



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Lent
10:00 A.M.

"Whether you understand it or not, God loves you, is present to you,
lives in you, dwells in you, calls you, saves you."

Thomas Merton

Prelude When I Survey the Wondrous Cross arr. Chuck Marohnic

***Call to Worship**

Leader: O mortal, can these bones live?

People: *Only the Lord God knows.*

Leader: O people, hope in the Lord.

People: *With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.*

All: *Let us worship the Living God!*

***Processional Hymn 684** Faith Begins by Letting Go LUX PRIMA

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession Romans 8:6

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

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in the promise of life. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor. And yet, you still love us. There is still forgiveness in you. Therefore, we worship you, for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn 583**

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

*(K- 5th graders will go downstairs to their classrooms;
Breakfast Club will meet in the Youth Suite)*

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the Psalter: Psalm 130

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Anthem

Psalm 130
Chancel Choir

Paul O. Manz

Lesson from the Hebrew Bible: Ezekiel 37:1-14

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Sermon "Hope for Us All"

The Reverend Dr. Ellen Clark Clémot

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

From A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

***Hymn 792**

There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

Prayers of the People

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

Hymnal, Page 35

Call to Offering

Offertory

What a Friend We Have in Jesus arr. Anna Laura Page

***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 756**

O God of Every Nation

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***Benediction**

Postlude

Fantasia on *Iste Confessor*

arr. Lani Smith

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Worship Leaders today are Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Ellen C. Clémot
and Associate Pastor Rev. Thomas A. Brown.

Our ushers this morning are Cynthia Merwin,
John Merwin, and Ken Basmadjian.

Special thanks to Bob Eager, Carlene Pruitt, and Lynn Apolinaro
for their technical assistance today.

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH: March 27 – April 1, 2023

Monday

- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall
- 7:00 pm Finance & Operations Mtg., Zoom
- 7:30 pm Mission & Outreach Mtg., Zoom

Tuesday

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall
- 7:30 pm Welcoming Mtg., Staff Conf. Rm.

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 Worship & Music Mtg., Staff Conf. Rm.

Thursday

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

Friday & Saturday

- Alpha Retreat, St. Vincent Martyr Church

NEXT SUNDAY, April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

The Sacrament of Communion

- 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
- 1:00 pm Community Garden Spring Clean-Up, Duke's Home
- 6:30 pm AA, Theos Room

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Faith Begins by Letting Go 684

1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what
 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - ory's
 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en -

had seemed sure, tak - ing risks and press - ing on,
 roots a - live so that hope may bear its fruit;
 larg - ing hearts, shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer,

though the way feels less se - cure: pil - grim - age both
 prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive, not through mer - it
 bind - ing up the bro - ken parts; till we find the

right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
 we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
 com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

This text affirms that faith is not a state of being but a process of becoming what we are called to be in relationship to God, other people, and the world. The movement from one stage of faith to another is suggested by gestures of the hand: letting go, holding on, reaching out.

There Is a Balm in Gilead 792

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul. *Fine*

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but
 2 Don't ev-er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend, and
 3 If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can

then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain. There is a
 if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll not re-fuse to lend. There is a
 tell the love of Je-sus and say, "He died for all." There is a

to Refrain

This African American spiritual offers a long-delayed answer to the prophet Jeremiah's question, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" (Jeremiah 8:22). No earthly remedy can compare with the healing that comes from a sense of God's presence; nothing else can heal "the sin-sick soul."

O God of Every Nation 756

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

If we truly believe that God cares for all people, we cannot limit our prayers and songs for peace to the welfare of our own nation, no matter how much we may love it. This challenging text is set to a stirring Welsh tune, named for a hamlet with a prominent Baptist chapel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 26, 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

- 10:00 am **Worship**; Nursery Care & Pre-K, Rm. B-13
10:15 am Church School & Breakfast Club
11:00 am **Fellowship Pancake Breakfast, Mulford Hall**
Children's Choir, Bell Room/A8
6:30 pm AA, Theos Room



CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of
Ardell Hoppe, mother, grandmother, and Presbyterian Elder,
by Bruce and Robin Hoppe.

FELLOWSHIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST: This morning at 11:00 am in Mulford Hall

Please join us after worship for pancakes, sausage, fruit, and some gluten-free options! All are welcome to this Fellowship event to enjoy breakfast with friends both old and new. No sign-up required to attend. 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!

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.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Outdoor Games Night
Sunday, April 2, 5:00 – 6:30 pm**

Help us celebrate the return of Spring! Come for a fun night of outdoor games, dinner and a brief reflection. Friends are welcome!

**FAITH FORWARD: LEGACY (AND OTHER) GIVING OPTIONS
Sunday, April 16, 11:15 am in Halldorson Hall**

Rose Niles of the Presbyterian Foundation will share information about giving options available to us through the Presbyterian Foundation. She will discuss Legacy giving, Donor Advised Funds and other giving options. The seminar promises to be very informative. Please join us!

LYRICA CONCERT: Sunday, April 16, 3:00 pm

Tenor Matthew Zabiegala, our Music Director here at PCCT presents a delightful and innovative recital program of art song, accompanied by Co-Artistic Directors Ani Kalayjian and David Kaplan. Complimentary tickets are available to congregants. Please call the church office if you would like to attend.

**YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISING DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION
Sunday, April 30, 5:00 - 7:30 pm**

Save the date for this year's Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser Dinner! Each spring the participants host a fun-filled, themed dinner to raise money for their trip, and the night features a silent auction. All funds raised will go to support 30 teens and adults traveling to Charleston, West Virginia in June. Any and all donations for the auction are welcome from the congregation. If anyone chooses to donate, we ask that the basket items be delivered to the church office by Friday, April 7. The committee will take care of wrapping and packaging everything. Please email Annie DesMarais at njdesmarais@yahoo.com if you have any additional questions.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES: Beginning in April!

If you would like to make The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township your church home, please join our new member classes beginning on **Sunday, April 23, from 4:00 – 4:45 pm**. The first class is on Zoom or in person. Please speak with Pastor Ellen if you would like to sign up or if you have any questions. You can also sign up on our website.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 19 - June 23, 2023, 8:45 am - 1 pm

This year's Vacation Bible School will feature Fun and Creative activities, Lessons, Crafts, Breakfast and Lunch! The day will begin with a simple breakfast and the kids will then move on to stations including music & drama, crafts, recreation & games, and at the end of the day all of the kids will gather together for lunch. Sign up today!

CHILDREN'S CLUB CHAT & CHEW

Please join our mid-week Church school program for student fellowship and dinner. Parents are requested to donate \$10 per child per week to cover the cost of the dinners and craft supplies. We meet the 1st and 2nd Wednesdays of each month from 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm for lessons, crafts, activities and dinner. Please 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.

EVENING MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 pm

Join us every first and third Wednesday night of the month at 7:30 pm for food, drinks, and conversation around current topics and theology at 54 Main Bar and Grill in Madison. We meet mid-September through early June with Pastor Clémot. Please contact Jeff crater by email at jhcrater@verizon.net to learn more.



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)

EASTER FLOWERS AND MUSIC: Due today - March 26

To order an Easter Lily or an azalea to decorate our Sanctuary this Easter or if you would like to help support our music program in presenting beautiful music during the Easter season, you may fill out one of the inserts found in today's bulletin or go to our website. Thank you!

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


CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY CONCERT!

Save the date for our Caring for the Community Concert on **Saturday, July 15, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm** on the front lawn of the church with music by Blue Soul. Plan to join us!



A note from the
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

MUSIC NOTES

You can read all the music notes for today's worship service by using this QR code 



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

(as it should appear in the Sunday bulletin)

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!

