



**PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

April 25, 2021 • 10:00 AM
Fourth Sunday of Eastertide

PRELUDE

Resignation

Gordon King

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: *Worship the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.*

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us and we are God's children;

People: *We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.*

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and the courts of the Lord with praise;

People: *Give thanks to God and praise God's name.*

Leader: For the Lord is good and God's love endures forever;

People: *God's faithfulness continues through all generations.*

HYMN 39 (vv. 1, 3)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*(1) Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

*Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*(3) Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(Refrain)*

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923

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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

Thom M. Schuman, adapted

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of all comfort, we confess the emptiness of our souls and the way it sends us searching for things devoid of nourishment. Our restless longing for the goods of the world fill us with envy and longing. Our belief that still waters are stagnant causes us to thirst for whitewater thrills and adventures; our trust in the hollow promises of our culture turns us away from the shelter you offer to us. Forgive us, God, and call us back from our wayward lives, so we may find rest in the stillness of your gentle heart; healing from your scarred hands; and that life for which we yearn, together in you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN 582 (v. 1)

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

*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.*

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

MUSIC: Paul M. Vasile, 2008

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON John 10:11-18

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason, the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

SERMON “The Good Shepherd”

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Brother James' Air
Chancel Choir

Gordon Jacobs, arr.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

*(1) My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

*(2) When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.*

*(3) The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.*

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

MUSIC: U.S.A. folk melody; *Lewis's Beauties of Harmony*, 1828; harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in E Phrygian
Christ lag in Todesbanden

Johann Krieger
Tobias Volkmar

Today's worship service is being led by The Reverend Thomas A. Brown
and today's worship assistant is Kraig Williams.

Our cantor this morning is Douglas Clark.

Special thanks to Bob Eager, Dylan Mangel and Carlene Pruitt
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 Honor of our 60th wedding anniversary, by Dick and Dorie Simon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 25, 2021

SUPPORTING THE MENTAL HEALTH OF KIDS AS WE RE-ENTER NORMALCY

Today 11:00 am - 12:00 noon

Please join us for this Faith Forward event, part 2 of a 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

Click [HERE](#) for the link to join.

Meeting ID: 963 2227 5735

Passcode: 126003

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

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

Meeting ID: 948 3878 2867

Passcode: Bible

SIDEWALK CHALK ART - 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. Register [HERE!](#)

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SERVICE PROJECT

Sack Suppers for Bridges: Sunday, May 2 from 4:00 - 5:00 pm

All Middle Schoolers are invited to help assemble sack suppers for [Bridges](#) and provide meals for hungry people on the streets in NYC. Check your email for a sign up to bring items. We'll also have time for a game or two. Friends are welcome and all social distancing guidelines will be followed. Wear a mask and come ready for a good time! Please [register in advance](#) for this event. Questions? Contact [Pastor Tom](#).

BLANKET SUNDAY: Mother's Day, May 9

Women's Ministries is again offering a unique way to honor our mothers and other important women in our lives. Beginning tomorrow, April 26 and through May 9, you can make a donation for blankets to be used for global disaster relief. For each \$10 donation, a blanket will be purchased for someone in need. In return for your donation, you will receive a lovely PCCT notecard with a message letting a special person know you made this donation in her honor. This year the cards may be picked up in the church office, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. To learn more about Church World Service and Blanket Sunday, click [HERE](#).



ANNUAL MARLA DRURY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In fond memory of long-time PCCT member Marla Drury, Women's Ministries created the Marla Drury Memorial Scholarship (MDMS), a \$1,000 scholarship awarded to any current HS senior or college student, male or female, who is an active PCCT member and exemplifies the same generous, giving spirit as Marla did. Applications are available [HERE](#) and the deadline is May 28. Contributions towards the funding of the scholarship are also welcome; make checks payable to PCCT, with MDMS in the memo line, or gifts may be made [online](#). Contact [Kristin Winter](#) with any questions.

NOURISH.NJ: MAY & JUNE

Since February PCCT has been providing Breakfast Bags for nourish.nj. Upcoming weeks are May 17-25 and June 14-22. Please visit our [website](#) to sign up and for details and directions. We are hoping to provide at least 60 bags each month. Please contact Story Savage at story_savage_284@comcast.net with any questions. Thank you to everyone who has participated.

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 ends today and to date we have raised over \$5,300! You can still donate online [HERE](#) or send a check payable to PCCT with Hunger Relief Fund in the memo line.

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 in 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, beginning **May 2**. Cantate will also begin rehearsals on **May 2** at the same time.

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) and masks for singers will be paid for by PCCT. 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.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE TAILGATE PARTY

Saturday, June 5, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Save the Date! Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship at our tailgate party in the parking lot at PCCT with games, food and music. CDC and Reentry Committee guidelines will be followed and pre-registration will be required - more details to follow.