

Sunday, August 13, 2023 10:00 A.M.

Prelude

When Peace Like a River

arr. Jan Sanborn

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing of the Peace

*Call to Worship

From Psalm 85

Leader: The Lord our God speaks peace to God's people.

People: God speaks to God's faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Leader: Surely salvation is at hand for those who worship God.

People: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

Leader: righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

All: Alleluia! Let us worship the Living God!

God of Grace and God of Glory

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Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

*Hymn 307 (vv. 1-3)

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

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord Jesus, have mercy upon us. We are intimidated by our circumstances, distracted from your purposes, drowning in doubts and fears. We are presumptuous about your will, belittling others and magnifying ourselves. We envy the blessings of others, secretly despising their dreams. We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our brothers and sisters, feeding ourselves in face of the injustice that holds them captive. Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts, lift us from sin and help us to walk with you in faith, humility, and brotherly-sisterly love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn 582 (v. 1) Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the Psalter: Psalm 85; 8-13

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Anthem

Deep River

arr. Duane Funderburk

Carol Wooldredge, cello and Sandy Batten, piano

Lesson from the Hebrew Bible: Genesis 33: 1-17

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Sermon Family Reversals "Face to Face"

The Rev. Dr. Ellen C. Clémot

*Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Life Together

A Christian fellowship lives and exists by the intercession of its members for one another, or it collapses. I can no longer condemn or hate a brother or sister for whom I pray, no matter how much trouble they cause me. Their faces, that hitherto may have been strange and intolerable to me, are transformed in intercession into the countenance of a brother or sister for whom Christ died, the face of a forgiven sinner.

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call to Offering

Offertory

Now Thank We All Our God

arr, Jan Sanborn

*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

*Hymn 432

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

*Benediction

Postlude

Let There Be Peace on Earth Sandy Batten, piano

Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

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

Thank you to our guest musician Lois Buesser and also to Carol Wooldredge and Sandy Batten for the beautiful music this morning.

Our ushers this morning are Cynthia and John Merwin.

Special thanks to the members of our tech team for their assistance today.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: August 14 - 19, 2023

Tuesday

10:30 am Staff Meeting, Staff Conf. Rm.

Friday

Office Closes at 2:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY, August 20, 2023

10:00 am Worship, Halldorson Chapel

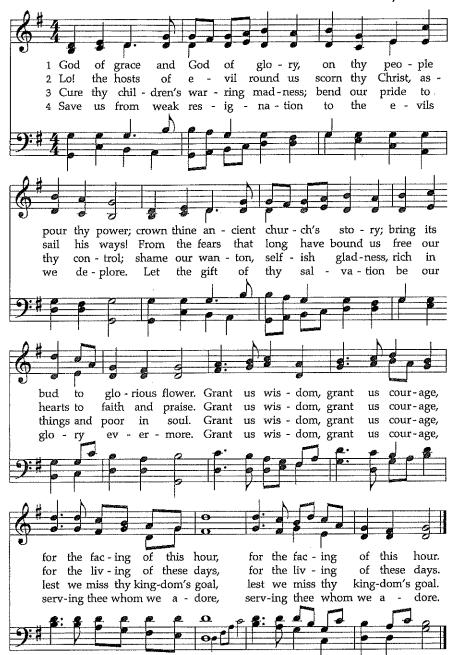
11:00 am Lemonade and Fellowship, Mulford Hall

7:00 pm Compassionate Friends, Griswold Parlor

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307 God of Grace and God of Glory



This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme "Celebrate the Journey." The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord 432



- 1 How clear is our vo ca tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
- 2 But if, for-get ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
- 3 We mar-vel how your saints be-came in hin-dranc-es more sure:
- 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to geth er or a lone



to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai-ly learn, re-freshed, reif world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it-self can-not unwhose joy-ful vir-tues put to shame the ca-sual way we wear your in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to



fall. stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us tan-gled skein of in-ward life re - pair. care: our wind its name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure. you en - deav-ored, done. you: the cross you hung up - on, all

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This reflection on Christian vocation was written to provide a new text for a pre-existing tune, and the poet has crafted his words so well that the two parts mesh smoothly. The tune is named for a noted British boarding school, whose music director was a friend of the composer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 13, 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.

TODAY AT CHURCH

10:00 am Worship, Halldorson Chapel

11:00 am Lemonade and Fellowship, Halldorson Hallway

12:00 pm Meeting at the Community Garden,

31 Long Hill Lane, Chatham

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of David T. Kearns by the Fields family.



COMMUNITY GARDEN: Exciting Update!

The garden is on fire! Almost 100 pounds of produce this week alone was delivered to the CUMC Community Food Pantry on Wednesday, including 60 pounds of tomatoes! Big thanks to everyone who helped produce this abundant harvest.

Next up we are meeting today Sunday, August 13, at noon to make a plan for what to pull and what to plant for our end of summer and fall harvest. The more the merrier, we would love as much help and input as possible.

Thanks to all who have volunteered already and are on deck. We still need volunteers for the end of August and September. To volunteer, you can go to our website to sign up. Remember, even an hour of time to weed or help out in any way is appreciated. Many hands make light work, especially on Wednesday mornings for picking, bagging, weighing, recording and delivering. Please invite anyone else you think may be interested.

FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has continued to support the Deacon's flower ministry. We have several Sundays available throughout the end of the year. If you would like to place a dedication, you may go to our website to sign up or you can call the church office at (973) 635-2340 or email Gloria. You may also sign up on the flower chart in the upper lobby.

GREETERS & USHERS NEEDED!

We have a definite need for more people to serve as ushers and greeters each Sunday. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to the church office and let us know. We can provide you with all the instructions and details you will need. New ushers will be placed on a team and be a part of a rotating schedule. Greeters may also sign up on our Greeter Board in the Upper Lobby. Please consider serving and being a part of these important roles in our worship service each week.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

The summer sermon series on Family Reversals/Family Dynamics resumes this morning with a sermon by Senior Pastor Ellen C. Clémot and continues through September 3.

TEACHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are currently working on building the teaching teams for our Church School (K-5th) and Breakfast Club (6th-8th) for the fall. Each teacher volunteer will be provided with the lesson early in the week prior to Sunday and all materials will be ready for you in the classroom on Sunday morning. We will offer teacher training as needed prior to the kick-off of Church School formally beginning on September 18th. You can reach out to Yvonne Anderson@yanderson@pcct-nj.org if you are interested or for more information.

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY: September 10, 2023

Save the Date for our annual kickoff to the program year. Join us for a special worship service followed by a picnic on the front lawn. Reconnect with church family and friends over a lunch of hamburgers/hot dogs, and experience the joy of children enjoying games, face painting, and a bouncy house. We will also have an old-time ice cream truck to be enjoyed by all. There's so much to look forward to - we can't wait to see you! Please sign up to help in our weekly eblasts.

MUSIC NOTES

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



We hope you are all enjoying a wonderful summer. Here are some upcoming dates to put on your calendar. More details to come!

Save the Dates!

Sunday, September 10

Welcome Back Sunday

Wednesday, September 13

Children's Chat & Chew Kick-Off

Sunday, September 17

Church School Kick-Off with Parent Meet & Greet

Third Grade Bible Presentation

Commissioning of Confirmands and Teachers

Middle School Youth Fellowship Kick-Off

Senior High Youth Group Kick-Off

Thursday, September 21, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Pasta Night Fundraiser

Sunday, September 24

Faith Forward Reception Celebrating Associate Pastor Tom's Sabbatical

Sunday, October 1, 5:00 pm

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 7, 9:00 am

Pumpkins Arrive!

Sunday, October 22

Church Family Dinner

Assoc. Pastor Tom's Sabbatical Presentation and Sharing Stories of Rest & Renewal

