



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

**April 11, 2021 • 10:00 AM**  
**Second Sunday of Eastertide**

## PRELUDE

Adagio, from Sonatina in C Major

Franz Joseph Hadyn

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Peace be with you.

People: *How good it is to live in unity.*

Leader: Receive the Holy Spirit.

People: *It is the blessing of the Lord.*

All: *Let us worship the Living God.*

## HYMN 254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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*(1) That Easter day with joy was bright;  
the sun shone out with fairer light  
when, to their longing eyes restored,  
the apostles saw their risen Lord.*

*(2) He bade them see his hands, his side,  
where yet the glorious wounds abide,  
the tokens true which made it plain  
their Lord indeed was risen again.*

*(3) From every weapon death can wield,  
your own redeemed forever shield;  
O Lord of all, with us abide  
in this our joyful Eastertide.*

TEXT: Latin hymn, 5<sup>th</sup> cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1852, alt.  
MUSIC: Trier ms., 15<sup>th</sup> cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609

## OPENING PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

*You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit with signs and wonders, In flesh and blood, yet we Struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### HYMN 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

*(1) Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

*(2) World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text; adapt. Paul M. Vasile, 2008

MUSIC: Paul M. Vasile, 2008

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### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-25

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

#### SERMON "A Breath of New Life"

The Reverend Dr. Ellen C. Clénot

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

from the French Confession of 1559

*We believe that we are illuminated in faith by the unfathomable grace of the Holy Spirit. God imparts this gracious gift. By faith we receive grace to live holy lives in awe and reverence for God, for we receive what the gospel promises when God gives us the Holy Spirit.*



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### **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The Chancel Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and in Memory of Barbara S. Frank, mother and grandmother, by Doug and Pat Frank.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Sunday, April 11, 2021**

#### **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

This morning Steve Tompson will be introducing the new Stewardship Committee during our Minute for Mission.

#### **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. *Note new Zoom link.*

Meeting ID: 978 2578 8026

Passcode: Coffee

#### **FAITH FORWARD - Sunday, April 18 and Sunday, April 25**

Please join us for a 2-part virtual conversation covering the effects of the pandemic on the mental health of our young people. We will cover what the latest research says about this topic, talk about the challenges students have faced and will face as they adjust to more normalized schooling, and talk about what you can do to support our kids during this time. These sessions will be hosted by PCCT members:

- Duncan Young, CEO of Effective School Solutions, a provider of school-based mental health services
- Ellen Dinneen, a licensed professional counselor practicing in Chatham

Sign up [HERE](#) to join! Zoom links will be emailed to you the Friday before.

## FAMILY FRIDAY

Fridays are dedicated to Families and all God's children. The weekly video message is emailed to families at 12 noon every Friday and available on our [website](#) along with activities, future service projects and ways for families to participate in the life of the church.

## BIBLE STUDY

Remember to join on Wednesday at 10:30 am for Bible Study. To sign up, please go [HERE](#), or you can call the church office and let us know you would like to attend. *Note new Zoom link.*

Meeting ID: 948 3878 2867

Passcode: Bible

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP - Outdoor Game Night

**Sunday, April 18, 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

Join us for a fun afternoon of outdoor games as we celebrate the return of Spring. Friends are welcome and all social distancing guidelines will be followed. Wear a mask and come ready for a good time! Please be sure to [register](#) in advance for this event.

## NEIGHBORHOOD FAMILY MISSION - Sunday, May 2

Save the Date! Families of all configurations and ages are invited to a neighborhood mission event. Starting with a BYO Outdoor Picnic Lunch at the home of Duncan & Katie Young, the group will then create Sidewalk Chalk Art at Garden Terrace Nursing Home in Chatham. Help us bring joy to local residents. Anyone who loves chalk art, or knows someone who does, is welcome to join us! All are welcome. Additional details coming soon.

## WARMING WEATHER . . . SINGING TOGETHER!

After more than 12 months of rehearsing over Zoom, and producing weekly anthems by recording individual voices and electronically mixing them (!!), we are excited to announce that the **Chancel Choir, and Cantate singers** will begin in-person rehearsals as of May! The Chancel Choir will maintain its Thursday evening Zoom rehearsal schedule, and open up the additional option of in-person rehearsals after Sunday worship. Cantate will rehearse on Wednesday afternoons, as was the pattern prior to the pandemic restrictions.

**SAFETY PROTOCOL NOTE:** All in-person rehearsals will be out of doors. Singers will maintain a 6' distance from each other. All singers (including child and youth singers) **MUST** wear a SingSafe Mask (the only singer mask providing the scientifically supported MERV-13 filter). SingSafe mask sizes can be determined here: <https://SingSafeMask.com/measuring-your-mask> Orders can be placed directly through Deborah or Janice for singers active in one of the PCCT choirs. Masks can also be ordered through the web site for those wanting the mask's comfort and breathing space for exercising, etc. Please contact [Deborah](#) or [Janice](#) for assistance.

## NOURISH.NJ: MAY & JUNE

A wonderful new way to support Nourish guests! The need for food programs has increased by 30% since the onset of Covid-19 but we can alleviate the need by providing Breakfast Bags. Assemble the bags at home and drop them off at Mulford Hall. Upcoming weeks are May 17 - 25 and June 14 - 22 from between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Please visit our [website](#) to sign up and for details and directions. We are hoping to provide 60 bags each month. Please contact Story Savage at [story\\_savage\\_284@comcast.net](mailto:story_savage_284@comcast.net) with any questions.

## **HUNGER RELIEF FUND**

The economic impact of Covid continues to devastate many in our surrounding communities and people are struggling to feed their families. About four in 10 people have visited food banks this year and more than 1.2 million New Jerseyans are food insecure. Many of us are fortunate that we are financially stable. Some may have recently received additional income via a company bonus, tax refund, or Government stimulus check. As we enter this Easter season of hope and renewal, we'd like to offer a way to "pay it forward" through a Hunger Relief Fund. 100% of the monetary donations received will be shared among the following agencies: Community Food Bank, nourish.nj, Interfaith Food Pantry Network, the food bank at First Baptist Church of Madison and Helping Hands of Chatham. The campaign will commence today, March 28 and run through April 25. You can donate online [HERE](#) or send a check payable to PCCT with Hunger Relief Fund in the memo line.

## **TIDINGS**

Please click [HERE](#) to read our most recent issue of Tidings. There are hard copies available at the church that you can pick up or if you would like one to be mailed to you, please call or email the office.