



**PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

June 13, 2021 • 10:00 AM
Third Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

St. Denio

John Jordan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, adapted

Leader: God of the prophets, call to us today

People: *Call us into your ways of love, justice and righteousness.*

Leader: God of the poets, remind us again how much you love us

People: *Sing to us your ways of love, justice and righteousness.*

Leader: God of the disciples, teach us how to follow you

People: *Teach us your ways of love, justice and righteousness.*

Leader: God of all creation, help us to know your ways

All: *We gather to hear your call and respond in faith, seeking to be people who live and love freely and with joy, offering you praise in our worship this day.*

***HYMN 12 (vv. 1, 3, 4)**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

*(1) Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*(3) To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.*

*(4) Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!*

TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, alt.
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; arr. *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

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)

How you must grieve over us, God. You give us blessings to share with others, but we hoard everything for ourselves. You look for us to join you in serving the most vulnerable, but find us worshiping the wealthy and powerful. You offer us joy and wonder to embrace, but we cling to the things we think make us happy.

Have mercy on us, Anointing God, as you pour your forgiveness into our lives. Plant the seeds of grace, hope, love, and peace in us, so we may blossom and share all these gifts with everyone we meet. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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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RECOGNITION OF THE MARLA DRURY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Anna Butler and Samantha Murphy

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the

height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

SERMON "Who the Lord Chooses"

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (in unison)

The Apostles' Creed

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MOMENT FOR GRATITUDE

Elder Deke Karzon

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Little David, Play on Your Harp
Chancel Choir

spiritual;
Rollo Dilworth, arr.

Refrain: Little David, play on your harp, Hallelu.

Little David was a shepherd boy,
He killed Goliath and he shouted for joy. *Refrain*

Old Joshua was the son of Nun,
He never would quit 'til his work was done.

Oh, David played, he danced and sang
All day 'til the heavens rang.
Singin' songs of joy and praise,
David played his harp for the rest of his days. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(1) Faith begins by letting go, giving up what had seemed sure, taking risks and pressing on, though the way feels less secure: pilgrimage both right and odd, trusting all our life to God.

(2) Faith endures by holding on, keeping memory's roots alive so that hope may bear its fruit; promise-fed, our souls will thrive, not through merit we possess but by God's great faithfulness.

(3) Faith matures by reaching out, stretching minds, enlarging hearts, sharing struggles, living prayer, binding up the broken parts; till we find the commonplace ripe with witness to God's grace.

TEXT: Carl P. Daw Jr., 1995
MUSIC: Charles F. Gounod, 1872
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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Lord of the Dance Duet
Janice Williams, piano and Dr. Deborah Simpkin King, organ
Joel Raney, arr.

Today's worship service is being led by The Reverend Thomas A. Brown
and assisted by The Reverend Dr. Ellen C. Clémot.

Our cantors this morning are Doug Clark and Gayle Hendrix.

Our ushers this morning are Story Savage and Evan Skinner and
Beth Colombari is our greeter at the welcome table.

Special thanks to Bob Eager 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 Honor of all our graduates and their families, by Janice and Kraig Williams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **Sunday, June 13, 2021**

NEW WAYS OF STEWARDSHIP

We love our church all year round. And we offer our financial support to places that matter to us - PCCT is one of those places. Every month during worship we are inviting congregants to share a story of why PCCT is important in their lives. This morning we welcome Deke Karzon from the Christian Education committee. We hope that in sharing our stories of gratitude and of the meaningfulness and joy that we find here, you will be reminded of what drew you to PCCT in the first place and inspire you to reconnect.

LEMONADE AND FELLOWSHIP

Please stay for a few minutes for some lemonade and to say hello and greet others in person. In place of virtual lemonade and fellowship, we invite you to join our Faith Forward event after worship today (details below).

FAITH FORWARD: Welcoming our Refugee Neighbors **Today 11:00 am - 12:00 noon, Mulford Hall and via Zoom**

Please join us today after worship in person and online, for a conversation on ways of welcoming refugees in our area. The session will be hosted by Rev. Dr. Ellen C. Clemot, Senior Pastor of PCCT, Clerk of PCCT Session Maury Gately, who is also a volunteer with RAMP ([Refugee Assistance Morris Partners](#)), and special guest, Ginny Schmidt-Devine, representing [One World One Love](#), a refugee resettlement group in Union county. Dr. Clémot will speak about her forthcoming book, *Discerning Welcome*, scheduled for publication in 2022 with Cascade Books, which explores the debate on border walls, the laws confronting refugees, and the theology of welcome. Maury Gately will share his experiences in working with other PCCT congregants in helping refugee families legally resettle in Morris County. Understanding what it means to be a refugee, their legal status, and the ways we can help as people of faith will all be part of this topical conversation. Stop by after worship or join [Zoom](#).

Meeting ID: 966 5830 5843

Passcode: 893964

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: This afternoon from 4-5 pm

6th-8th graders and their friends are invited to join us outdoors in the parking lot for water games and fun with water balloons. Please contact Rev. Tom Brown for more information.

NOURISH.NJ - June 14 - 22

Thank you to everyone who has been providing Breakfast Bags to [nourish.NJ](http://nourish.nj) since February. Purchase items, assemble the bags at home and drop them off at Mulford Hall at the church between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 between June 14 - 22. You can sign up on our [website](#) and contact our PCCT member liaison [Story Savage](#) with any questions. Great way for the whole family to help someone in need.

CHATHAM HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

The Chatham High School Baccalaureate Service will be held Tuesday, June 15 at 7:00 pm outdoors in the parking lot at the Chatham United Methodist Church, 460 Main Street. Please bring a lawn chair and park in the Middle School lot behind the church. Baccalaureate is an interfaith, non-denominational service with a long-standing tradition in the community, planned and led by members of the CHS senior class with help from local youth leaders.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHTS

June 22 & 24 / 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Families of all ages and configurations are invited to our Family Fellowship Nights to celebrate God's Big Beautiful World. Family Fellowship Nights are for children and parents to attend together and fellowship with other families. Both evenings are interrelated, but each night has a different theme about God's gift of creation and all the beauty that the earth brings to our lives. Each night features dinner, crafts, games, bible stories and service projects. Sign up for one night or both! To learn more, please visit our [website](#).

HANDS-ON SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Thursday, July 15th, 5:30-7:30 pm

Join us down on the farm at America's Grow-A-Row in Pittstown, NJ for an evening harvesting fresh produce to be donated to local soup kitchens and food pantries. This mission activity is suitable for all ages and especially appropriate for families with children at home. Please bring filled water bottles and work gloves for each person in your group. Please go to our [Sign-Up Genius](#) or call the church office to register to attend.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP: July 25-31, 2021

Registration for the 2021 Youth Mission Trip is now open to all current 9-12 grade students. Please visit pcct-nj.org/ymt for more information. We are headed to Colcord, West Virginia for a week of home repair work sponsored by West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps, Inc. We will be staying in the former manse of a local Presbyterian Church and cooking our own meals, with a day off in the middle of the week to enjoy the beauty of the area. Contact Rev. Tom Brown with questions.

FLOWER DEDICATION

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting the flower ministry each week. There are several weeks open that are coming up this summer: July 25, and August 1, 15, 22, and 29, as well as many dates in the fall. If you would like to place a dedication in memory or in honor of someone or some group, you can sign up [online](#) or call or email the church office. Thank you! Those who receive flowers each week are truly grateful.