



**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

*Holy God, we confess we have not been obedient to your will for us. We have sought justice for ourselves and not for others. We have insisted on our own rights and not lived rightly in our relationships. We have desired mercy for our sins, but not offered mercy to those who have sinned against us. By the power of your Holy Spirit, free us from our disobedience. Help us to love others as you have loved us that our lives might testify to your abounding grace through Jesus Christ, 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 Hebrew Bible:** Genesis 35 (selections) Page 32

**Anthem** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven arr. Peter Paul Olejar  
Tenors and Basses from the Chancel Choir

**Lesson from the Hebrew Bible:** Genesis 37 (selections) Page 34

**Sermon** Family Reversals "Audacious Dreams" The Rev. Dr. Ellen C. Clémot

**\*Affirmation of Faith (in unison)** From a Brief Statement of Faith

*The God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.*

**\*Hymn 345**

In an Age of Twisted Values

CHURCH UNITED

**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**

Set Me As A Seal Upon Your Heart

by Laura Farnell

**\*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 37**

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

The King of Love

arr. M. Zabiegala

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

Our ushers this morning are Linda Barnes and Andy Brummer.

Special thanks to Bob Eager  
for his technical assistance today.

**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: August 21-26, 2023**

**Monday**

7:00 pm Eagle Scout Review, Theos Room

**Tuesday**

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

**Friday**

Office Closes at 2:00 pm

**NEXT SUNDAY, August 27, 2023**

10:00 am Worship, Halldorson Chapel

11:00 am Lemonade and Fellowship, Mulford Hall

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**August 20, 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  
7:00 pm    Compassionate Friends, Griswold Parlor



### **CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our mothers, Mildred Crater and Marga Meyer, by Jeff and Ann-Margret Crater.

### **QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT FOCUSED ON OUR SERMON SERIES**

1. When you were growing up, did birth order matter as it did for Jacob and Esau?
2. Have you had to navigate blended families with half brothers and sisters like Isaac and Ishmael?
3. God loves even the most rascally among us – where did you fit into your family dynamic?
4. How has family forgiveness made a difference in your life?

### **SUMMER FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK: Tuesday, August 29 at 6:00 pm**

Rev. Mary Anne Collins-Stauffer invites everyone to an end of summer potluck meal at her home located at 145 Van Houton Avenue in Chatham from 6 pm to 8 pm. There will be a vegetarian meal option and soft drinks. Pastor Ellen will barbecue some chicken. Please bring a side or dessert and the beverage of your choice. You can go to our website to RSVP or call the office to join in. We look forward to fellowship time with you, a great meal and conversation.

### **COMMUNITY GARDEN: Thank you!**

Big thanks to everyone who helped produce an abundant harvest this year. We still need volunteers for the end of August and September - the more the merrier! 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.

### **TEACHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are currently working on building the teaching teams for our Church School (K-5<sup>th</sup>) and Breakfast Club (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) 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 18<sup>th</sup>. You can reach out to Yvonne Anderson@yanderson@pctt-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. There's so much to look forward to - we can't wait to see you! Please sign up to help, bring a side salad or a dessert in our weekly eblasts.

### **MUSIC NOTES**

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



### **SAVE THE DATES!**

See the back page of the hymnal insert for important dates  
and events coming up in September and October.

# 49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,  
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.  
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,  
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!  
 In proph - et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.  
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,  
 Es - tab - lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,  
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,  
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:


we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.  
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.  
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

TEXT: Moses Atsmonides, 12th cent.; vers. Daniel ben Judah Dayan, 1404; stanzas 1, 3, trans. Thomas Olivers, c.1770, alt.; LEONI  
 stanzas 2, 4, trans. Max Landsberg, Newton M. Mann, and William C. Gannett, 1884, 1910, alt. 6.6.8.4.D  
 MUSIC: Jewish melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Meyer Lyon and Thomas Olivers, 1770


# In an Age of Twisted Values 345

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em) (D) (G) (D)  
 Fm Cm Fm Eb Ab Eb



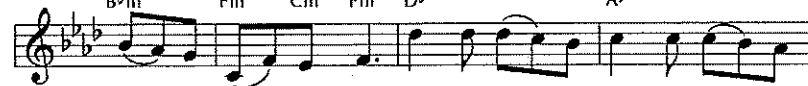
1 In an age of twist-ed val-ues we have lost the  
 2 We have built dis-crim-i-na-tion on our prej-u-  
 3 When our fam-i-lies are bro-ken, when our homes are  
 4 We who hear your word so of-ten choose so rare-ly

(Em) (A) (B7) (Em) (Bm) (Em) (D) (G)  
 Fm Bb C7 Fm Cm Fm Eb Ab



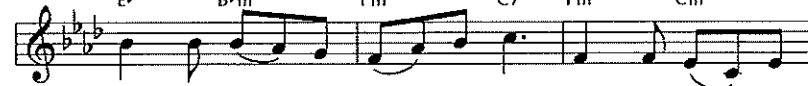
truth we need. In so-plis-ti-cat-ed lan-guage we have  
 dice and fear. Ha-tred swift-ly turns to cruel-ty if we  
 full of strife, when our chil-dren are be-wil-dered, when they  
 to o-bey. Turn us from our will-ful wan-dering; give us

(Am) (Em) (Bm) (Em) (C) (G)  
 Bbm Fm Cm Fm Db Ab




jus-ti-fied our greed. By our strug-gle for pos-ses-sions  
 hold re-sent-ments dear. For com-mu-ni-ties di-vid-ed  
 lose their way in life, when we fail to give the a-ged  
 truth to light our way. In the pow-er of your Spir-it

(D) (Am) (Em) (B7) (Em) (Bm)  
 Eb Bbm Fm C7 Fm Cm



we have robbed the poor and weak. Hear our cry and  
 by the walls of class and race, hear our cry and  
 all the care we know they need, hear our cry and  
 come to cleanse us, make us new; hear our cry and

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (Bm) (Em)  
 Fm Eb Ab Bbm Fm Cm Fm



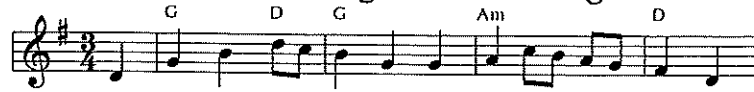
heal our na-tion; your for-give-ness, Lord, we seek.  
 heal our na-tion; show us, Lord, your love and grace.  
 heal our na-tion; help us show more love, we plead.  
 heal our na-tion till our na-tion hon-ors you.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

One of the ways Christians can show firm allegiance to the country where they live and express care for its well-being is to ensure that they are mindful of the broad range of human needs within that society. This hymn is a strong reminder of the values that need such attention.



# 37 Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing  
 2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,



to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;  
 the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,  
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,



by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.  
 the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



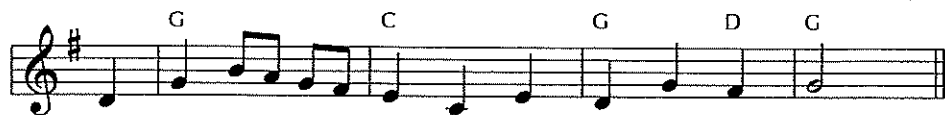
God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,  
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;



a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night;  
 with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,



till shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness ban - ished,  
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing:



as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
 to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

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 Sharina Stories of Rest &*

