

# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

**Sunday, October 22, 2023**  
**Creation Care Sunday**  
**10:00 A.M.**

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**Prelude**

Dank sei Dir, Herr  
*(Thanks be to Thee)*

attr. to George Frideric Handel

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God.

People: *The skies display the work of his hands.*

Leader: Do you not know? Have you not heard?

People: *The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.*

**\*Processional Hymn 401**

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Confession**

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

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

*Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude,  
the spiritual blindness that prevents us  
from appreciating the wonder that is this world,  
the endless cycle of nature,  
of life and death and rebirth.  
Forgive us for taking without giving,  
reaping without sowing.  
Open our eyes to see,  
our lips to praise,  
our hands to share.  
May our feet tread lightly on the path we tread  
and our footsteps be worthy of following, for they lead to you. 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**

Yvonne Anderson  
Director of Family Ministries

*(K-4<sup>th</sup> graders will go downstairs to their classrooms;  
Breakfast Club will meet in the Youth Suite.)*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Lesson from the Psalter:** Psalm 77:1-15

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**Anthem**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending  
Chancel Choir

arr. Adam Waite

**Lesson from the Hebrew Bible:** Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15

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**Sermon**

Stewardship of a Thriving Church:  
"Caring for God's Creation"

The Reverend Dr. Ellen Clark Clémot

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (in unison) by Lisa Frenz

*We believe in God the Creator, who created and is creating everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us; each of us, unique, individual and beloved of God.*

*We believe in God the Christ, who saved and is saving everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us: each of us; unique, individual and beloved of the Christ.*

*We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who guided and is guiding everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us; each of us, unique, individual and beloved of the Spirit.*

*We believe that this one God in three persons, is present among us, working directly in our lives and the lives of all who are born into this world, striving to bring us back into harmony with all creation and with God: forgiving, healing, touching everyone, never rejecting any who willingly receive this freely offered gift of love and grace and eternal life.*

**\*Hymn** We Have a Common Calling (see insert)

**The Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer** "debts . . . debtors" Hymnal, Page 35

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory** I Am the Bread of Life David Kates

**\*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 192** Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining  
SHINE, JESUS SHINE

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** Celebration David Paxton

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Worship leaders this morning are Senior Pastor Ellen Clark Clémot  
and Associate Pastor Thomas A. Brown.

Thank you to our ushers and greeters this morning.

Special thanks to our technical team  
for their assistance today.

### THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: October 23 - 28, 2023

#### Monday

2:00 pm Pumpkin Patch Open  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall  
7:00 pm Dev. & Comm. Mtg., off-site  
7:00 pm Finance & Operations, Zoom  
7:30 pm Mission & Outreach, Zoom

#### Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson  
2:00 pm Pumpkin Patch Open  
7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Griswold Parlor  
7:30 pm Welcoming, Zoom

#### Wednesday

12:00 pm Wednesdays@Noon, online  
2:00 pm Pumpkin Patch Open  
5:00 pm Children's Choir, Bell Room/A-8

#### Wednesday (cont'd)

5:45 pm Children's Chat & Chew, Mulford Hall  
Children's Handbells, Bell Room/A-8  
7:30 pm Fellowship Committee, Zoom  
7:30 pm Worship & Music, Staff Conf. Rm.

#### Thursday

2:00 pm Pumpkin Patch Open  
6:00 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Sanctuary  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

#### Friday

2:00 pm Pumpkin Patch Open

#### Saturday

9:00 am Community Garden Clean-Up,  
31 Long Hill Lane, Chatham  
10:00 am Pumpkin Patch Open

### NEXT SUNDAY, October 29, 2023

9:15 & 11:15 am Confirmation Class, Youth Suite  
**10:00 am** **Worship, Sanctuary;** Nursery Care, A-9  
10:15 am Church School and Breakfast Club  
11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall  
Pumpkin Patch Open  
3:00 pm Lyrica Concert & Reception,  
Sanctuary & Mulford Hall

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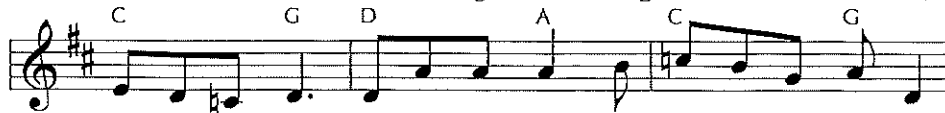
# Here in This Place

## Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way; here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song,  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

# We Have a Common Calling

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2023

Aurelia

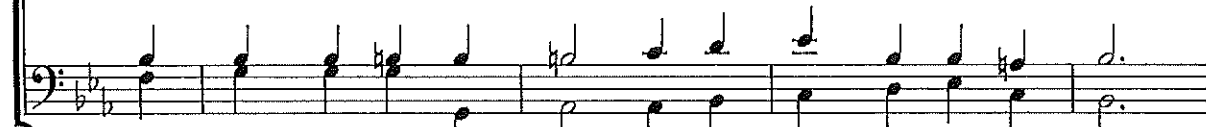
Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864



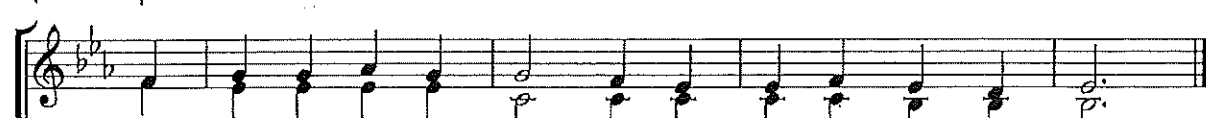
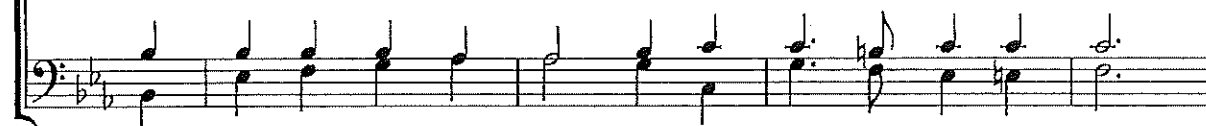
1. We` have a com - mon call - ing, O God of love and grace—
2. You call us to be part - ners— to no - tice and to care;
3. We'll work to build strong lead - ers; we'll lis - ten to our youth.
4. We see our neigh - bors suf - fer - ing— es - pe - cial - ly the poor—
5. O God, as con - gre - ga - tions, we don't act out of fear;



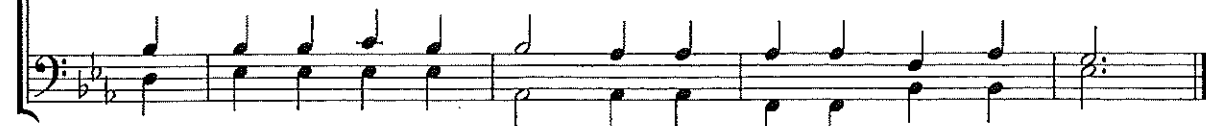
to care for your cre - a - tion, to tend what you em - brace.  
you make us lov - ing stew - ards of land and sea and air.  
We'll strength - en con - gre - ga - tions to help them speak the truth.  
and so we'll work toward jus - tice and toward an earth re - stored.  
our mor - al ob - li - ga - tions will mo - ti - vate us here.



We have one home, one fu - ture; we're not in this a - lone.  
We see our cli - mate chang - ing; God, show us what to do  
We'll work with oth - er part - ners in our com - mu - ni - ties—  
We'll work as lov - ing neigh - bors to plan and to pre - pare.  
We seek a blest to - mor - row; our voi - ces rise a - bove.



We're called to work to - geth - er for this our com - mon home.  
to care for your cre - a - tion, to heal the earth with you.  
for mor - al, wise per - spec - tives must shine in times like these.  
We'll al - lo - cate for cli - mate; the earth de - serves its share.  
May we, to - day, be faith - ful in this great work of love.



# 192 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

## Shine, Jesus, Shine

Capo 2: (G) (C) (G) (D) (G)  
A D A E A

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the  
2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the  
3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our

(C) (G) (D) (C) (D)  
D A E D E

midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the  
shad - ows in - to your ra - diance; by the blood I may  
fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from

(Bm7) (Em7) (C) (D) (Bm7)  
C#m7 F#m7 D E C#m7

World, shine up - on us; set us free by the truth you now  
en - ter your bright-ness. Search me; try me; con - sume all my  
glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your

(Em7) (F) (Dsus)(D) (F) (Dsus)(D)  
F#m7 G Esus E G Esus E

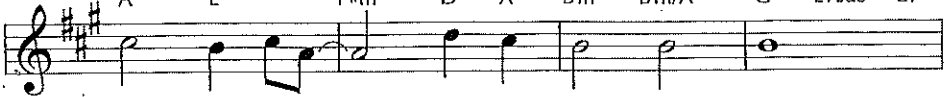
bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.  
dark - ness. Shine on me; shine on me.  
sto - ry. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain (G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am7) (C) (D7) (C) (D)  
A E F#m D A Bm7 D E7 D E

Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.


While the reference to Jesus as the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) can be understood generally, this hymn is perhaps best understood as a response to the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8/Mark 9:2-8/Luke 9:28-36). This is the most popular of the author/composer's many songs.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (Am/G) (F) (D7sus)(D7)  
A E F#m D A Bm Bm/A G E7sus E7




Blaze, Spir - it, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am7) (C) (D7) (C) (D)  
A E F#m D A Bm7 D E7 D E



Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.

(G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)  
A E F#m D A Bm E7 A



Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**October 22, 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 CHURCH

- 9:00 am Blood Drive, Halldorson Hall  
9:15 & 11:00 am Confirmation Class, Youth Suite  
**10:00 am** **Worship, Sanctuary;** Nursery Care, A-9  
10:15 am Church School & Breakfast Club  
11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, Upper Lobby  
Pumpkin Patch Open  
12:00 pm Reformed Faith and Bible for Beginners,  
Pastor Clémot's Office  
6:00 pm PCCT Community Dinner, Mulford Hall



### CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God  
and in memory of Ann and Jim Doyle, sister and brother-in-law,  
by Margie and Tom Tompkins.

### PCCT COMMUNITY DINNER: Tonight at 6:00 pm in Mulford Hall

Join us for a catered meal from *Mexican Spice* and time of informal conversation together as a PCCT family. Individuals, couples and families are encouraged to join us. Walk Ins are welcome!

Dinner will be followed by a brief presentation from Pastor Tom, who will reflect on the ongoing benefits of his two-part sabbatical and share a synopsis of letters received from members about their own experiences and reflections.

*Costs for this event are part of the sabbatical grant received from the Lily Foundation.*

### **PUMPKIN PATCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**



A favorite mission and volunteer experience! To sell pumpkins on the front lawn, sign-up in the Upper Lobby; through our eblasts; on our website; or call the church office 973-635-2340. 100% of the proceeds go to local hunger relief efforts.

### **REFORMED FAITH AND BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS PART IV: Today at noon**

A four-part introductory course to theology and biblical studies for anyone wanting to learn the basics about the Bible and understand our Reformed Faith/Presbyterian tradition. The course will be offered three times, in the fall, winter, and spring.

### **CHILDREN'S CLUB CHAT & CHEW**

Our mid-week Church school program continues on: 10/25, 11/15, 11/22, 12/6, 12/13, and 12/20 from 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm for lessons, crafts, activities and dinner. Parents are requested to donate \$125 per child for the Fall to cover the costs of the dinners and craft supplies. Please contact our Director of Family Ministries Yvonne Anderson for more information.

### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Tuesday, October 24, 7:00 pm**

Calling all knitters- beginners, experts, and anyone in between are welcome! The prayer shawl ministry will be meeting in Griswold parlor at PCCT on Tuesday 10/24 at 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be provided, so we can sip, stitch, catch up, and learn to knit. Yarn needles, and instruction will be provided if you're a beginner or don't have a project in the works. Email Anne Fields at [annkfields@gmail.com](mailto:annkfields@gmail.com) or Patti Montefusco at [atov@aol.com](mailto:atov@aol.com) if you can attend or if you have any questions.

### **COMMUNITY GARDEN CLEANUP DAY: Saturday, Oct. 28, 9:00 -11:00 am**

As the growing season draws to a close, we will be cleaning out the raised beds and preparing the garden for its winter rest. We want the garden to be in great shape for next spring's planting - please come lend a hand. Sign up on our website.

### **WEDNESDAYS@NOON: Beginning October 25!**

Join us on our YouTube Channel at Noon on Wednesday, October 25th for our first "Wednesdays@Noon" performance featuring our Director of Music, Matthew Zabiegala! As part of "Concerts@PCCT", these brief noon-time performances will allow you to take a few moments to revive your spirit mid-week with wonderful music. Check the Concerts@PCCT page on the website for a full list of musical offerings for this year.

**Wednesdays  
@Noon**

## NOMINATING

The Nominating Committee welcomes nominations for Elders and Deacons from our church members. We encourage you to nominate yourself if you are a member of the church and have an interest in serving. We elect Deacons and Elders each year for a three-year term. We also seek nominations for representatives to the Nominating Committee (members at-large) and Audit Committee members for next year. The form is available as an insert today (on the back of the hymn).

### LYRICA CONCERT: Sunday, October 29, 3:00 pm

Guest violinist Eric Silberger, an international artist of the highest order and a long time protege of Itzhak Perlman, joins Lyrica's Co-Artistic Directors Ani Kalayjian and David Kaplan to open the new season. Their program is built around the Piano Trio in A minor by Tchaikovsky, a work in which deeply personal emotions are given an epic scale.



### 2023 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 17, 4:00 pm

All are welcome to come to our special outdoor live nativity pageant and carol sing. Co-hosted with Corpus Christi Church, the event features kid participants and live animals. All school age children are invited to participate. Volunteers are also needed! For more information, please contact Yvonne Anderson, Director of Family Ministries or Elizabeth Monkemeier, Director of Children's Music. Scan the QR code for more information and to sign up!



### THE GENEROSITY THAT FUELS PCCT'S SPIRIT

Our church prospers thanks to the contributions from members like you. Your pledges do more than maintain our operations—they represent hope and a commitment to the church's thriving future. Though recent times have seen a decline in our annual pledges, with unity and faith, we can turn the tide and strengthen PCCT's future. **Please mail your pledge card, bring it to worship on November 19, or pledge online.** Every gesture of support reinforces a sustainable future for our beloved church.

### **REFUGEE ASSISTANCE MORRIS PARTNERS (RAMP)**

Ramp is looking for leads on employment opportunities for two members of one of their RAMP families. One is seeking an administrative or operations position and has a strong background in contract and employment-placement administration. The other candidate has a school aide background and is seeking part-time work in or around Boonton while pursuing studies as a pharmacy technician. Please contact Kathleen Carozza at kathleen@ramnj.org with any leads.

### **MARKET STREET MISSION COAT COLLECTION: September 8 - October 26**

Our church will be collecting gently used coats/gloves/scarves and **new hats** to be distributed to those in need in our community and surrounding areas. Donations will be accepted September 8 through October 26. The big collection box is in the upper lobby.

### **YOUNG ADULTS GET-TOGETHERS**

New to the community, or grew up here and settling in? Join our occasional gatherings of young adult conversation and social time together for happy hour, weekend brunch, or occasional outings. Contact the church office for more information.

### **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*

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### **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP : Tuesdays from 12:30 – 2:00 pm**

The Senior Center of the Chathams has opened a new session of their Grief Support Group for older adults. This group is free and provides a safe and welcoming space to explore experiences with loss. The group is facilitated by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. You can call the Center to sign up at 973-635-4565.

### **CHILDREN'S PEACE FESTIVAL IN CHATHAM**

Everyone is invited on Saturday, November 3, to the Chatham Summit Quaker Meeting between 2-5 pm for a festive afternoon designed to engage youngsters and give them the opportunity to experience peace and peacemaking through arts and crafts, music and games. Food Trucks will be on site. There is no charge for any of the activities, but there will be an opportunity to donate to peace building organizations. Chatham Summit Quaker Meeting is located at 158 Southern Blvd., Chatham.

The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township

## New Officer Elections for Elders and Deacons Congregational Nomination Form

The Nominating Committee welcomes nominations for Elders and Deacons from our church members. We encourage you to nominate yourself if you are a member of the church and have an interest in serving. We elect Deacons and Elders each year for a three-year term. We also seek nominations for representatives to the Nominating Committee (members at-large) and Audit Committee members for next year. Here are definitions to keep in mind:

**Ruling Elder:** is a member of our governing board, called Session, which also includes the clergy staff who are Teaching Elders. A Ruling Elder is elected to a three-year term on Session and is ordained into the ministry of church governance. The Elders set church policy and serve on one of the standing ministry committees to implement programs in the areas of faith, fellowship, and service.

**Deacon:** is a member of the Board of Deacons, which provides a ministry of compassion, witness, and caring for the congregation. The Deacon Board is established by Session to carry out this special caring ministry on behalf of the church. Each Deacon is assigned a group of members to check in with on a regular basis, as well as serving on special assignments like communion preparation and funeral receptions.

I would like the Nominating Committee to consider these people for:

Elder: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Deacon: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Audit Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

The Nominating Committee appreciates your suggestions! Thank you. You may place this form in the offering plate, or send it to the Church Office, or email the Co-Chairs of the Nominating Committee Lauren Magill at [@lauren.c.magill@gmail.com](mailto:@lauren.c.magill@gmail.com) and Andy Oosterheert at [oosterheert@mac.com](mailto:oosterheert@mac.com).