

## Part 1: The Resting Place

Before Sicomac Avenue was lined with homes, the land held a sacred meaning. The name Sicomac is derived from the Lenni Lenape language, meaning resting place or sacred burial ground. For centuries, the indigenous people of Northern New Jersey considered this ridge a site of profound spiritual significance. It was the site of the happy hunting ground where the great Chief Oratam was said to be laid to rest, long before the first European footprints were pressed into the soil.

In the early 1700s, Dutch settlers began partitioning this high ground into expansive farmsteads. Families like the Van Voorhees and Ackermans moved north, clearing the dense woods to create the rolling pastures that would define Wyckoff's character. When we gather for worship today, we are standing on land that has been recognized as a place of significance for over three hundred years—transitioning from a sacred Lenape ridge to the agricultural heart of Bergen County.

## Church Calendar

### This Week **May 10**

Door Monitor- Andrew van der Meer  
Sound- Paul Cusack  
Video- Dan Grimm  
Projector- John Belanus  
Nursery- Cheryl Cusack, Kelly Delaney, Jack Delaney  
KidsChurch- Bev Smid, Olivia Calaski  
Coffee- No coffee  
Prayers Of The People- John Belanus  
Children's Message- Barb Belanus  
KidSpace- Barb Belanus  
Chosen- Emily Lotz (MEET IN KIDSPACE ROOM)

### Next Week **May 17**

Door Monitor- Jim Calaski  
Sound- Paul Cusack  
Video- Paul Cusack  
Projector- Emily Lotz  
Nursery- Laura Royle, Alyssa Morin  
KidsChurch- Sally Ruitenbergh, Mary van der Meer  
Coffee- Dennis & Jan Kuiken  
Prayers Of The People- Phil Verrengia  
Children's Message- Jan Kuiken  
KidSpace- Barb Belanus  
Chosen- Kelly Delaney

### Second Collections:

May 10- Lighthouse Pregnancy Resource Center

May 17- New Hope

May 24- Hope Christian Services

May 31- Benevolence

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING SONG-** "COME, ALL YOU PEOPLE"

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**\*GOD'S GREETING & MUTUAL GREETING**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE-** "WAYMAKER"

**CALL TO CONFESSION-** "I LOVE THE LORD"

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**SONG OF ASSURANCE-** "I LOVE THE LORD"

### OFFERING

*SPECIAL COLLECTION- LIGHTHOUSE PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**\*SONG OF PREPARATION-** "LIVING HOPE"

**PRAYER FOR THE LIGHT OF THE SPIRIT**

**SCRIPTURE-** 2 CORINTHIANS 4: 7-11

**SERMON-** "TREASURES IN JARS OF CLAY"

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE-** "YET NOT I, BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME"

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**\*PARTING SONG-** "LEAD ME, GUIDE ME"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*DOXOLOGY-** "CHRIST IS RISEN! SHOUT HOSANNA!"

### POSTLUDE

**TIME OF FELLOWSHIP**  
**EVERYONE IS INVITED FOR COFFEE, REFRESHMENTS**  
**& FELLOWSHIP IN THE BARN**

**TODAY, May 10,**

- Is the sixth Sunday of Easter

**NEXT SUNDAY, May 17,**

- Is the seventh Sunday of Easter
- We will welcome Rev. Marco Avila (Resonate Global Mission) to lead us in worship

**FAITH COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The flowers in the sanctuary** have been placed there in honor of Mother’s Day. Mother’s Day is meant to honor all the women who nurture, support, and love us. While some of us might have a cheerful celebration, there are others who need quiet, respect, and compassion. We acknowledge and honor all ways of recognizing Mother’s Day. We encourage you to spend time in prayer today for all those who are finding this a difficult day and also, those celebrating.

**We will have coffee hour** in the Fellowship Hall following this morning’s service.

**Please note** that KidSpace & Chosen will meet together this week in the Blue Room.

**Council will meet** this Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm.

**There is a Joint Ascension Day Service** at Unity CRC in Prospect Park at 7PM on May 14. This is a joint initiative between the following churches: Bridgeway Community Church, Cedar Hill CRC, Faith Community Church, Midland Park CRC, Rockpoint Community Church and Unity CRC. Please join together as we worship God together as the wider community thanking God for Jesus’ Ascension.

**Opportunities are available to lead** our Chosen class. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or see or text Jan Kuiken 551-427-4647.

**Ladies:** please join us every Thursday at 10 am in the Blue Room downstairs for a time of fellowship and Bible Study. If you need a ride or have any questions, please see Linda Van Lenten.

**Men’s Bible Study** will break until the fall. Please see Bob Jacobs with any questions.

**2<sup>nd</sup> collections recap:  
5/3/26-  
Missions, \$985**

**REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Join Christian Health for a Mental Health Awareness Walk** on Saturday, May 16 at 9:30 a.m. Join us and take steps to support mental health awareness, eliminate stigma, and prioritize wellness. All are welcome! We’ll have T-shirts, water stations, coffee, snacks, and an accessible restroom on-site. The route is a half mile, and you can complete as many laps as you like. Registration is free! Invite friends and family and take the opportunity to connect with mental health professionals and Christian Health staff. Plus, don’t miss your chance to win a Wellness Basket in our raffle! Registration link: <https://e.givesmart.com/events/NVr/>.

**You’re invited to Robot Fight Night** at Eastern Christian on May 29 at 7 PM, (50 Oakwood Ave, North Haledon). Join us for a fun, high-energy evening featuring a brief tour of our high school followed by our exciting Robot Fight Night—where student-built robots battle it out in a creative, crowd-cheering showdown. It’s a great way for families of ALL AGES to experience the Eastern Christian community! Learn more or register: [www.easternchristian.org/visit](http://www.easternchristian.org/visit).

**Please join Hope Christian Services** on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> to celebrate a special evening at The Tides in North Haledon at our “*Homes of Hope Dinner*” honoring Laura Lupica, HCS, COO & FKA Architects. To purchase tickets, sponsorships, ads or make donations please visit <https://hopechristian.org/events/homes-of-hope-dinner/>.

**DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Mother’s Day** - Women were the first to witness the resurrected Jesus, and they told others the good news of the living God. When you think about your faith journey, who are the women who have told you about God? This week take some time to journal, draw, or share with a friend or family member stories about the women who have had an impact on your faith. Consider writing a note to one of them or, if possible, visiting them and thanking them in person. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)



**OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY**

Our Christian sympathy is extended to *John Algera* in the passing of his wife, Debra, on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Please keep John and his family in your prayers.

Please keep Classis in your prayers as they will meet Thursday at Christ Church in Long Island.

An update from John & Marge Faber: John returned home from the Care One facility. He will receive continued care and therapy at home. We would like to thank Pastor Moses for his visit to the hospital to see us, and the congregation for your prayers, cards, phone calls, rides to therapy and doctors, meal cards and meals provided, as well as your support during this challenging time for both John and I, following my knee replacement surgery and John's fall and subsequent injuries. We would appreciate your continued prayers for John’s recovery- John & Marge

*Lou Spano* remains in Kessler for rehabilitation. Please continue to keep Lou and Karen in your prayers.

Please pray for *Carrie Johnson* (wife of Rev. Michael Johnson of Cedar Hill Church) as she undergoes cancer treatment.



- 5/13 Phil Verrengia
- 5/15 Jace Kobovitch
- 5/16 Kristen Tolsma