



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, January 15, 2023
10:00 A.M.

Prelude

How Great Thou Art

arr. Matthew Zabiegala

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We worship the Living God

People: who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

Leader: We need not look up to find God, we need only to look around:

People: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.

Leader: We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God,

People: we need only listen to the music of life,

Leader: the words of children,

People: the questions of the curious,

Leader: the rhythm of a heartbeat.

People: We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives.

***Processional Hymn 757** Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

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

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Faithful God, you call us to be saints, but we are not comfortable with that role. You call us to be your servants, but we worry that we lack the skills to do your work. You put a new song of praise in our mouths, but we stumble on unfamiliar words. You challenge us to love the lost and the least, but we turn away defiant, insisting we have more important things to do. Remind us of your joy, O God. Guide us into the light of your unwavering, never-ending, and grace-filled love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn 581**

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

Message for all God's Children

*(After the Message, K-8th graders will go downstairs to the
One Room Schoolhouse in the Theos Room.)*

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the New Testament: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

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Anthem

I Dream A World
Chancel Choir

arr. Andre J. Thomas

Lesson from the Gospels: John 1:29-42

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Sermon "A Call from God"

The Rev. Thomas A. Brown

***Hymn 688** (vv. 1-3, 5) Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

***Affirmation of Faith**

*I refuse to believe that we are unable to influence the events around us.
I refuse to believe we are bound by racism, war, and injustice.
I believe those around me are my brother and my sister.
I believe in dignity every day and that our brokenness can be healed.
I believe we can overcome oppression and violence, without resorting to it.
This means I seek to reject revenge and retaliation.
I remember, "Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can."*

(Drawn from the writings of Martin Luther King, Jr. and compiled by Abigail Reichard)

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory

Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace
Matthew Zabiegala, *soloist*

Eric H. Thiman

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Recessional Hymn 343** (vv. 1,3,4,6) Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life
GERMANY

***Benediction**

Postlude

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Today's preacher is Associate Pastor Thomas A. Brown
Assisting with worship is Elder Linda Barnes.
Our ushers this morning are Ken Basmadjian and Jamie Wilson.
Special thanks to Bob Eager, Gage Johnson, and Lynn Apolinaro
for their technical assistance today.

THIS WEEK AT PCCT: January 16 - 21

Monday Office Closed

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Mtg., Halldorson Hall

7:30 pm Session Budget Mtg., Halldorson Hall

Wednesday

10:30 am Bible Study, Theos Room

5:00 pm Children's Bells, Bell Room/A8

5:30 pm Children's Choir, Bell Room/A8

7:00 pm Christian Education Meeting, Zoom

8:00 pm Men's Group, off-site

Thursday

6:00 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Sanctuary

7:15 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Friday

6:00 pm Fellowship Drop-In Event,
Untied Brewery, New Providence

Saturday

9:00 am Community FoodBank, Hillside

NEXT SUNDAY, January 22, 2023

Family Worship

9:15 & 11:00 am Confirmation Class, Youth Suite

10:00 am Worship; Nursery Care & Pre-K, Rm. B-13

11:00 am Faith Forward: Sustainable Lunches for Bridges
Mulford Hall

Coffee and Fellowship, Mulford Hall

Children's Choir, Bell Room/A8

1:00 pm New Officer Training, Halldorson Hall

6:30 pm AA, Theos Room

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 15, 2023

We are delighted you've chosen to worship with us today. Please let an usher or minister know if we can assist you in any way. Our Sanctuary is equipped with an induction loop system for those with hearing difficulties.

TODAY AT PCCT

Family Promise Hosting Week Begins

- 10:00 am **Worship;** Nursery Care & Pre-K, Rm A-9
- 10:15 am One Room Schoolhouse, Theos Room
- 11:00 am Coffee and Fellowship, Mulford Hall
Children's Choir, Bell Room/A-8
- 5:00 pm Family Promise Community Dinner, off-site
- 6:30 pm AA, Theos Room
- 7:00 pm Compassionate Friends, Halldorson Hall

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING (Jan 15-21) and COMMUNITY DINNER: Today at 5:00 pm

Today begins our off-site "hosting" week for Family Promise. You can help guests feel more at home by providing a home cooked meal, groceries or ShopRite gift card. Families are also in need of transportation help - please go to our website for the link to sign up. NEW this year: PCCT members will visit guests for a Community Dinner at the Extended Stay America in Whippany. We'll bring food in and enjoy the meal with them. Please contact Pastor Tom if you are able to join us this evening at 5:00 pm or would like to help in the future.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, January 18th with Senior Pastor Dr. Ellen Clark Clemot. Please join us in the Theos room at 10:30 am for a new winter teaching unit. We will explore the social and historical context of first century Palestine as seen through the eyes of Matthew's Gospel. Topics will include Childhood Accounts in Antiquity, Honor-Shame Societies, Demons and Demon-Possession, the Roman Patronage System in Palestine, and Status Degradation Rituals as applied to Jesus and the people who followed him. This study will parallel our lectionary readings as much as practicable of the Gospel of Matthew for this Lectionary Year A."

FELLOWSHIP DROP-IN EVENT!

Friday, January 20, 6:00 PM at Untied Brewing Company in New Providence

Start off the New Year spending a casual evening with PCCT friends. This will be a "drop-in" event - no RSVP required. BYOF (Bring Your Own Food. Outside alcohol not permitted.) Friends are invited! For questions, contact Doug Frank dbfrank50@aol.com. The brewing company is located at 140 Spring Street Unit C in New Providence.

COMMUNITY FOODBANK OF NEW JERSEY

Saturday, January 21, 9:00 – 11:00 am

Our next day to join us at the Community Foodbank of NJ in Hillside is coming up. Volunteers ages 12 and up generally help sort and repackage food for distribution. Advance signups are required. Please go to our website or contact Pastor Tom for more information.

FAITH FORWARD: HANDS-ON SERVICE PROJECT: SUSTAINABLE LUNCHES

Sunday, January 22, 11 am in Mulford Hall

Join us in Mulford Hall immediately following worship to help package sustainable lunches for Bridges. This service project is suitable for all ages, aimed at providing a rewarding and fun service opportunity for interested individuals and families. Please see the website for a sign-up link to provide food items. This is a Faith Forward event.

NOURISH.NJ Breakfast Bags: January 16 – 24

Drop off bags at Mulford Hall at the church between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm between January 16 – 24. You can sign up on our website or on the board in the Upper Lobby.

ANNUAL MEETING AND WINTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 29, 11:00 am in Mulford Hall

Please join us for Winter Breakfast and the Annual Meeting in Mulford Hall following worship on Sunday, January 29. Your attendance is important as we vote on Nominating Committee recommendations for Elders and Deacons, the revision of By-Laws, and the Terms of Call for the Senior Pastor and Associate Pastor of Congregational Life. We'll also review the 2023 Budget as approved by the Session and the Annual Financial Reports from 2022. Nursery care will be provided in Room A-9 and there will be a movie and light snacks for Grades K-8 in the Youth Suite.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Mid-Winter Beach Party

Sunday, January 29, 5:00 – 6:30 pm in Mulford Hall

Break out the shorts and T-shirts! Take a break from the winter blues and join us for an indoor beach party, featuring some favorite summer games. Dinner and devotion to follow. Bring a friend.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP: Game Night

Sunday, January 29, 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Youth Suite

Let's get the new year off to a great start! Join us in the Youth Suite for a fun evening of games and fun. Hang out with friends new and old and hear about what we have in store for the coming months. We will have dinner and time to hang out.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY!

We are excited to be welcoming new members to PCCT. If anyone is interested in joining, you are invited to attend one of our new member classes on **Sunday, February 5, from 8:15 - 9:00 am** or **from 4:00 - 4:45 pm in Halldorson Hall**. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the church office or Pastor Ellen.

FAITH FORWARD: Rekindle the Gift

Sunday, February 5, 11:15 am in Halldorson Hall

Pastor Tom will be sharing about the theme of his upcoming sabbatical (Part 1 is Feb. 7 - Mar. 20) and how he hopes this time set aside for clergy renewal will help him "Rekindle the Gift." Tom will also be sharing how members can incorporate spiritual renewal into their own lives through specific practices developed through this program.

ALPHA CLASS

Beginning Thursday, February 9

You are invited to join Pastor Ellen Clémot, Father George Hundt, and lay leaders from both the Presbyterian and Roman Catholic churches in **the Alpha Course**. Alpha is an adult Christian faith exploration experience. We will join with St Vincent Martyr's (SVM) church in Madison to experience it together. We will meet for eleven weeks on Thursday evenings. First, we gather for a homemade meal together, then listen to a video lesson on basics of Christianity, and then discuss the topic presented more in-depth in small groups. The time runs from 7 pm to 9 pm and is aimed at Christians with questions, seekers who are not sure about Christianity, and all of us who would like to engage in theological and spiritual conversation at a deeper level among a trusted regular group of thoughtful people. We will meet at SVM in Madison most weeks, but plan to host at least one or two dinners at our church towards the end of the course. To participate, please call the church office and call Pastor Clémot if you have any questions about the program (862) 260-0135.

FAMILY SKI TRIP FOR

Saturday, February 11, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Join us for a fun day skiing and snowboarding at Camelback Mountain in Pennsylvania. Please complete the survey on our website to show interest in this family day event! Once we have numbers, we can distribute costs based on group rates.

STEWARDSHIP "ASPIRING TOGETHER"

Thank you to all who have pledged so far! It's not too late to make your pledge for 2023. As you consider your pledge amount for PCCT, please do so with gratitude to God for our church.

1. Return the Pledge card you received in the mail.
2. Complete the confidential online form on our website.
3. On Sundays, Pledge cards can be found on the table in the Narthex.

USHER CAPTAINS & USHERS NEEDED

We are looking for a few usher team captains and more ushers for 2023. Easy instructions are provided. Please contact Gloria Newson if you are interested and if you have any questions.

FLOWER MINISTRY

Many dates in January and February are open!

Thank you to everyone who dedicates flowers each Sunday. Your continued support allows us to continue the care and connection of the Deacons' flower ministry by delivering flowers to members of our congregation as a sign of appreciation, celebration, or concern on behalf of the church. To place a dedication for 2023, you can sign up on the board in the Upper Lobby or on our website (click on the "News" tab). If you have any questions, please contact **Gloria** or call the church office at 973-635-2340.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 19 - 23

Save the dates! This year, we will have a day program for VBS that will run from June 19-23. Please pick up a flyer in the Lounge and use the QR code to show interest. More details will follow.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE FOOD DRIVE

Monday, January 16, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Drive through drop off at the Chatham United Methodist Church, 460 Main Street

757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

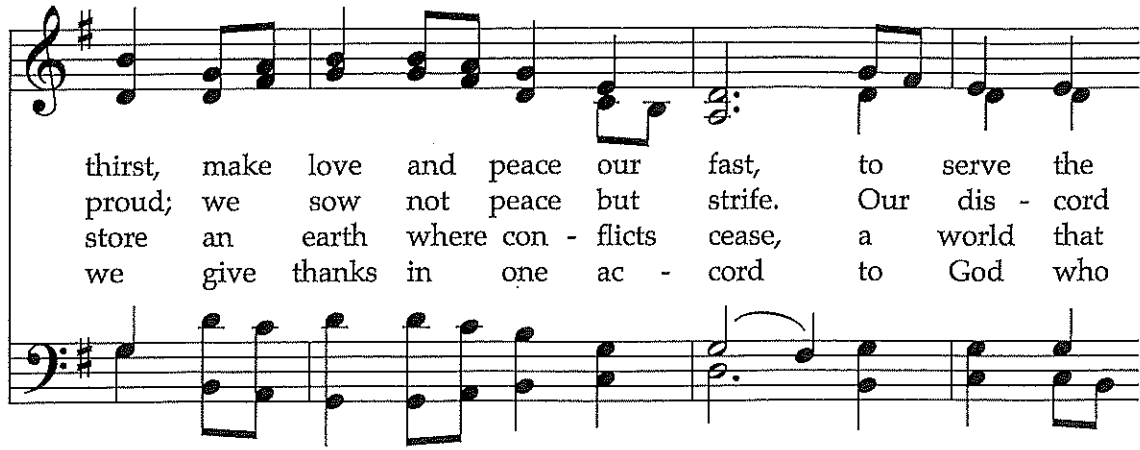
Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

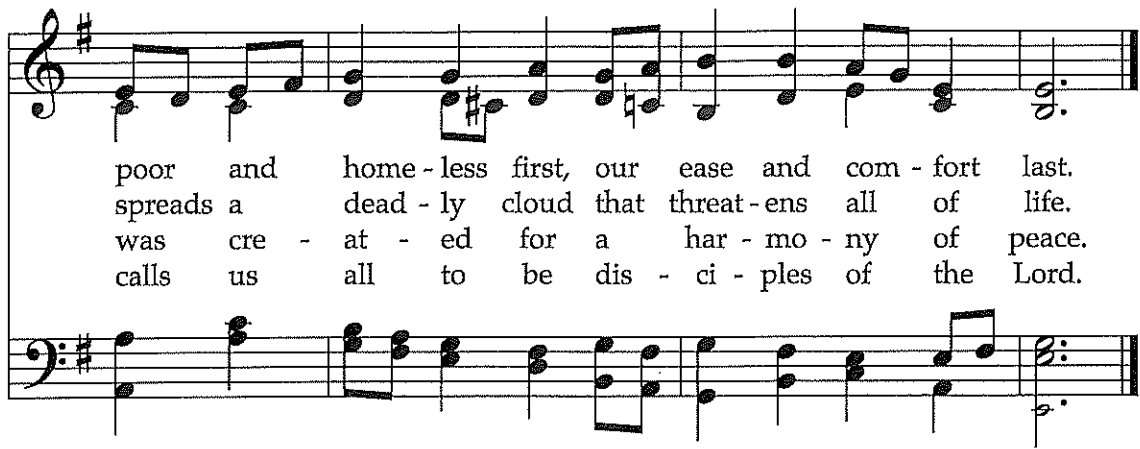
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This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION




thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who




poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.


Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 688



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.
 5 Teach me to love thee; as thine an - gels love,



wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;



stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,



and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

This reflection on Galatians 5:25 was written by a literary Anglican clergyman whose preaching drew people of many social classes to one of the formerly poorer London churches. The tune was created for "Abide with Me" (no. 836) but more often appears with the present text.

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life 343

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
 3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
 4 The cup of wa - ter given for you still holds the

cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
 thresh - olds fraught with fears, from paths where hide the
 grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
 fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -

self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
 sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
 tudes to view the sweet com - pas - sion of your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside,
 make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
 among these restless throngs abide;
 O tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
 and follow where your feet have trod;
 till glorious from your heaven above
 shall come the city of our God.

Because dense populations always result in concentrated hardships, this vivid yet timeless evocation of urban need connects to our own day as well as to Jesus' lament over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37/Luke 13:34). This tune was the first used with this text and is now customary.

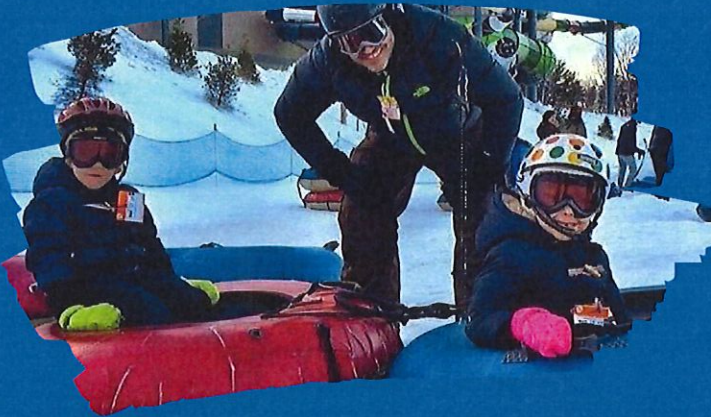


FEBRUARY 11, 2023
8:00AM-DEPARTURE FROM
CHURCH

5:00PM RETURN TO CHURCH



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PCCT FAMILY EVENT

SKI DAY TRIP

INTEREST SURVEY

Please complete the survey to show interest in this family day event! Once we have numbers, we can distribute costs based on group rates.

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