



September 12, 2021 • 10:00 AM
A Service of Hope and Remembrance of 9/11
Liturgy by Eileen Lindner and Jon Brown, adapted for PCCT

PRELUDE

Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit
(God's Time is the Best)

J. S. Bach

OPENING SENTENCES

Senior Pastor Ellen Clémot

Leader: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid. (*John 14:27*)

As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear God. As a mother comforts her child so I will comfort you, says the Lord. (*Psalms 103:13; Isaiah 66:13*)

People: *Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)*

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 750**

Goodness is Stronger Than Evil

GOODNESS IS STRONGER

*Goodness is stronger than evil;
love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness;
life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours; victory is ours,
through God who loves us.
Victory is ours, victory is ours,
through God who loves us.*

TEXT: Desmond Tutu, c. 1994

MUSIC: John L. Bell, 1996

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PSALM READING Psalm 46:1-3, 9-11

Associate Pastor Thomas A. Brown

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."
The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN 9/11

PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE, COMFORT AND HOPE

Remembrance

Leader: God of the years, we call to you this day when the memories of 9/11 weigh so heavily upon our hearts. We recall with horror and renewed shock that day when airplanes flew into buildings, bore down into the Pentagon, and plummeted into a field - and people perished. We remember our fear and anger, our confusion, and sense of threat. Most of all, we remember the hurt.

All: *We remember all that was lost to us that day: our sense of security, our peace, our innocence, our belief that we were safely beyond such random violence and death. Most of all, we remember those who died in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, their lives of promise extinguished in hatred.*

Leader: Let us light a candle and remember those we knew, the innocent victims who died that terrible day.

Sung Response:

Hymn 753 (v.1)

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

*Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

TEXT: Anon., c. 1912; adapt. Sebastian Temple, 1967
MUSIC: Sebastian Temple, 1963; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
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Comfort

Leader: God of mercy, even in our worst moments your loving kindness surrounds us. In those tragic days two decades ago, our confident faith that you were with us enabled us to go on. We give you thanks for the ways in which you comforted us in those grim days through a deepened sense of community.

We trace the movement of your grace through those among us who risked their lives to save others. We are comforted by those who offered kindness and aid to persons in distress, and by those who would not let hatred overcome love. For those whose witness to a deeper wisdom and faith comforted us, we give you thanks.

All: *For public officials, neighbors, friends and strangers who brought to our troubled lives solace and clarity of purpose, we give thanks. For the calm and reassuring voices of the wise who gave us comfort and strength, we give thanks.*

Leader: Let us light a candle in tribute to those persons and also those places which gave us comfort and for the words and deeds that restored to us peace.

Sung Response:

Hymn 753 (v.2) Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

*Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.*

Hope

Leader: O God, you have taught us that faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. We live by hope in the future you hold for us and the whole world. Grant us, we pray, hope for our children and our children's children that they may not know or inflict the horror and terror we recall this day. Bolster our hope when it flags and teach us to strive in all that we do to realize the hope that is in your Word and witness.

All: *Eternal God, in you our hope is boundless. You renew hope in us through the promise of a future in which none shall be afraid or lift up sword against a neighbor. We pray in hope for the peace of the world among peoples and nations, religions and cultures, until we become a beloved community reconciled to one another under your sovereignty.*

Leader: Let us light a candle and give voice to our hopes for our lives in obedience to God, and for the hope we find in Christ.

Sung Response:

Hymn 753 (v.3) Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

*O, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Leader: May these candles represent for us the light of our shared memories, the light of comfort and strength, and the light of our hope. In memory, comfort and hope God abides now and forever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

ANTHEM

Let the Life I've Lived Speak for Me
Matthew Zabiegala, *tenor*

Gwyneth Walker

*Let the life I've lived speak for me.
Let the life I've lived speak for me.
When I come to the end of the road, and I lay down my heavenly load,
Let the life I've lived speak for me.*

*Let the friends I've made speak for me.
Let the friends I've made speak for me.
When I come to the end of the road, and I lay down my heavenly load,
Let the friends I've made speak for me.*

*Lay down your burden, and rest with the setting sun.
All the beauty of your life will shine when your day is done.
Let the love I've shared speak for me.
Let the love I've shared speak for me.*

*Let the love that I've I tried to share,
and the burdens I've struggled to bear;
All this life of joy and care, speak for me.
Let the life I've lived speak for me.*

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READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT 2 Corinthians 4:1, 5-10

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Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not

forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.

HOMILY “A Light Still Shines”

Rev. Dr. Ellen C. Clémot

HYMN

Oh God, Our Hearts Were Shattered

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O GOD OF EARTH AND ALTAR

*O God, our hearts were shattered On that horrendous day;
We heard the news and gathered To grieve and then to pray.
We cried to you and wondered, “Where did the violence start?”
The world as we had known it Had just been torn apart.*

*We heard of those who perished— Of heroes’ sacrifice.
We paused again to cherish The gifts of love and life.
We worried for the future; We hugged our loved ones then.
We cried, “Can peace be found here?” “We can’t let terror win!”*

*Some sought to answer terror The only way they knew—
With anger toward the stranger And calls for vengeance, too.
Yet this is not your answer, Nor what you would create.
May we live toward a future Where love will conquer hate.*

*God, give us faith and wisdom To be your healing hands;
Give open minds that listen To truth from all your lands.
Give strength to work for justice; Grant love that casts out fear.
Then peace and not destruction Will be the victor here.*

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UNISON PRAYER

God of all creation, our hearts are broken over the destruction and loss we remember this day. And we acknowledge, O Lord, that on that day of human carnage yours was the first heart to break. In our remembering, may we stand with those who mourn and those who cannot stop mourning. Through remembering, may we find new comfort in your care. In our remembering may we be drawn to a new hope for the whole world, and may we gain for ourselves a measure of your peace.

You who can turn the shadow of night into the bright promise of a new day, empower us to shape a world marked by ways of life that lead to justice and peace for all peoples. Fashion in us a people who are more ready to grow in understanding than eager to judge those who are different from us. Form us as a people determined to heal wounds rather than inflict them.

We pray at last that you would cultivate such love in us that we may reach out in compassion to all those who are still wounded by the events of that day; and in seeking to heal others, may we experience a love that makes us whole. This we pray in the strong name of Jesus our Christ. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Kyrie Eleison
Chancel Choir

Earlene Rentz Turner

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BLESSING

Leader: In God's providence you were created and preserved unto this day for God's purposes. Let memory now reside in you at peace. Let comfort companion you in all your days. Let hope spring forth in you by the power of the Holy Spirit. May you serve God in all that you do and say, witnessing to the reign and realm of God to come. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Festival Prelude on THAXTED

arr. David Howard Pettit
Gustav Holst

Doug Haislip, *trumpet* & Matthew Zabiegala, *organ*

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Today's preacher is Senior Pastor Ellen Clémot.

Many thanks today to our guest musicians, Doug Haislip, Gordon King and Matthew Zabiegala for the beautiful music this morning.

Our ushers this morning are Ric Butler, John McCann, Jack and Joslin Ruffle, and Carolyn Smith.

Greeting this morning is Carla Bond.

Special thanks to Craig Duke, Lisa Duke, Bob Eager and Carlene Pruitt 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. Stay healthy by being vigilant about wearing your mask, social distancing, and careful hand hygiene to prevent the transmission of the Delta variant and other forms of this disease. Help us protect young children and others who cannot be vaccinated. Please 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](#) or on our website at pcct-nj.org.

***To protect the more vulnerable, masks are required when inside the building.
Thank you.***

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and to celebrate her grandson Caleb's first birthday, by Carla Bond.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, September 12, 2021

LEMONADE AND FELLOWSHIP

Please join us after worship for a time for “mask optional” lemonade and fellowship outside under the portico in the front of the church. It will be a time to greet and visit with each other.

NURSERY CARE IS BACK!

We are pleased to announce that starting today, we will be offering Nursery Care every Sunday morning during worship. Meggan C., from College Nannies, Sitters and Tutors, will be returning to us again and will be available to take care of your young children while you enjoy worship upstairs. Welcome Back Meggan!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP KICKOFF EXTRAVAGANZA

Today, 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Help us get the new school year off to a great start! Bring a friend and come ready for a great time. We'll have games, dinner, and a short reflection on the year ahead. Parent Sign Up - There are a lot of opportunities to support this amazing group. Please consider providing a meal or transportation, help chaperone or help host a special event. Go to our [website](#) or contact [Pastor Tom](#) for more info.

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY AND CHURCH PICNIC: September 19 at 10 AM

Celebrate coming back together for the start of the program year. The day begins with worship at 10 am in-person and livestreamed from the sanctuary. New members will be welcomed into the PCCT family during the service. Families with children K-8 will attend worship together, and Nursery Care will be available for Nursery-PreK.

Following worship, the all-church picnic will be held on the front lawn of the church under the tents. Picnic lunch is provided! (Subs, Fruit & Salads! Dessert - Ice Cream!). There will be music, games, and fun for all ages! Shaded seating will be available, or bring your own blanket or lawn chair. Free Will offering.

Please register online on our website at pcct-nj.org. There are two sign ups, one for [volunteers](#) to help set-up, clean-up and one to [RSVP](#). All are welcome to join us in this fun, annual event hosted by the Fellowship Committee.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF: September 19, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Join us as we kick off a new year - come meet friends new and old, hear about what we have in store for the coming months. We will have dinner and time to hang out. Youth-led, and coordinated by [Pastor Tom](#), our High School Youth Group provides a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere for 10-12 graders. Take a break from the stresses of high school and join us for lots of fun with a great bunch of people! Friends are always welcome as are your ideas - just let us know!

PCCT INTERNSHIPS FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

PCCT is offering Family Ministry Internships available to high school students and young adults ages 14-22 for both the fall and spring semesters of the upcoming school year. Interns will work alongside Church School teachers, planning and leading lessons, games and activities for children on Sunday mornings. This is a great opportunity for teens/young adults looking to develop leadership skills and/or earn service hours. Further information and an application can be found on our [website](#) or you can pick one up on the table inside the glass doors at the church. For more information, please contact [Pastor Tom](#).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE PCCT BOOTH AT FISHAWACK

Saturday, September 25, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

To support community outreach and raise awareness about our church, PCCT will be taking a booth at the annual Fishawack Festival, Chatham's cultural heritage event and street festival on Saturday, September 25. We need volunteers to help staff the booth. This is a great opportunity to talk with our community and to listen to what people have to say about our church. There will be posters, candy, handouts and lots of smiles to giveaway! Please join us if you can. Any level of help is much appreciated! For questions, contact pre-event coordinator Carlene Pruitt (cpruitt@pcct-nj.org) and to sign up please go to our [website](#).

CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS: September 26 at 10 AM

Join us during our regular worship to celebrate the start of the Church School year with the commissioning of Teachers and Confirmands plus the Third Grade Bible Presentation.

For more information about [Church School](#) and [Confirmation](#) as well details about [Sunday worship](#), please go to our website at pcct-nj.org You can also register your child online for church school this fall by filling out the form on [Breeze](#) via our website.

FAITH FORWARD: The History of Worship in Chatham Township Sunday, September 26, 11:15 in Halldorson Hall

Join us for a special program on “The History of Worship in Chatham Township” presented by Pat Wells of the Chatham Township Historical Society. “The History of Worship in Chatham Township” is the story of a town without churches, how the people worshipped without churches, how churches were finally built in the Township, and their intimate relationship with the schools. For 30 years Pat was a nuclear medicine technologist and instructor. Upon retiring, she became active in the Chatham Township Historical Society and took courses at Drew University’s Historic Preservation Program. She is now an amateur historian and architecture geek. She loves to research and share our local history, and has presented numerous lectures on a wide variety of subjects.

MARKET STREET MISSION COAT COLLECTION September 10 - October 26

Once again PCCT will collect gently used coats/hats/gloves/scarves to be distributed to those in need in our community and surrounding areas. Donations will be accepted at PCCT now through October 24 between the hours of 8:30 - 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. The big collection box will be in the upper lobby. Thank you!

NOURISH.NJ: September 13 - 21

Thank you to everyone who has been providing Breakfast Bags to nourish.NJ. Purchase the items, assemble the bags at home and drop them off at Mulford Hall at the church between 8:30 am - 4:00 pm between September 13 - 21. You can sign up on our [website](#) or on the board in the Upper Lobby. Contact our PCCT member liaison Story Savage with any questions. Great way for the whole family to help someone in need.

PUMPKIN PATCH DELIVERY AND SET-UP: October 10

The pumpkins are coming! The pumpkins are coming! And we need all hands on deck! Following the 10 am worship service, we need help unloading the truck and setting up the patch. The PCCT Pumpkin Patch is a major mission fundraiser with 100% of the proceeds going to local hunger relief efforts. Go to our [website](#) to sign up!

BLOOD DRIVE: October 24

We will be hosting a blood drive on Sunday, October 24, 2021, in Halldorson Hall from 9 am - 2 pm. Please remember to drink plenty of water, eat iron rich foods, and bring a picture I.D. To schedule an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org and put in sponsor code: **Presbyterian Chatham Township** or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

BREEZE INTEREST SURVEY

You will soon be receiving an email with a church-wide survey which will be asking about your interests and for different ways that you would like to become involved with the church and its missions. Please fill it out and return it to us so we can help to engage everyone in the life of the church.

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.

OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK: September 18

Join us in the fight against suicide; Register today for the 6th Annual Morris County Out of the Darkness Walk at Cougar Field in Chatham Township at 4 pm on September 18. For more information and to register, go to www.afsp.org/morriscounty

SPECIAL OFFERING: October 3

In the pews this morning, you will see an envelope for the Peace and Global Witness Offering. This will be collected on World Communion Sunday, October 3, and the money goes to supporting peace-building activities such as accompaniment, advocacy, and education. It also goes to providing relief, shelter, and hope to families who've fled their homes in search of safety, and to reaching out to those in crisis and recovering from natural disasters.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: October 3, 5:00 pm

Everyone is invited to gather on Sunday, October 3, at 5:00 PM on the front lawn of the church for a "Blessing of the Animals". There will be music, readings, prayers and blessings for your special animal family members. All God's creatures are invited to attend with their human families. An offering of pet food and supplies will be received to benefit St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center in Madison. There will also be a treat bag for you to take home for your pet. If your pet is not able to come or has passed away, you may bring a picture of them to be blessed. We would also like to print pictures of your pets on the cover of the bulletin for this service. You can email your pet's pictures, along with their names, to Gloria at gnewson@pcct-nj.org and if you would like to donate some dog treats, cat treats, and/or carrots for our take-home treat bags, you can drop them off to the church office during office hours. We hope you will be able to join us for this special service.