



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter
The Sacrament of Communion
10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Blessed Assurance

arr. Charles Callahan

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We are not alone: God's love is in us.

People: This is the truth.

Leader: God knows our hopes, our fears, our questions.

People: This is the truth.

Leader: God is leading us deep into justice and wonder.

People: God is joyfully walking us home.

Leader: Let us worship the Living God.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

***Processional Hymn 386**

Come, Worship God

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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)

Glorious God, your thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are your ways our ways. And yet we long to live in your way. So, God of life, grant us your forgiveness for our careless thoughts, for our thoughtless deeds, for our empty speech and the words with which we wounded. O God of life, grant us your forgiveness for our false desires, for our hateful actions, for our wastefulness, and for all we left untended. O loving Christ, crucified and yet Risen, scatter the sin from our souls as the mist from the hills; begin what we do, inform what we say, redeem who we are. In you we place our hope, our great hope, our living hope, this day and evermore. 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

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

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the Gospels: John 13: 33-35

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Anthem

We Are Called
Chancel Choir

arr. Mark Hayes

Lesson from the New Testament: Acts 2:42-47, Acts 4:32-35

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Sermon

Seven Vital Marks of the Church:
Spiritual Worship and Caring Relationships in Fellowship
"Worship and Fellowship Together"

The Reverend Dr. Ellen Clark Clémot

***Affirmation of Faith: Hymn 450**

Be Thou My Vision

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The Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Matthew Zabiegala

***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**

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

All who put their trust in Jesus are invited and encouraged to partake in Communion. Ushers will serve worshippers in the pews, first the bread, then the cup. Gluten-free elements are available in the center dish on each tray. The ministers will invite you to take the bread and cup all together after all have been served.

Prayer after Communion

***Recessional Hymn 837** What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine SHOWALTER

***Benediction**

Postlude

Fugue in C Major

G. F. Handel

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This morning's plate offering (gifts received in cash) is designated for the work of our Board of Deacons, which coordinates important ministries of congregational care and compassion. Please remember them in your giving today and on the first Sunday in the months to come.

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

Our greeter this morning is Peck Hofler and our ushers are Carolyn Smith,
Story Savage, Margie Tompkins, Joslin Ruffle, and Virginia Hofler.

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

THIS WEEK AT PCCT: May 8 - 13, 2023

Monday

6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall

7:00 pm Session, Halldorson Hall

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall

7:00 pm Presbytery Meeting,
Johnsonburg

Wednesday

10:30 am Bible Study, Theos Room

5:00 pm Children's Handbells, Room A-8

5:30 pm Children's Choir, Room A-8

5:45 pm Church School Chat & Chew, Mulford

Thursday

6:00 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Sanctuary

7:15 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Saturday

8:00 am Spring Clean-up (Rain Date)

NEXT SUNDAY, May 14, 2023

Mother's Day & Blanket Sunday

Family Worship

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

11:00 am Coffee and Fellowship, Mulford Hall

Seven Marks of the Church Discussion

on Mission Outreach, Halldorson Hall

Children's Choir, Room A-8

6:30 pm AA, Theos Room

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 7, 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 Communion

- 10:00 am Worship; Nursery Care & Pre-K, Rm. A-9
Children's First Communion
- 10:15 am Church School & Breakfast Club
- 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall
Communion Celebration, Mulford Hall
Seven Marks of the Church Discussion
on Worship and Fellowship, Halldorson 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 Gertrude MacCallum, mother and grandmother by The MacCallum Family.



COMMUNION CLASS CELEBRATION

Today we have several children taking communion. Last Sunday Pastor Clémot taught a special class about the faith understanding behind communion and this morning met with them in the Sanctuary to visit the communion table in the chancel area and talked with them about what to expect and how we take communion together. The children receiving communion for the first time today are: Nina Kostrowski, Sofia Murchison-Smith, Josephine Oosterheert, Marion Oosterheert, Charlie Schroeder, Drew Schroeder, Luke Schroeder, and Ceci Young. After worship we will celebrate the children and the communion sacrament we shared together during coffee hour with a special reception.



COMMUNITY GARDEN WORK DAYS

Saturdays: April 29, 10 am - 12 pm; May 6, June 3 and 10 from 9-11 am

Sunday: May 21, 1-3 pm

Help is needed as we fill raised beds with soil and compost, install drip lines, and begin planting.

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. 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.

SERMON SERIES INTRODUCTION – Seven Marks of the Church

On April 23, 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



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.

PRIDE VESPERS

Sunday, June 4th at 5pm.



Join us in our Sanctuary for a celebration of acceptance, affirmation, and love through a meaningful message and beautiful music as we welcome all! A free will offering will be taken for an LGBTQ+ charity.

ANNUAL MARLA DRURY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In fond memory of long-time PCCT member Marla Drury, Women's Ministries will be awarding a \$1,000 Marla Drury Memorial Scholarship (MDMS) to a high school senior or current college student, male or female, who is an active PCCT member and exemplifies the same generous, giving spirit as Marla did. Applications are available on our website. The deadline for submission is May 28. Contributions towards the funding of the scholarship are also welcome; make checks payable to PCCT, with "MDMS" in the memo line. Contact Kristin Winter with any questions.

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing, Lean-ing on Je-sus,

lean-ing, safe and se-cre from all a-larms; lean-ing on
 lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,

ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,

The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Their joint effort has proved very popular.

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) Eb (G) Ab (D/F#) Eb/G (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) Bb (D) Eb (G) Ab (A) Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) Ab (D) Eb (F#m7) Gm7 (G) Ab (A) Bb

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) Eb/G (G) Ab (D) Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

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Come, Worship God

(Psalm 95)

1 Come, wor - ship God, who is wor - thy of hon - or;
 2 Ruled by your might are the heights of the moun - tains;
 3 We are your peo - ple, the sheep of your pas - ture;
 4 Now let us lis - ten, for you speak a - mong us;

en - ter God's pres - ence with thanks and a song!
 held in your hands are the depths of the earth.
 you are our Mak - er, and to you we pray.
 o - pen our hearts to re - ceive what you say.

You are the rock of your peo - ple's sal - va - tion
 Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,
 Glad - ly we kneel in o - be - dience be - fore you;
 Peace be to all who re - mem - ber your good - ness,

to whom our ju - bi - lant prais - es be - long.
 God a - bove all gods, who gave us our birth.
 great is the one whom we wor - ship this day!
 trust in your word, and re - joice in your way!

Psalm 95, often called *Venite* from its first word in Latin, has long served as an opening canticle in the worship of Western Christianity. John Calvin found here two reasons to praise God: for sustaining the created world and for adopting the church into a gracious relationship.