

Second Presbyterian Church  
Oxford, New Jersey  
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November 17, 2013

Prelude Robert Jelks

\*\*\* Songs of Praise *Welcome Into This Place*  
*I Feel Jesus In This Place*

Call to Worship

\*Hymn *He is Our Peace* #454

\*Greet One Another - followed by *Bind Us Together* #130

Scripture Reading *Psalm 98*  
*Jacqueline Clauson*

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of love and compassion, our hearts long for you and your healing touch. We confess that too often our energies go into selfish dreams and desires, leaving us empty and hollow. Too often we turn to you only when we are in great need, or as a last resort. And yet, you still welcome us and reach out to us. You are the God of Peace, seeking to restore us to health and wholeness. Forgive us our faithlessness, and lift up the spirits of all those among us who are facing fear, loneliness, tragedy, and illness. Heal us; nourish us through your spiritual food, and give us strength to continue in the race you have set before us. In the name of your Son, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

\* Gloria Patri #620

Concerns of the Fellowship

Prayers of the People & *The Lord's Prayer*

Song of Praise *I Worship You*

Offering

\**Doxology* #623

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* #154

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 65:17-25*

Sermon Rev. Joicy Becker Richards  
"Hope and a Promise"

\*Hymn *I Know Who Holds Tomorrow* #495

\*Charge & Benediction

\*Hymn *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* #153

\*Postlude

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\*Congregation standing

*Following the service, please stay  
and join us for fellowship provided by  
Carol & Fred Martin*