

Our Mission is to Love God and Love Others

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15th, 2022

Order of Service

Call to worship

As the sun rises in the morning,

LET ALL CREATION WORSHIP GOD.

From the highest mountains to the deepest seas,

LET ALL CREATION PROCLAIM THE NAME OF THE LORD, FOR GOD ALONE IS WORTHY TO BE PRAISED.

God alone makes all things new.

ALL PRAISE, GLORY, AND HONOR BE YOURS, FOREVER.

Opening Prayer

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Prayer of Confession

Leader: O God of peace,

People: we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies,
but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love.

Leader: Break down those walls.

People: Help us to see that the way to your heart
is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies.

All: Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love
for each other and for you, through Jesus Christ.

Assurance of Pardon

When we are thirsty, God renews our souls with living waters. Drink deeply, knowing that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen

Affirmation 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, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come 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.

**that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places*

Welcome & Announcements

Intercessory Prayer/Offertory Prayer

“As the Deer”

2 Kings 4:1-7(English Standard Version)

Elisha and the Widow's Oil

Now the wife of one of the sons of the prophets cried to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the LORD, but the creditor has come to take my two children to be his slaves." ² And Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me; what have you in the house?" And she said, "Your servant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil." ³ Then he said, "Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbors, empty vessels and not too few. ⁴ Then go in and shut the door behind yourself and your sons and pour into all these vessels. And when one is full, set it aside." ⁵ So she went from him and shut the door behind herself and her sons. And as she poured they brought the vessels to her. ⁶ When the vessels were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, "There is not another." Then the oil stopped flowing. ⁷ She came and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your sons can live on the rest."

Message

"A Handful of Hope"

Pastor Joshua Scheid

"Here I Am, Lord"

Benediction

Announcements

We welcome and warmly receive Pastor Joshua Scheid to Flatlands today. Pastor Josh is the pastor of Massapequa Reformed Church in Massapequa, Long Island. He is also the clerk of the Nassau-Suffolk Classis, has served as the moderator for the Commission on Church Order, and worked with the Regional Synod of New York and General Synod Commission on judicial matters. Pastor Josh is joined by his wife Kathryn, and their two daughters Miriam and Lydia.

Tuesday Night Prayer Conference Call at 7 pm to 8 pm and Thursday Morning Prayer Conference Call at 6 am to 6:30 am (605) 472-5395 Code 476076 –Prayer requests can be emailed to prayer@flatlandsreformed.org

The Fresh Produce Food distribution program operates on Saturdays, from 7:00 am – 9:30 am

Friday, May 20th-Pre-packing of fresh produce at 1 pm

FITBK – Free fitness classes on Tuesday's and Thursday's at 7 pm

Pilot ESL program - ESL classes will be held Mondays & Fridays from 6 pm-9 pm through the end of June.

Wednesday Night Worship, The 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. The next gathering is on Wednesday, May 18th at 7 pm, in the auditorium.

Wednesday, June 8th. Free shredding event at Flatlands sponsored by Assemblywoman Weinstein, Councilwomen Louis, and FFCCG. Pre-registration is required-Please call (718)648-4700.

Giving – You can now give your tithes, offerings, gifts, and donations in three ways:

-**Online**, go to www.flatlandsreformed.org, and click on the give tab at the top, then the give button.

-**By Mail**, Flatlands Reformed Church, 3931 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York 11234

-**In-Person**, you can bring your gift to Sunday service

Thank you for your free-will giving, because it supports the life, and work of our community of faith.

Interested in joining or learning more about Flatlands and serving? If you are interested in joining our church or community of faith or would like to learn more about us and serve in one of our ministries, you can email info@flatlandsreformed.org

Flatlands Reformed Church

Vision

Flatlands Reformed Church strives to be a church that ministers to the needs of its members, the community, and the world.

Mission

Love God, Love Others

Values

- Culturally relevant without compromising the integrity of the gospel message
- Biblically literate and guided by God's word
- Committed to Discipleship
- Intentionally Evangelistic
- Promoting Gift-Based ministry
- Prepare and train Servant-Leaders
- Vibrant and inspirational worship that honors God and feeds the soul
- Fully member supported
- Healthy Spiritual Growth and the fruits of the Spirit are evident