

Second Reformed Church

Of New Brunswick



**100 College Avenue
New Brunswick, New Jersey**

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP
April 7 , 2013
Easter 2 / Communion Sunday

GOD CALLS US OUT OF THE WORLD INTO WORSHIP

PRELUDE	I Know That My Redeemer Liveth	Handel/Hughes
INTROIT	"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"	Green Hymnal #157
VOTUM / SALUTATION		

Our help is in the Name of the Lord, creator of heaven and earth.
Grace to you and peace from God, our Creator, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

***PEACE** Jesus said: "Peace be with you. My peace I give to you."
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.
One: The peace of Christ be with you.
 All: And also with you.
One: Let's stand and share a sign of peace with each other.

*HYMN	"Christ is Alive"	Red Hymnal #108
		[*Please stand as you are able.]

CALL TO RENEWAL *The Liturgy of the RCA*

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, we propose to celebrate together, with the help of God, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper this Lord's Day. We come to the Table to commune with our Lord. We come in awe and reverence, for the place where we stand is holy ground. Here the Lord offers us the manna of life. If we are to experience this celebration with our Lord and be nourished by the Spirit, let us examine ourselves first, then eat the bread and drink from the cup. The benefit is great, if with penitent hearts and living faith we receive the Lord's Supper. Let us acknowledge our sin before our merciful God, with full intention of amending our lives. Let us make restitution for all injuries and wrongs done to others. Let us forgive those who have offended us, as we ourselves have been forgiven. All children of the covenant, be reconciled with one another and then come joyfully to the banquet, so that you may experience assurance of God's pardon, and strengthening of your faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all worlds, Easter Victor, Victorious Spirit, though we are declared to be victors over the godless world, we often feel doubtful and defeated. We are too prone to go by our feelings and not to accept the witness of the apostles, believing his victory to be our victory over sin and death. Victorious Spirit, overcome our doubts and fears as we read and hear the apostolic witness. Increase our love as well, for we need to love others who are not as lovable as Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN	"There Is A Redeemer"	(Verse 1) Green Hymnal #145
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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: Friends, hear the good news! The victory that defeats the world is our faith.
 All: We are victors over evil by believing that Jesus is the Son of God
One: Friends, believe the good news!
 All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*HYMN	"Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing"	Red Hymnal #111
CALL TO FAITHFUL LIVING		<i>Exodus 20</i>

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; **You shall have no other gods before me.**

You shall not make for yourself an idol;

You shall not bow down to them or worship them;

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God;

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother; **You shall not murder.**

You shall not commit adultery. **You shall not steal.**

You shall not testify falsely against your neighbor.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOD COMES TO US IN WORD AND SACRAMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lift up your hearts. **Let us lift them to the Lord our God.** God of earth and heaven, Christ of the cross and resurrection, Spirit of creation and re-creation, grant us the blessing you promised to those who believe in the Risen Christ, without visible and tangible proof of his victory over death **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

The Word of the Lord from Acts 5:27-32. *Pew Bible pg. 996*

Peter obeys God. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON

The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John 20:19-31 *Pew Bible pg. 950*

Jesus appears to the apostles This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"The Place of Doubt"

Rev. Beardslee

PRAYER FOR BLESSING

*HYMN

"Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

Red Hymnal #510

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal #579

GIVING OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM / OFFERTORY

Psalm 23

Sung by Felipe DaSilva

*DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #592

HOLY COMMUNION

The Liturgy of the RCA

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, the holy Supper which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope. **We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent of the Father into the world to assume our flesh and blood and to fulfill for us all obedience to the divine law, even to the bitter and shameful death of the cross.** By his death, resurrection, and ascension he established a new and eternal covenant of grace and reconciliation that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken by him. **We come to have communion with this same Christ who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world.** In the breaking of the bread he makes himself known to us as the true heavenly Bread that

strengthens us unto life eternal. In the cup of blessing he comes to us as the Vine in whom we must abide if we are to bear fruit. **We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and foretaste of the feast of love of which we shall partake when his kingdom has fully come, when with unveiled face we shall behold him, made like unto him in his glory.** Since by his death, resurrection, and ascension Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit who unites us all in one body, so are we to receive this Supper in true love, mindful of the communion of saints.

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

Green Hymnal 250

COMMUNION

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

(Inside rear cover of Green Hymnal)

GOD SENDS US INTO MISSION

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE with THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be you're name. ... Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. AMEN.

INVITATION TO FELLOWSHIP / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN

"Come Ye Faithful" Red Hymnal #114

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"God Is Love"

Green Hymnal #137

*CHARGE / BENEDICTION

*HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord" Chorus Only

Red Hymnal #525

*POSTLUDE

Let There Be Joy

Beatrice Miller