



July 11, 2021 • 10:00 AM
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Lobe den Herren

Betty Roe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, let us worship God with the passion and joy of King David and all the people who sang and danced before the Ark of the Covenant.

People: *Let us worship our Savior with the songs of praise and thanksgiving of the apostle Paul and all who are blessed with every spiritual blessing.*

Leader: God has blessed us in our Lord Jesus Christ, destined us to be children of God, and sealed us in the Holy Spirit.

People: *Let us worship God.*

***HYMN 35**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

*(1) Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!*

*(2) Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?*

*(3) Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.*

TEXT: Joachim Neander, 1680; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.
MUSIC: Stralsund Erneueren Gesangbuch, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

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)

Gracious God, pour out your mercy on us. Where there is despair, fill us with hope. Where there is sorrow, fill us with comfort. Where there is sin, fill us with forgiveness.

Where there is hatred, fill us with love. Where there is worry, fill us with assurance. Gather us in the arms of your grace and glory, that we may reflect your glory with honor and praise all the days of our lives. In your holy 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
MUSIC: Paul M. Vasile, 2008
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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Ephesians 1:3-14

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Let There Be Peace on Earth
Sandy Batten, piano

Jill Jackson Miller

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN 731**

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm

REPTON

(1) Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all around seems bleak: on God's good promise they rely, so while they live and when they die how forcefully they speak: the strong, who once were weak!

(2) Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, beyond mere mortal sight: who seek the city God has planned, the true, eternal promised land, and steer on toward that light, a beacon ever bright.

(3) Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a sparkling precious stone: they show by what they say and do an inward beauty, warm and true, for God's concerns they own: God's love through them is known.

(4) Give thanks for saints of ages past and saints alive today: though often by this world despised, their hearts by God are richly prized. Give thanks that we may say we share their pilgrim way.

TEXT: Martin E. Leckebusch, 1998
MUSIC: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1888
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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Vater unser im Himmelreich

Dietrich Buxtehude

Today's worship service is being led by The Reverend Thomas A. Brown and assisted by Elder Peter Meyers.

Our cantors this morning are Sandy Batten, Lissa MacCallum and Carl Woodward.

Today's ushers are: Debra Balvage and Kathy Woodward.

Greeting this morning is Lissa MacCallum.

Special thanks to Zach Brown, Bob Eager, and Bruce Hoppe today for their technical assistance.

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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 memory of Sara Kelly Fields, sister and aunt, by the Fields Family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, July 11, 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

Passcode: PCCT

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

Join us this Thursday 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.

NOURISH.NJ - July 19 - 27

Thank you to everyone who has been providing Breakfast Bags to [nourish.NJ](#) since February. Purchase the 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 July 19 - 27. 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.

FAMILY PROMISE DONATIONS

Beginning this week, we will be 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 and cleaning supplies
Laundry detergent
Bottled water
Gatorade

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.

NEXT WEEK

Please join us next Sunday in person or online when we welcome The Reverend Jeanne Bragdon Radak, Presbytery Leader of The Presbytery of the Highlands of New Jersey, as our guest preacher.