

Second Presbyterian Church
Oxford, New Jersey
September 16, 2018

Prelude Robert Jelks

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

Call to Worship

*Hymn *Thou Art Worthy (2 x)* #11

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

Scripture Reading *Psalms 116:1-9*
Carol Martin

Unison Prayer of Confession

Dear Lord, we draw close to you, acknowledging our shortcomings and confessing our sins to you. We confess that we do not always follow you; sometimes we even turn our backs to you. Forgive us, we pray. We confess that the words from our mouths are not always pleasing to you; we confess that, at times, we use words that express a lack of faith; sometimes we use words that are hurtful to you and others. Forgive us we pray. For any individual sin we have committed we ask forgiveness....

[A moment of silent prayer and personal confession]

Lord forgive us and restore us according to your grace and mercy. Empower us by your Holy Spirit to grow in love and knowledge of you, so we can lay down the sin that so easily entangles us. Amen

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 *Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise* #12

Scripture Reading *James 3:1-12*

Sermon Rev. Joicy Becker Richards
"Words Matter"

*Hymn *Take My Life And Let It Be* #436

Charge & Benediction

*Hymn *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* #153

*Postlude

*Congregation standing **Back of Hymnal

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