

THE REFORMED CHURCH OF METUCHEN
First Sunday after the Epiphany
January 13, 2019

Gathering Music

Greetings & Salutation

***Opening Hymn 13 “He Has Made Me Glad”** (green hymnal)

***Call to Worship:**

Liturgist:

A voice from heaven calls my name.

Get up and dance, devise a song; shout to the Lord.

Glory to you, O God!

I am precious in the Lord’s eyes.

Write a poem, sing a sonnet; dedicate it to the Lord.

Glory to you, O God!

The Holy One created and formed you.

With a winnowing fork of love, he comes for you.

Jump for joy, sing a song; dance a dance!

MUSICAL INTERLUDE (*Holy Spirit, You Are Welcome Here*)

The Holy One created and formed you.

From east and west, He will call you by His name.

Glory to you, O God!

With a winnowing fork of love, he comes for you.

He will separate the chaff from our life.

Glory to you, O God!

Jump for joy, sing a song; dance a dance!

A voice from heaven calls my name.

And, it is my God. Glory to you O Lord!

ALL: Congregational Hymn 41 “He Is Exalted” (green hymnal)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy are you, O God. You formed me with a heart to feel, eyes to see, and a conscience to guide me, yet, I turn from you and toward another, I exchange right for wrong and truth for falsehoods. Forgive me Lord, and bring me into the glory of your light where I might dwell forevermore. Amen.

Kyrie (*Lord, have mercy.*)

Assurance of Pardon: We Receive Absolution

Not because of who we are, but because of who God is, by his Spirit we are called by name, created for God’s glory, and thus forgiven. “For as far as the east is from the west, so too shall our sins be remembered no more.” Psalm 103:12

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

***Gloria Patri**

***Prayer for Illumination**

Musical Selection: “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” (red hymnal, no. 350)

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Scripture Reflection

Offertory

Offertory Music

***Doxology and Offertory Prayer**

Prayers for World & Community and The Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn 529 “O, How I Love Jesus”** (red hymnal)

***Benediction**

Parting Music: “Thank You Lord” (insert)