

## Sunday, April 30, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Easter 10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Adagio in G minor

Tommaso Albinoni

## \*Call to Worship

People: We call on the One who promises to hear us.

Leader: In life, in death, in every moment, God deals graciously with us.

People: We rejoice in the One who saves us.

Leader: Lift your voices to God.

People: Let us worship the Risen Lord.

All:

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

\*Processional Hymn 41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

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### **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Opening Prayer**

#### Call to Confession

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

## Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

#### **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, children in grades K- 5 will go downstairs to their classrooms; Breakfast Club will meet in the Youth Suite.)

## Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the Psalter: Psalm 116:1-4;12-19

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Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth
Chancel Choir

arr. Eric Nelson

Lesson from the New Testament: Acts 2:14a; 36-4; Acts 4:1-4; Acts 5:12-16
Pages 119, 121, 122

Sermon

Seven Vital Marks of the Church: Evangelism "Spreading the Word"

The Reverend Dr. Ellen Clark Clémot

\*Hymn 295

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

## \*Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our religion: Christ Jesus was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed in throughout the world, and taken up in glory. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

## **Prayers of the People**

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

Hymnal, Page 35

**Call to Offering** 

Offertory

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us Sanctuary Ringers

arr. Arnold Sherman

\*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 826

Lift High the Cross

**CRUCIFER** 

\*Benediction

#### **Postlude**

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

Thank you to all of our greeters and ushers this morning.

Thank you to our tabulators and processor Ric and Carrie Butler.

Special thanks to Bob Eager and the tech team for their assistance today.

## THIS WEEK AT CHURCH: May 1 - 6, 2023

Monday 9:30 am 11:30 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Next Act, Theos Room A New Day, Halldorson Hall Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall Deacons, Halldorson Hall	Thursday 6:00 pm 7:15 pm Friday 6:00 pm	Sanctuary Ringers, Sanctuary Chancel Choir, Choir Room Cub Scouts, Mulford Hall
<u>Tuesday</u> 10:00 am	Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall	Saturday	Cup Scouts, manora nan
Wednesday	<i>5,</i>	8:00 am	Spring Clean-up, Front Lawn
5:00 pm	Children's Bells, Bell Room/A8	9:00 am	Planting & Garden Party Prep
5:30 pm	Children's Choir, Bell Room/A8		31 Long Hill Lane, Chatham
5:45 pm	Children's Club Chat & Chew, Mulford Hall	5:00 pm	Garden Party, Duke's Home
7:30 pm	Men's Group Theology Talk, off-site	F	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

# NEXT SUNDAY, May 7, 2023 The Sacrament of Communion

10:00 am

Worship; Nursery Care & Pre-K, Rm. A-9
Children's First Communion

10:15 am
Church School & Breakfast Club
Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall
Communion Celebration, Mulford Hall
Seven Marks of the Church Discussion
on Fellowship, Mulford Hall
Children's Choir, Bell Room/A8

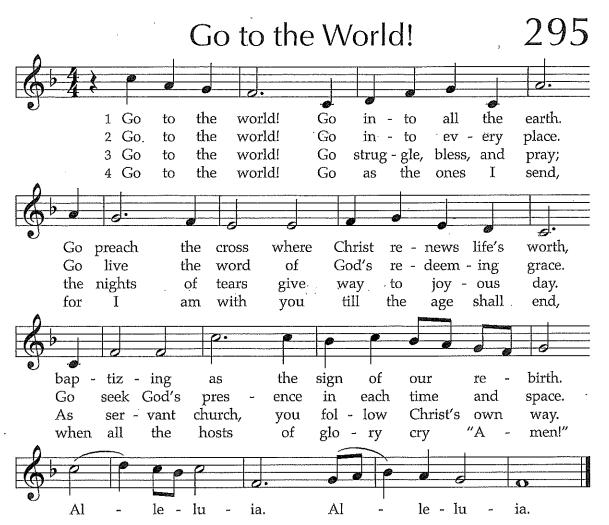
6:30 pm AA, Theos Room

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Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.



Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19–20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906 Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc. SINE NOMINE 10.10.10 with alleluias



This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## April 30, 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**

9:15 am	Grades 2 - 5 Communion Class, Theos Room	
10:00 am	Worship; Nursery Care & Pre-K, Rm. A-9	
10:15 am	Church School & Breakfast Club	
11:00 am	Coffee & Fellowship, Halldorson Hall	
	Seven Marks of the Church Discussion	
	on Evangelism, Halldorson Hall	
	Children's Choir, Bell Room/A8	
11:15 am	Signage Committee Meeting, Staff Conf. Rm.	
5:00 pm	Mission Trip Fundraiser Dinner & Silent Auction,	
	Mulford Hall	
6-30 nm	AA Theos Room	

### **CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of their 62nd wedding anniversary on April 29, by Dorie and Dick Simon.



#### YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER - Tonight, 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Join us for a delicious "Burgers & BBQ" dinner and help support a great cause! Advance reservations will be taken until 2:00 pm today. Find the sign up link at pcct-nj.org/ymt, or come and pay at the door. Reservations are not required. Stop by the hallway in front of the church offices this morning for a "Silent Auction Preview" to see a sampling of the 35+ creative baskets that you can bid on. Proceeds will help send 25 youth + adult chaperones to Charleston, WV, where they will help with home repair projects in partnership with C.R.O.S.S. Ministries. We look forward to seeing you at this fun-filled event!

## PCCT SPRING CLEANUP: Saturday, May 6, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

We'll spread mulch, pick up branches, and clean up the church grounds—a fun and rewarding way to spend your Saturday morning. If able, please bring a wheelbarrow and some garden tools. Contact Ric Butler at hericbutler@yahoo.com with any questions. (Rain date May 13)



# COMMUNITY GARDEN WORK DAYS Saturdays: May 6 & 20, June 3 & 10

Help is needed as we fill raised beds with soil and compost, install drip lines, and begin planting. On May 6 & 20 and June 3 & 10, shifts are 9:00-11:00 am. Sign up on our website.

## PCCT GARDEN PARTY - Saturday, May 6, 5:00 - 7:30 PM

Join us at the home of Craig and Lisa Duke, 31 Long Hill Lane, Chatham for a relaxed evening of fun and fellowship - outdoors as weather permits. Tour the adjacent PCCT Community Garden, watch the Kentucky Derby and enjoy a Mint Julep if desired. Bring a beverage, appetizer, or dessert to share. Visit our website to sign up. Rain date is May 20.

## ALL COMMUNION CLASS STUDENTS, GRADE 2 AND UP - CELEBRATE!

Dear Parents of communion class: we want to make your child's "first communion" or first time taking communion with a faith understanding behind them, to be special. Pastor Clémot taught a special class for your communion students today. Next week, May 7th, she will receive them in the sanctuary at 9:40 am to visit the communion table in the chancel area and give them a reminder of what to expect and how we take communion together. After worship we will celebrate the children and the communion sacrament we shared together during coffee hour with a special reception. We thank you for your faithfulness!

-With love from the Christian Education Committee

#### **BLANKET SUNDAY: Mother's Day, May 14**

Women's Ministries is again offering a unique way to honor our mothers and other important women in our lives. Beginning today, April 30 and through May 14, you can make a donation for blankets to be used for global disaster relief. For each \$10 donation, a blanket will be purchased for someone in need. In return for your donation, you will receive a lovely PCCT notecard with a message letting a special person know you made this donation in her honor. There will be a table in the lounge each Sunday and the cards may also be picked up in the church office, Mon. - Fri. from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

#### **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: Sunday, May 21**

May 21 is Confirmation Sunday when our Confirmation Class of 2023 will be received into membership. It is also the last day of Church School. Please join us as we welcome our newest members, celebrate the last day of Church School and honor our teachers and Confirmation leaders at a special reception after worship.

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

This year's Vacation Bible School theme is "God's Wonder Lab" and 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 on Wednesday, May 3, May 10, and June 7 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.

# MEN'S FELLOWSHIP THEOLOGY TALK 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.

#### SERMON SERIES INTRODUCTION - Seven Marks of the Church

Last Sunday, Pastor Clémot began a Sermon Series on the Seven Marks of the church. We began the series with the first mark of the church: Discipleship, the ways we follow Jesus. Each week we invite you to consider ways that you understand the mark of the church as presented that Sunday. Please note down your thoughts on the question prompts placed in the pews each week. Then place them in the offering plate, or the note basket in the narthex, or hand them to Ellen after worship for us to discuss during coffee hour. We are considering how the marks of the church help us feel a sense of belonging to this particular church, the Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township. Thank you for participating — your thoughts will help guide Session as we re-envision the mission of our church!



#### 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



#### **MUSIC NOTES**

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

