

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn 583** (*sing twice*)

Glory to God

GLORIA (Taizé)

(*1st time - choir, 2nd time - all*)

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!*

Message For All God's Children

(*Children are invited to watch the baptisms with their families from their seats*)

The Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation

Baptismal Hymn 486 (verse 1, seated) Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

Baptism Promises and Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Baptism

*Ariya Rae Alobaidat, daughter of Kathy Wolchik and Nazar Alobaidat
Isaac Ebube Bakosi, son of Emily and Ebube Bakosi*

Baptismal Hymn 486 (verses 2-4, seated) Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the Hebrew Bible: Exodus 17:1-7

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Anthem

Steal Away
Chancel Choir

arr. Patrick Dupre Quigley

Lesson from the Gospels: John 4:5-15

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Sermon "Why Water?"

The Reverend Dr. Edward M. Halldorson

***Affirmation of Faith (in unison)**

We believe in God, present in every time and place, generating and sustaining all life, nurturing relationships with love.

We believe in Jesus, the Christ, who lived and loved, taught and was crucified, the One who conquered death and who surprises us with grace, when we least expect or deserve it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who journeys with us in palpable ways, and turns our hearts to compassion.

We find our joy being God's beloved children, alive on this wondrous planet, even as we are stewards of it.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer "debts . . . debtors"

Hymnal, Page 35

Call to Offering

Offertory O Sacred Head Now Wounded arranged Elizabeth Monkemeier
Combined Children's and Adult Bells, Carol Wooldredge, cello

***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 475** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

***Benediction**

Postlude

Living Water

arr. Matthew Zabiegala

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*Being baptized this morning is Ariya Rae Alobaidat, daughter of Kathy Wolchik and Nazar Alobaidat, and sister to Adalind, Ashton, and Amelia.
PCCT grandparents are Diane and Lawrence Wolchik.*

*Being baptized this morning is Isaac Ebube Bakosi, son of Emily (Halldorson) and Ebube Bakosi, and brother to Naomi and Miriam.
PCCT grandparents are Linda and Ed Halldorson.*

No flash photography, please.

Worship Leaders are Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Ellen C. Clémot and
Rev. Mary Anne Collins-Stauffer.

Today's preacher is our Pastor Emeritus, The Rev. Dr. Edward M. Halldorson.

Assisting with the Sacrament of Baptism is Clerk of Session Maury Gately.

Our ushers this morning are Ric Butler, Mike Kmiecik, John McCann,
Story Savage, Carolyn Smith, and Joslin Ruffle.

Special thanks to Bob Eager, Dylan Mangel, and Carlene Pruitt
for their technical assistance today.

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH: March 13 - 18, 2023

Monday

6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall
7:00 pm Session, Halldorson Hall

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall
1:00 pm Clerk Training, Staff Conference Room
7:00 pm Development & Communications Mtg.,
Staff Conference Room
Presbytery Meeting, Zoom

Wednesday

10:30 am Bible Study, Theos Room
5:00 pm Children's Bells, Bell Room/A8

Wednesday (cont'd)

5:30 pm Children's Choir, Bell Room/A8
7:00 pm Christian Education Mtg., Zoom
Lenten Book Discussion, Zoom

Thursday

6:00 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Sanctuary
6:30 pm Alpha Class, St. Vincent Martyr Church
7:15 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Saturday

9:00 am Community Foodbank, Hillside

NEXT SUNDAY, March 19, 2023

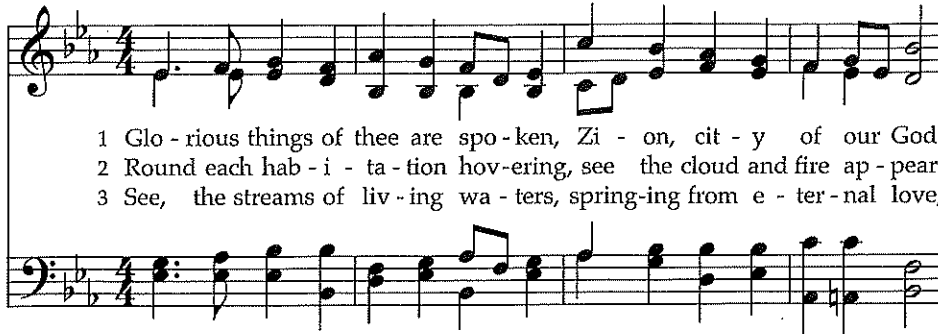
Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:15 & 11:00 am Confirmation Class, Youth Suite
10:00 am Worship; Nursery Care & Pre-K, Rm. B-13
10:15 am Church School & Breakfast Club
11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall
Children's Choir, Bell Room/A8
11:15 am Faith Forward: Mindfulness with Dr. Marielle Collins
Halldorson Hall
5:00 pm Middle School Youth Fellowship, Indoor Rock Climbing
6:30 pm AA, Theos Room
7:00 pm Compassionate Friends, Halldorson Hall

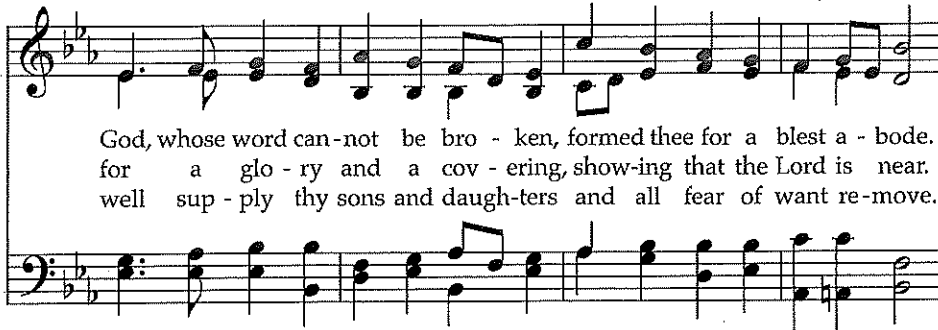
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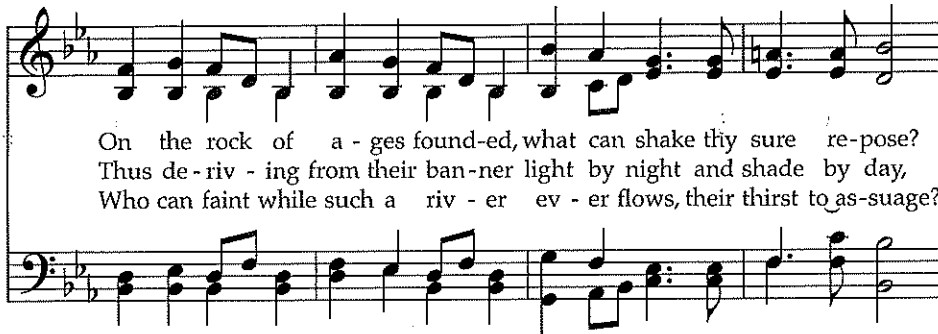
81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



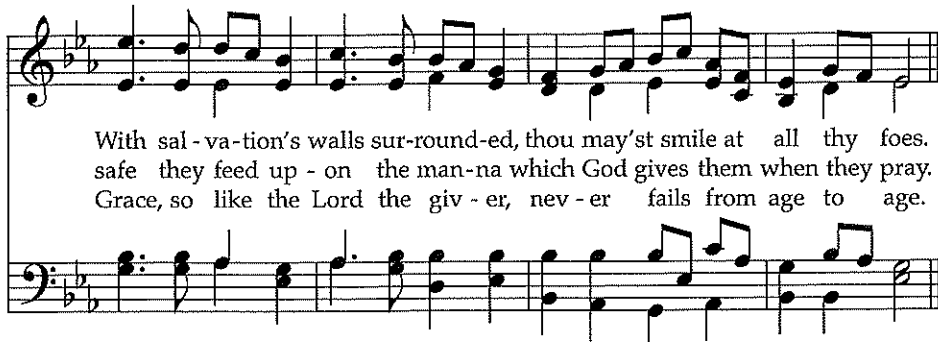
1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages.

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

AUSTRIAN HYMN
 8.7.8.7.D

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.
 MUSIC: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

NETTLETON
 8.7.8.7.D

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 12, 2023

We are delighted you've chosen to worship with us today. Please let an usher or a 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

The Sacrament of Baptism

Preaching: Pastor Emeritus The Rev. Dr. Edward M. Halldorson

9:00 am Deacon's Blood Drive, Halldorson Hall

10:00 am Worship; Nursery Care & Pre-K, Rm. A-9

11:00 am Reception with Baptism Families, Mulford Hall

Children's Choir, Room A-8

6:30 pm AA, Theos Room

6:30 pm Senior High Youth Group, Fondue Night, D'Costa's Home



CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Sara Nell Fields, by the Fields family.

BLOOD DRIVE: Today 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Deacons are hosting a blood drive today in Halldorson Hall from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Walk-ins are welcome!

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP: FONDUE NIGHT, Tonight 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Please join us tonight for our next PCCT Senior High event, which will be a Fondue Dinner! Please come ready to help us prepare the meal that night. We will meet at the home of Lucy & Mark D'Costa and will be having three kinds of fondue: cheese fondue, meat fondue and chocolate fondue for dessert! We will also have time for some games, discussion and a devotion. Please contact Rev. Mary Anne Collins-Stauffer at mcollins@pcct-nj.org. Hope to see you there!

MINDFULNESS: AN INTRODUCTION TO THEORY AND PRACTICE

Sunday, March 19, 11:15 am in Halldorson Hall

Led by Marielle Collins, PhD, this talk will introduce the basic concepts and theory of mindfulness and teach simple ways to integrate mindfulness into everyday life. Additionally, strategies for integrating mindfulness and spirituality will be reviewed, to support practicing mindfulness from a Christian perspective.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Indoor Rock Climbing

Sunday, March 19, 5:15 pm

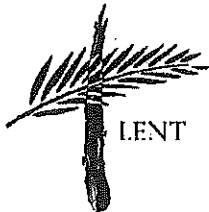
Meet at the Gravity Vault, 40 Watchung Avenue in Chatham. Please arrive a few minutes early to check in. Friends are welcome to join us; please sign-up in advance. Cost is \$35 per climber. Parents, please fill out the online waiver for your child prior to the event.

FELLOWSHIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, March 26, 11:00 am in Mulford Hall

Please join us for pancakes, sausage, fruit, and some gluten-free options! All are welcome to this Fellowship event after worship to enjoy breakfast with friends both old and new. Free will offering will be available.

LENTEN BROCHURE

Please pick-up a Lenten Brochure in the Upper Lounge or the Church Office. There is something for all ages!



LENTEN BOOK STUDY: Wednesdays in March (Zoom Format)

Join Pastor Ellen and Pastor Mary Anne in the discussion of selected chapters from *Finding Abundance in Scarcity*, edited by Samuel Wells.

The book was written by the church leaders of St. Martin's in the Fields Church in London during the pandemic and traces their application of spiritual disciplines to help them maintain their faith, hope, and sense of community in adversity. We will learn and apply several spiritual disciplines as we read: prayer, silence, simplicity, and music – finding ways to connect with the Spirit throughout the Lenten journey. The group will meet on Zoom from 7 pm to 8 pm every Wednesday through March 29.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Our special offering during the season of Lent is One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering goes to the Presbyterian Church USA to be used for disaster relief and those suffering from hunger, poverty and oppression. If you would like to contribute, please use one of the envelopes found in the pews.

COMMUNITY GARDEN: Sunday, April 2, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Spring has sprung! Come one and all for our first garden work day - a spring clean up of our Community Garden at 31 Long Hill Lane. We will have some supplies, but feel free to bring your own gloves and a water bottle. Hope to see you there. You can go to our website to sign up for future dates.

CHILDREN'S CLUB CHAT & CHEW

Please join our mid-week Church school program for student fellowship and dinner. Parents are requested to donate a one-time fee of \$10 per child to cover the cost of the dinners. We meet the 1st and 2nd Wednesdays of each month from 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm for lessons, crafts, activities and dinner. Please see the flyer in the lounge or contact our Director of Family Ministries Yvonne Anderson for more information.

ALPHA CLASS: Meeting on Thursday Evenings

You are invited to join Pastor Ellen Clémot, Pastor Mary Anne Collins-Stauffer, Father George Hundt, and lay leaders from both the Presbyterian and Roman Catholic churches in **the Alpha Course**, a dinner table conversation and class on Christian faith exploration. We meet at St. Vincent Martyr Church in Madison for dinner (free) on Thursdays at 6:30 pm with conversation and course materials ending at 8:15 pm.

COMMUNITY FOODBANK OF NJ: Saturday, March 18, 9:00 – 11:00 am

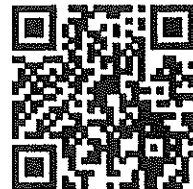
Sign up to help out at the Community FoodBank in Hillside. Volunteers ages 12 and up help sort and repackage food for distribution. Carpooling is available for those who need it. Advance sign up is required. Contact Pastor Mary Anne for more information.

NOURISH.NJ: Breakfast Bags: March 13 – 22

Drop off bags at Mulford Hall at the church between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm between March 13 – 22. You can sign up on our website or on the board in the Upper Lobby.

VIRTUAL COMMENT BOX

We're glad that you are here worshipping with us!
Please share your worship experience with us today and every time that you attend worship. You may submit feedback via the QR code at any time! Open your camera app, hold your phone over the code, and follow the pop-up link. Thank you!



Managed by the Worship & Music Committee



HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday

Worship at 10:00 am

Thursday, April 6, Maundy Thursday

The Sacrament of Communion

Worship at 7:30 pm

Friday, April 7, Good Friday

Worship at 7:30 pm

Sunday, April 9, Easter

Two Worship Services 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Egg hunt on the front lawn following the 11:00 am service

(weather permitting)

MUSIC NOTES

ANTHEM:

"Steal Away" the song was composed by Wallace Willis around or before 1862. Willis, of the Choctaw Nation, had been enslaved and the origin of the melody is unknown to whether Willis created it or he had learned it from another. Alexander Reid, a minister at a Choctaw boarding school, heard Willis singing the songs and transcribed the words and melodies. He sent the music to the Jubilee Singers of Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee who then popularized the songs during a tour of the United States and Europe. Gospel songs and spirituals such as "Steal Away", "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot", "Wade in the Water" and the "Gospel Train" originated as songs with hidden codes, not only about having faith in God, but containing hidden messages to direct enslaved people to liberation.

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EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to order plants to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please fill out this form and return it to the church office no later than Sunday, March 26. The price is \$15 for an Easter Lily and \$30 for an azalea plant. Please indicate how many and what kind of plant you would like:

_____ Easter Lily(ies) [\$15 per plant]
(# of plants)

_____ Pink Azalea plant(s) [\$30 per plant]
(# of plants)

I wish to donate _____ plant(s), which will be taken by the Deacons to a member of the congregation.

I wish to donate _____ plant(s), which I will pick up after the 11:00 am worship service on Easter Sunday, April 9.

*****THE BULLETIN WILL READ:

*The Easter flowers in our chancel have been contributed
IN MEMORY OF.....(or) IN HONOR OF.....(circle one)*

NAME(S) FOR DEDICATION

(as it should appear in the Sunday bulletin)

RELATIONSHIP TO DONOR

by....DONOR'S NAME

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Daytime Telephone Number_____

Return this form to the church office no later than Sunday, March 26. Checks should be made out to PCCT and marked "flower fund" on the memo line. You can also order on our website. Thank you!

**HELP OUR MUSIC PROGRAM
PRESENT BEAUTIFUL MUSIC THIS EASTER**

Lent is upon us, and our music program is hard at work preparing wonderful music for the season.

This requires hours of rehearsal by our dedicated volunteer musicians, along with significant financial support, as there are professional musicians, instrument rentals, and sheet music to be paid for.

Any and all donations are welcome, with your name and optional dedication appearing in a special insert included in Easter worship bulletins.

Simply fill out the form below and return, with your donation, to the church office by Sunday, March 26. Thank you for your support!

DONOR'S NAME

DONATION AMOUNT \$ _____ (will NOT be listed in Bulletin)

OPTIONAL DEDICATION:

NAME *IN MEMORY OF . . .* (or) *IN HONOR OF . . .* (circle one)

**Please return this form to the church office
by Sunday, March 26.**

Your check should be made out to The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township and marked "Music Fund" on the memo line. Thank you!

