



**PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**  
OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

**June 27, 2021 • 10:00 AM**  
**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**WELCOME**

**HYMN SING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The steadfast love of God never ceases.

People: *God's mercies are everlasting.*

Leader: They are new every morning.

People: *Great is God's faithfulness.*

All: *Alleluia! Amen.*

**\*HYMN 634**

To God Be the Glory

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*(1) To God be the glory; great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

*Refrain:*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory: great things he has done!*

*(2) Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)*

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby; 1875  
MUSIC: William Howard Doane, 1875

**OPENING PRAYER**

\*Indicates that the congregation will please rise, in body or in spirit.

## 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)

*Trusting you does not always come easy when each day we are faced with the ugliness of the world. We do not believe that love conquers fear. We are not convinced that power comes through weakness. We cannot conceive how you could heal us. Forgive our lack of faith, O God, and renew our trust in you, for we are disciples of Jesus, in whose name we pray. 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  
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## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### LESSON FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE 2 Sam. 1:1; 17-27

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After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amelikites, David remained two days in Ziklag...David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. (He ordered that the Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said: Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places" How the mighty have fallen! Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Askelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult. You mountains of Gilbao, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more. From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty. Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and death they were not divided, they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions. O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel. How the mighty have fallen in the midst of battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places. I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan, greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women. How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (in unison)                      The Apostles' Creed Interpreted, Q. 7, 31, and 54

Leader: What do you believe when you confess your faith in "God the Father Almighty"?

People: *That God is a God of love, and that God's love is powerful beyond measure.*

Leader: What do you affirm when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as "our Lord"?

People: *That having been raised from the dead, he reigns with compassion and justice over all things in heaven and on earth, especially over those who confess him by faith; and that by loving and serving him above all else, we give glory and honor to God.*

Leader: What do you believe when you confess your faith in the Holy Spirit?

People: *That apart from the Holy Spirit, our Lord can neither be loved, nor known, nor served. The Holy Spirit is the personal bond by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself, the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ, and the comforter who leads us to repentance, empowering us to live in Christ's service. Amen.*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

He Never Failed Me Yet  
Recording of Chancel Choir Fall 2019

Robert Ray

I will sing of God's mercy,  
Every day, every hour, He gives me power.  
I will sing and give thanks to Thee  
For all the dangers, toils and snares that He has brought me out.  
He is my God and I'll serve Him no matter what the test.

*Refrain:* Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out,  
He never failed me yet.

I know God is able to deliver in time of storm.  
I know that he'll keep you safe from all earthly harm.  
One day when my weary soul is at rest,  
I'm going home to be forever bless'd. *Refrain*

Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh?  
And didn't He cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?  
When I think of what my God can do,  
He delivered Daniel, I know He will deliver you. *Refrain*

I will sing . . .

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN 39**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*(1) Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator;  
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!*

*(2) Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)*

*(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)*

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## **\*BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

Voluntary

John Stanley

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

Our cantors this morning are Lissa MacCallum and Carl Woodward.

Our ushers this morning are Evan Skinner and Kathy Woodward and  
Joslin and Jack Ruffle are our greeters.

Special thanks to Bruce Hoppe, Jay Pruitt 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 memory of Edwin Holt, father and grandfather of Deb, Rick, Philip and Sam Ahsler.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS Sunday, June 27, 2021**

### **GREAT NEWS!**

In Person Registration is no longer required. However, we encourage you to stay home and join us for online worship if you aren't feeling well, have recently returned from a high COVID-risk country, or answered "yes" to any question on our health questionnaire [HERE](#). Masks are still required as an expression of care for those most vulnerable.

### **LEMONADE AND FELLOWSHIP**

Join us after worship for a "mask-optional" lemonade fellowship time outside or in Mulford Hall in inclement weather.

### **COMMUNITY GARDEN SERVICE PROJECT: Wednesday, June 30, 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

The Mission & Outreach Committee is exploring a Community Garden Project at the home of Craig and Lisa Duke in Chatham Township. Our hope is to provide fresh produce for local food pantries and other organizations. PCCT members and friends are invited to help spread wood chips and prepare the garden for fall planting. This project is suitable for all ages. Bring work gloves and a water bottle and meet us in the cul-de-sac at the end of Cypress Rd (just past Woodlawn Dr) in Chatham Township. We will work for about an hour and talk together about next steps. You can sign up on our [website](#).

### **HANDS-ON SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Thursday, July 15, 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.

### **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.

### **GREETERS AND USHERS NEEDED!**

Now that we have returned to indoor worship services, we have a definite need for more people to serve as ushers and greeters. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to the church office and let us know. We can provide you with all the instructions and details you will need. Please consider serving and being part of these important parts of our worship service each week.