but we have not been faithful to you.**

**You have established covenants with us, but we have not upheld our part.**

**We have distorted your word for our own gain.**

**We have claimed you as exclusively ours.**

**We have focused on power more than discipleship.**

**We beg your forgiveness.**

**Reform us again and make us into the image of your true church.**

### **Moment for Silent Reflection**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

**First Scripture Lesson:** Psalm 90:1-6

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

### **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

### **Prayers of the Church and The Lord's Prayer**

### **Passing the Peace**

**\*Hymn # 275** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

**Second Scripture Lesson** Matthew 22:34-40

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

**Sermon** A Bulwark Never Failing The Rev. Dr. Eileen Lindner

### **Offering**

**Offertory** Meditation T. Smith

### **\*Doxology**

### **Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn** #203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

**Benediction**

**Postlude**


A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Setting by Marcello Velame

**Worship Leaders**

<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>Rev. Katja Gruening</b>
<b>Preaching:</b>	<b>The Rev Dr Eileen Lindner</b>
<b>Director of Music Ministries:</b>	<b>Marcello Velame</b>
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	<b>Rich Vodhanel</b>
<b>Liturgist:</b>	<b>John Hanley</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Brian Sergeant</b>
	<b>Andy Wolf</b>
<b>Zoom Hosts:</b>	<b>John Palframan</b>
	<b>Jim Wright</b>
	<b>Rich Vodhanel</b>
<b>Social Hour:</b>	<b>Facilities</b>

# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

# 203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)  
*Refrain* F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)  
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F *Fine*

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)  
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and  
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should  
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)  
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F *to Refrain*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.  
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.  
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.



FOOD  
*Thanksgiving*  
DRIVE

Please help donate to those less fortunate.

*Shopping List*

*Cranberry Sauce  
Canned sweet potatoes  
Canned Corn  
Canned Fruit  
Jars of Jam/Jelly*

*Boxed stuffing mix  
Pie crust mix  
Jarred Gravy  
Pumpkin pie filling*



Please join us for the 4th annual

# TRUNK OR TREAT



**WHEN:** Sunday November 5, 2023 after Church Service  
(Coffee hour will be in the back lot during the event)

**WHERE:** Parking Lot behind Church House  
(Please park trunk or treat cars in lot before service)

**KIDS:** WEAR YOUR BEST COSTUME

**ADULTS:** DECORATE YOUR CAR &  
BRING YOUR BEST TREATS  
OR BRING A CHAIR TO JUST  
WATCH THE FUN!



**Goodies & Games for All!**  
**Prize for**  
**Best Decorated Vehicle!**





## ***Annual Christmas Bazaar***

***Saturday, December 2 from 9:30-2:00***

*In addition to asking that you attend the event (and invite friends), we could use your support by helping sort and price donations, working one or more 2 hour shift(s) at a booth, and by donating the following types of items starting Nov. 1*

**Jewelry** - Please bring to the church office by Nov. 27.

**Fashion Accessories** – Please place items in the collection box in the Church House lobby.

**Christmas Treasures, Gifts, etc.** – Christmas related or nearly new gift items only, nothing damaged please! Please put items in the Omega Room

**Toys & Sports Equipment**– Please put on the stairs in the Alpha Room.

**Book Nook** - Please put by the Book Nook in Fellowship Hall.

The week before the Christmas Bazaar we will also need the following donations:

**Bake and Soup Tables** - For the soups: please attach a *list of ingredients*. Quart size containers available from Nancy Vodhanel.

**Greens Table** –Clippings, as well as containers to make the decorations If you have any greenery clippings you can donate, please contact Kim Davies (732)859-1931 or Michele Mackay (732) 673-0857. We can come to your property and trim.

Please contact Nancy Vodhanel ([nvodhanel@gmail.com](mailto:nvodhanel@gmail.com) or 732-530-7641) or Susan Peterson ([susanp.peterson@verizon.net](mailto:susanp.peterson@verizon.net) or 732-389-8946) if you have questions about donations or if you can help.

## Meeting Schedule Week of October 30th

30	OCT, MON	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga - Gentle Floor Yoga(FH)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
31	OCT, TUE	● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga - Chair Yoga Fitness(FH)
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
		● 5 – 7pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
1	NOV, WED	● 8 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Bible Study (TR)
2	NOV, THU	● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 4:45 – 5:45pm	Yoga Small Group - (FH)
		● 6 – 7pm	Bells (SR)
		● 7 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani choir practice (FH)
4	NOV, SAT	● 8 – 9:30am	Men's Group (offsite)
		● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
5	NOV, SUN	● 8:45 – 9:30am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday School
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Trunk or Treat ( parking lot)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)
		● 6 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Worship (FH)