

United Methodist Church of Red Bank
Worship at 10:00 AM March 22, 2020

♪Prelude

“Faithful, We Have Met to Worship”

William Moore

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing the Peace of Christ

♪Invitation to Worship

“There’s a Path”

***Centering Prayer**

God of Presence and Strength, help us feel you here with us when we are anxious and afraid. When we feel overwhelmed by the twists and turns of life, quiet us, open us, remind us that no matter how off course our lives feel, you remain with us, for you are as close as the air we breathe. Calming God, bring courage. Tender Spirit, breathe peace. Gentle Jesus, be close. Amen.

♪*Opening Hymn #2025

“As the Deer”

As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs after you
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you

You alone are my strength, my shield. To you alone will my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you

Litany of Confession, Assurance and Peace

Leader: For plunging ahead without listening to You,

People: Forgive and restore us, O God.

Leader: For not recognizing Your still small voice within us,

People: Forgive and restore us, O God.

Leader: For forgetting to ask for assurance—your greatest gift,

People: Forgive and restore us, O God.

Silent prayers...

Leader: Hear these words of assurance: Lost is not lost to God. You are not lost to God. God is with you, forgiving and restoring you to wholeheartedness.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen!

First Reading

Psalm 42

Time with the Children

Focus Scripture

1 Samuel 3: 6-9

Sermon

The Gift of Getting Lost

Rev. Jessica B. Naulty

♪ **Prayer Song**

“Come and Rest”

Come and rest. Come and listen.

Lay the fullness of your lives before the Maker.

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

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♪ **Special Music**

“Remind Me Who I Am”

Jason Gray

Evan Courtney

Prayer of Thanksgiving

♪ ***Closing Hymn #150**

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

God, who stretched the spangled heavens, infinite in time and place

Flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space:

We, your children in your likeness, share inventive pow'rs with you;

Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race;

Known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space;

Probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined pow'r,

Facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew:

Children of creative purpose, serving others, hon'ring you.

May our dreams prove rich with promise; each endeavor well begun;

Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

*Benediction

♪ **Postlude**

* Please stand in praise to God if you are able.

All read the **BOLD** text.

Organist and Director of Music Ministry: Evan Courtney
Singers: Michele Naples, Ken Glossbrenner, and Steven Russell