

*(3) See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst to assuage?
Grace, so like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.*

TEXT: John Newton, 1775, alt.
MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797, alt.

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)

Gracious God, we want to live as people of joy and fulfillment. Help us recognize your gifts and blessings, that we may live up to our calling and bless others with our words and our lives. When we fall short, have mercy on us. When we don't recognize our mistakes, speak truth to us with your loving guidance. Create a new heart within us, a heart full of love and gratitude. Nourish us with the grace of your presence, that we may indeed live as people touched by your grace and mercy. 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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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Ephesians 4:1-16

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I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in

the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people.”

(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

SERMON "Growing Up Into Christ"

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

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

From the Belhar Confession

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Come Down, Angels

Spiritual;

Carol L. Sargent, soprano

Undine Smith Moore, arr.

Refrain: Come down, Angels, trouble the water.
Let God's saints come in.

I love to shout, I love to sing. (Let God's saints a-come in.)
I love to praise my heavenly King. (Let God's saints come in.) *Refrain*

I think I hear the Sinner say, "Let God's saints a-come in."
My Savior taught me how to pray. (Let God's saints come in.) *Refrain*

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 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*(1) Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.*

*(2) Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.*

*(3) When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.*

TEXT: William Williams, 1762; stanza 1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771; stanzas 2-3, trans. William Williams, 1772
MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Prelude in Classical Style

Gordon Young

*After communion, you may dispose of your communion cups
in the containers at the ends of each pew. Thank you.*

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

Our cantors this morning are Carl Hovi, Justin Hovi and Carol L. Sargent.

Our ushers this morning are Debra Balvage, Margie Tompkins and Kathy Woodward.

Greeting this morning are Peck and Virginia Hofler.

Special thanks to Zach Brown, Bob Eager and Carlene Pruitt
today for their technical assistance.

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This morning's plate offering (gifts received in cash) is designated for the work of our Board of Deacons, which coordinates important ministries of congregational care and compassion. Please remember them in your giving today and on the first Sunday in the months to come.

The Session of PCCT encourages everyone eligible and able to get vaccinated against Covid-19 for the good of all. Please do your part to stop the spread of this disease by mask-wearing, social distancing, and careful hand hygiene when vaccinations are not an option for you. 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, or answer "yes" to any question on our health questionnaire [HERE](#). Masks are still required as an expression of care for those most vulnerable.

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Louis and Lucille Babic,
parents and grandparents of Lisa and Natalie Duke.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, August 1, 2021

LEMONADE AND FELLOWSHIP

Join us after worship for a "mask-optional" lemonade fellowship time outside or in Mulford Hall in inclement weather. If you are not here in person and you would like to join others for some virtual lemonade and fellowship each week after worship via Zoom (self-monitored), click [HERE](#).

Meeting ID: 928 3540 8761

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CREATE A PCCT MEMBER ACCOUNT

We are so excited to have the opportunity to roll out "Breeze", an online membership database and online giving system. We would like to invite you to create an account by [clicking here](#). To find out more about this exciting opportunity, click [HERE](#).

WELCOME KATHY HOFFMAN

We are happy to welcome Kathy Hoffman to the PCCT staff on an interim basis. Kathy's focus will be on getting the family ministry programs up and running for the fall while we search to fill the new Director of Family Ministries position. Kathy has been a long time member of PCCT along with her family - Warren (the current Treasurer of PCCT) and three daughters, Katie, Emily and Megan. Kathy has served on Session, was an active member and past chairperson of the Christian Education Committee and has taught Church School for many years. Many of you will be hearing from Kathy in the next few weeks as we prepare for the fall programs.

FAMILY PROMISE: August 15 - 22

Family Promise's traditional congregation-based shelter program will remain on hold throughout 2021. A generous grant is allowing them to shelter families in a motel equipped with full kitchens, including refrigerators, stoves and microwaves. Volunteers from host congregations such as ours will be providing meals. Our next "hosting" week is August 15 - 22. To register to provide a meal, either home cooked, delivered or in the form of a gift card to a local restaurant or Shop Rite, please click [HERE](#) or if you would prefer, you can drop off a check or a gift card at the church office. Together, we can help Family Promise pursue their goal of "Ending Homelessness One Family At A Time." See below for another way to help by donating much needed items.

FAMILY PROMISE DONATIONS

We are collecting some much needed items for our Family Promise guests. Below is a list of items. You may drop off any of the Essential donations in the Upper Lobby at the church between 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. For the items needed for New Homes please contact Family Promise directly: Nora Godown, ngodown@familypromisemorris.org or 973-619-8316.

Items Needed for New Homes

2 new air conditioner window units
new fans
new vacuum cleaners
new microwave ovens
new umbrellas
new twin mattresses-in-a-box
new or gently used printers
new or gently used outdoor table & chair sets

Essential Needs for Our Guests

Men's T-shirts sizes L, XL, 2XL, 3XL
Men's Boxers sizes L, XL, 2XL, 3XL
Women's T-shirts all sizes
Baseball caps
Non-alcohol hand sanitizer or wipes
Sanitizing wipes & cleaning supplies
Laundry detergent
Bottled water
Gatorade

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

If you are worshipping from home and would like to include someone in Prayers of the People during the service, please email both [Ellen](#) and [Tom](#) with your prayer requests during the week and before 9:00 AM on Sunday morning.

TABULATORS NEEDED

We also need some new people who would be willing to volunteer as tabulators. Please contact the church office to get more information and if you would be willing to help out with this important job that helps the church run smoothly and fulfill its mission.

GREETERS AND USHERS

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.