



**PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

February 7, 2021
The Sacrament of Communion
10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Fanfare in F
Sanctuary Ringers

Sandra Eithun

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

inspired by Matt. 11:29 and Rev. 21:5

Leader: Have we not known? Have we not heard?

People: Has it not been told to us from the beginning?

Leader: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

People: They shall mount up with wings like eagles.

Leader: They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint.

All: Let us worship the Living God! Alleluia! Amen.

HYMN 308 (vv. 1-2)

O God in Whom All Life Begins

NOEL

*(1) O God in whom all life begins, who births the seed to fruit,
bestow your blessing on our lives; here let your love find root.
Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts of patience, joy, and peace;
deliver us from numbing fear, and grant our faith increase.*

*(2) Unite in mutual ministry our minds and hands and hearts
that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace imparts.
So let our varied gifts combine to glorify your Name
that in all things by word and deed we may your love proclaim.*

TEXT: Carl P. Daw Jr., 1990
MUSIC: English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1874
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OPENING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God, you are everlasting, the Creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure. We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. In our compassion, forgive us. We place our hope for forgiveness in your steadfast love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE Psalm 147:1-11

Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre. He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills. He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry. His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner; but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for

that is what I came out to do.” And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

SERMON "Life as Planned"

The Reverend Dr. Ellen Clark Clémot

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

From A Brief Confession of Faith

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

As We Gather at Your Table
Chancel Choir

Eleanor Daley

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

*(Our custom is to hold the bread until all have been served
and then to eat after the Pastor says,)*

Leader: Jesus said "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." Ministering in the name of Christ, I offer you the bread.

(We hold the cup and drink together after the Pastor says,)

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Apart from me, you can do nothing. Abiding in my love, you will bear much fruit." Ministering in the name of Christ, I offer you the cup.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN 340 (vv. 1,3)

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

*(1) This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

*(3) This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.*

TEXT: Stanzas 1-2, Lloyd Stone; stanza 3, Georgia Harkness, alt.

MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1889; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933, alt.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**March in F
Sanctuary Ringers**

Sandra Eithun

Today's worship assistant is The Reverend Thomas A. Brown.

Today's cantor is Douglas Clark.

Choral anthem produced by Douglas Clark at the Glass Bottom Studios.

Special thanks to Bob Eager, Carlene Pruitt and Kraig Williams today
for their technical assistance.

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and in Memory of Lillian and Al Dunne, mom and dad, by Barbara Dunne.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, February 7, 2021

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

Please join Pastor Ellen today and every Sunday at 11 a.m. for some virtual coffee and fellowship via Zoom. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know our new Senior Pastor and to catch up with old friends. All are welcome. Click [HERE](#) to join Zoom.

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CHILDREN AND FAMILY WORSHIP WITH PASTOR CLÉMOT

Today our Children's Ministry Focus Group is launching a pilot program of children's worship videos with our Senior Pastor. Every week the videos will be released in time for younger family's Sunday worship together and remain available all week so that you can hear a brief Bible-based story with your children when most convenient for you. We are inviting other congregants and teachers to join our "Story Corps" so that over time we can expand the narrators of family worship time to include the enthusiastic voices of our broader church family.

If you are already registered for our children's ministry programs, you have received a link to the children's message in your in-box, and all congregants will have the link to the children's message sent by e-blast from the church office. Please let us know if you would like to join our Story Corps, or be registered to receive email links and messages about our Children's ministry restructuring plans by emailing: Katie Young, Chair of the Children's Ministry Focus Group, at katiebyoung@yahoo.com or Ceri Gilpin in the church office at cgilpin@pcct-nj.org.

BIBLE STUDY
Bible Study is Back!
Each Wednesday, at 10:30 AM

Dear Bible deprived and Bible curious:

In response to your enthusiastic requests, we have started gathering, online, for Bible study with Pastor Ellen. Please join us on Wednesdays from 10:30 am to noon each week by Zoom for a lively and informative time of fellowship and Bible story-sharing with insights from our new Pastor. Our first study topic is “Women of Influence in the Bible” and we are studying the women you are curious about, such as Deborah, the first judge elected by the Hebrew people, Lydia, the original second career Pastor who led a house church and also managed a business in the luxury cloth trade, the women who helped finance the ministry of Jesus, and other women who made a difference despite being outcasts and strangers: Ruth, Hagar, the Woman at the Well, the Syro-Phoenician Woman. As we consider these women of the Bible, we will also explore how women today, and the families who love them, continue to lead, influence, struggle with, and support the church spiritually, physically, intellectually, and financially today. All are welcome, without regard to gender, for this kick-off session with Rev. Dr. Ellen Clark Clémot. To sign up, please go [HERE](#), or you can call the church office and let us know you would like to attend.

CAD FUNDRAISER FOR HAITI

Again this year, PCCT is unable to send a Mission Team to serve with Foundation For Peace in Haiti. To continue our support of FFP, a longstanding PCCT Mission Partner, we are raising funds for CAD orphanage, where there are 26 children. Visiting the children at CAD is a highlight of our Mission Trips. Last year through the generous donations of PCCT, we raised over \$40,000, enough to fund the orphanage for 2020 including food, medical, educational, and caregiving needs. Each child also received a birthday present and cake during their birthday month. For many it was their first!

Fundraising kicks off February 14. Our goal is to raise at least \$18,000 this year. There will be an informational Zoom call with Pastor Valentin and others from FFP on Sunday, February 21 at 4:30 pm. You can join the call via this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84840050317?pwd=YnJOQUxGUVD5Ti9TT0VydzY4VFllQT09>

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Passcode: FFPHaiti

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Passcode: 49297132

Please consider making a donation by sending a check to the church office with Haiti Fundraiser in the Memo Line or by clicking [HERE](#) and choose Haiti Fundraiser on the fund drop down menu. Feel free to reach out to Julie Nelson, jnelson36@gmail.com, with any questions.

RADIO CHURCH RETURNS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY!

Back by popular demand, we will hold an Ash Wednesday worship service in our church parking lot, broadcast over our FM radio frequency 92.5. Our broadcast extends across only 500 yards of airway, so you need to be in the PCCT parking lot to hear us. But that is where the Spirit will be on February 17, 2021, at 4pm. We are worshipping early so that families can come. So, bring your kids, and in place of ashes, everyone will receive a special Lenten flower bulb planted in a pebble jar that you can nurture at home over the 40 days of Lent and watch bloom in time for Easter. The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated at the radio church service as well. We will provide you with the elements in to-go containers as you arrive in the parking lot. Like at Christmas Eve, everyone stays inside their cars during worship. We will give you a bulletin and you can sing along with our hymns, listen to our student musicians play, and here a very brief reflection from Rev. Clémot to guide our thinking, and inspire our hopefulness, for this Lenten season.

Please let the church office know if you can join us by registering [HERE](#). All are welcome, even without registration, but numbers help us plan our plantings. We look forward to welcoming you on PCCT Radio, Ash Wednesday, February 17th at 4pm!

LENTEN NO-PREP* BOOK STUDY

Dr. Ellen C. Clémot & Rev. Tom Brown will lead a virtual five-part book study during Lent. Join us Wednesdays, Feb 24 - March 24, from 7:00 - 8:00 pm on Zoom. We will be reading a portion of “We Make the Road by Walking” by renowned author and theologian Brian McLaren, who writes: “What we all want is pretty simple, really. We want to be alive. To feel alive. Not just to exist, but to thrive, to live out loud, walk tall, breathe free...” People are seeking “aliveness” he says. This book is about how to move forward on that path.

*We invite you to come each week *unprepared*. The chapters can be read aloud in 10-12 minutes, so we will do that together each week. Scripture, discussion, and prayer will round out our hour together. You may sign up [HERE](#).

CHOIR

The Chancel Choir has rehearsals on Thursday evenings on Zoom and the Sanctuary Ringers meet on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary, masked and socially distanced. If you think you may be called to ministry through music at PCCT as a singer, a ringer, or parents of a child musician, please reach out to Deborah at dking@pcct-nj.org

OFFERING

Pledges and gifts may be mailed or given through our website - look for the tab that says “Give.” You can also text the word “Give” to 973-524-7580 and you will receive a Text with a link to Give. Please know how grateful we are for your continued support and partnership.

SPECIAL APPEAL

We ask you to contribute your 2021 Apportionment, the \$40.00 *per member* charge in support of our Presbytery and Presbyterian church USA. You may pay online on our website or by cash or check to the church office.

STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship Committee wishes to thank those who have fulfilled their 2020 pledge and have returned their pledge cards for 2021. Your courtesy giving statements will be mailed out no later than mid-February. If you requested to receive a box of offering envelopes for 2021, you may pick them up in the Upper Lobby from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm Monday through Friday.

FLOWER DEDICATION

Thank you to everyone who has dedicated flowers as part of our virtual worship service each Sunday. Your continued support has enabled us to continue the care and connection of the Deacons' flower ministry by having a Deacon deliver flowers each week to members of our congregation as a sign of appreciation or concern on behalf of the church. If you would like to place a dedication for 2021, you may sign up easily [HERE](#) or you can call the office at (973) 635-2340 or email [Gloria](#). The cost of the flowers is \$65.00. If you choose to pay by check, please add "flower fund" to the memo line. Flowers may also be paid for online.

