



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, February 18, 2024
First Sunday in Lent
10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision
Sandy Batten, *piano*

arr. Greg Howlett

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Let all God's people come and worship.

People: *Together, we will lift our voices to the Lord.*

Leader: God says, "I will teach you the way you should go."

People: *So we will listen and follow God's way.*

***Processional Hymn 618** (vv. 1-2, 5) O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
DEO GRACIAS

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)

In the season of Lent, O God, we have lofty thoughts about renewing our spiritual disciplines, journeying with you to the cross, or denying ourselves material wants for the good of the soul. Forgive us, O God, when we miss the mark, when we concern ourselves more with good feelings than the good of your people; when we twist this season of penitence into a reason for praise or judgment; when we become so preoccupied with others shortcomings that we cannot our own missteps. Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again. 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.*

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the Psalter: Psalm 25:1-10

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Anthem

Wayfaring Stranger
Chancel Choir

arr. Mack Wilberg

Lesson from the Gospels: Mark 1:9-15

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Sermon "Out of the Ashes"

The Reverend Caroline S. Unzaga

***Hymn 482**

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

***Affirmation of Faith** (in unison)

John Birch

You call us to service, O God; to be your eyes and ears, hands and voice in this, your world. To open our eyes not only to the beauty and love which you create, but the injustice, hate and suffering that humankind generates. To open our ears not only to the chattering of this coming week, but the searching, fears and questioning of all whom we shall meet. To open our hands not only to those we choose our lives to share, but in welcome, love and fellowship to all who you draw near. To open our mouths not only to speak platitudes and simple words, but the truths you lay upon our hearts. Your Word for this, your world. You call us to service, to be your eyes and ears, hands and voice in this, your world.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: February 19 - 24

Monday

Office Closed – President's Day

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall

12:30 pm New Deacon Training,
Halldorson Hall

7:00 pm Development & Comm.
Meeting, off-site

Wednesday

12:00 pm Wednesdays@Noon

5:45 pm Chat & Chew, Mulford Hall

7:30 pm Men's Group, off-site

Thursday

6:00 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Sanctuary

7:15 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Saturday

9:00 am Community Foodbank,
Hillside

NEXT SUNDAY, February 25, 2024

Second Sunday in Lent

10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary; Nursery Care, A-9

10:15 am Church School

11:00 am Faith Forward: Learn about LGBTQ+ Homelessness,
One Crochet Square at a Time, Halldorson Hall
Coffee and Fellowship, Mulford Hall

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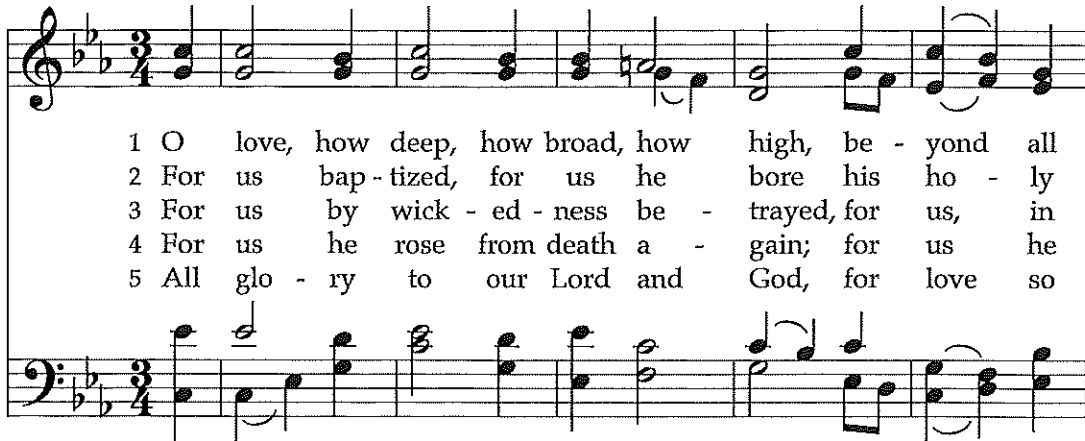
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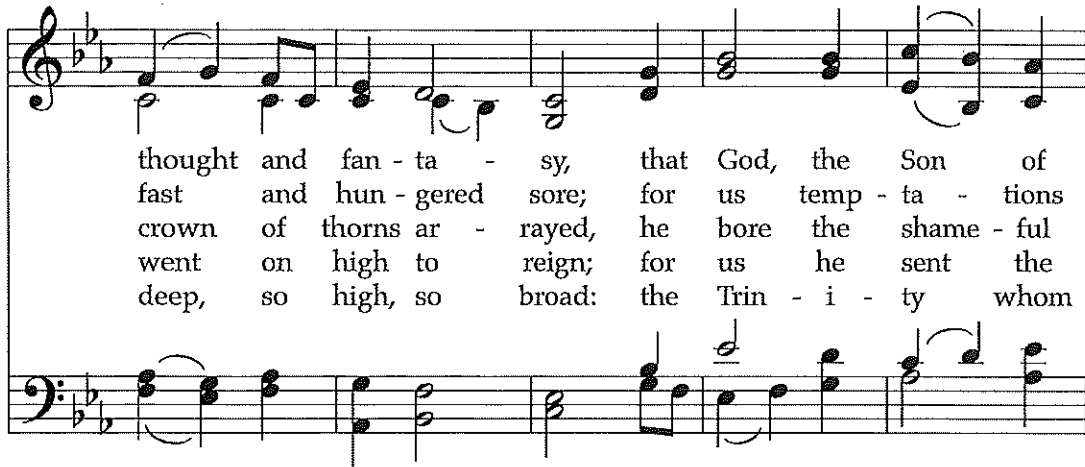
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O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed, for us, in
 4 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 5 All glo - ry to our Lord and God, for love so



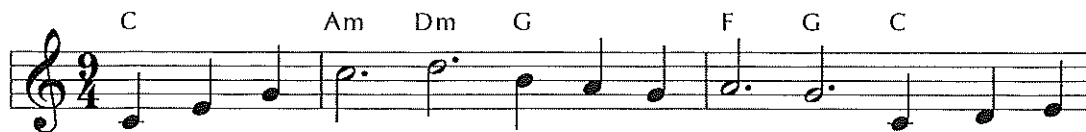
thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 crown of thorns ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 went on high to reign; for us he sent the
 deep, so high, so broad: the Trin - i - ty whom



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 sharp he knew, for us, the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 Spir - it here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

Reducing a twenty-three-stanza Latin text to these five English stanzas intensifies this survey of the mystery of the Incarnation and strengthens the repeated reminder that all was done "for us." A comparable tone of proclamation animates this 15th-century song celebrating a military victory.

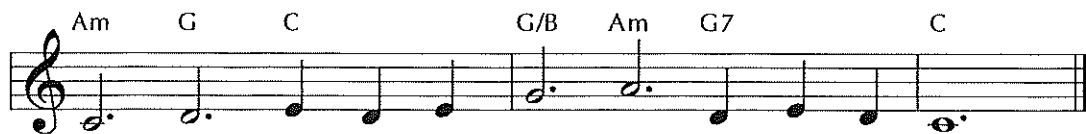
Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.

339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 18, 2024

We are delighted you've chosen to worship with us today. Please let an usher or 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

First Sunday in Lent

- 10:00 am** **Worship, Sanctuary;** Nursery Care, A-9
- 11:00 am** Coffee and Fellowship, Mulford Hall
- 3:00 pm** Lyrica Concert & Reception, Sanctuary and Mulford Hall
- 7:00 pm** Compassionate Friends, Halldorson Hall



CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God with special thanks to the PCCT office staff, by Kathy and Warren Hoffman.

GUEST PREACHER TODAY

This morning, we welcome The Rev. Caroline Unzaga to our pulpit. Rev. Unzaga is the Manager of Spiritual Care at Morristown Medical Center, where she leads a multi-faith staff of chaplains who serve the spiritual and religious needs of patients, families and staff of the 800+ bed hospital. Caroline is an ordained Presbyterian minister and a graduate of University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and Princeton Theological Seminary. She is also a Certified Educator in the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE). Caroline has spent most of her adult life in the northeast, serving in both the parish and hospital contexts. Caroline lives in northern NJ with her husband, two teen kids, and their energetic Springer Spaniel.



WEDNESDAYS@NOON: February 21

Please join us on our YouTube Channel at Noon this Wednesday, February 21, for our "Wednesdays@Noon" performance. 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.

FAITH FORWARD: Learn about LGBTQ+ Homelessness, One Crochet Square at a Time Sunday, February 25, 11:15 a.m., Halldorson Hall

Kai Markley, PCCT member and senior at Kent Place School, is going for the Girl Scout Gold Award! We are thrilled to invite the congregation to a morning of education and crocheting! This project (which Pastor Tom helped advise) focuses on raising awareness about LGBTQ+ homeless individuals, specifically transgender people. Kai and their mom have been crocheting squares in the trans pride colors over the last six months and are excited to have PCCT members help connect them. The culmination of the project will be a symbolic donation of the blanket you help to create. No crochet experience necessary!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

Tuesday, February 27, 7:00 pm in Griswold Parlor

Calling all knitters and crocheters - beginners, experts, and anyone in between are welcome! The prayer shawl ministry will be meeting in Griswold Parlor at PCCT on Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be provided, so we can sip, stitch, chat, and learn to knit. Yarn and needles will be provided if you're a beginner or don't have a project in the works. Please email Anne Fields annekfields@gmail.com or Patti Montefusco atov@aol.com if you can attend or if you have any questions.

FELLOWSHIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, March 3, 11:00 am in Mulford Hall

On Sunday, March 3 all are welcome to join us in Mulford Hall for pancakes, sausage, fruit, and some gluten free options! This is a fun fellowship event for all ages! Freewill offering will be available.

SENIOR HIGH GAME NIGHT

Sunday, March 3, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Join us tonight for a relaxed evening of games and fun. Hang out with friends new and old and hear about what we have in store for the coming months. We will have dinner and some fun competitions to enjoy together. Hosted by the Young family contact Emily Bakosi for more information emily.bakosi@gmail.com.



BLOOD DRIVE: Sunday, March 10, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

The Deacons are hosting a blood drive on March 10 in Halldorson Hall from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. To schedule an appointment, scan the QR code or go to redcrossblood.org and put in sponsor code: **Presbyterian Chatham Township** or call 1-800-RED CROSS. Faith Forward opportunity!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Mid-Winter Beach Party

Sunday, March 10, 5:00 -6:30 pm

Break out the shorts and T-shirts! Take a break from the winter blues and join us for an indoor beach party, featuring some favorite summer games. Dinner and devotion to follow. Bring a friend.

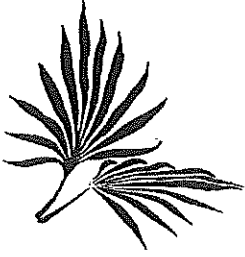
FAITH FORWARD: Prayer as a Spiritual Practice

The Reverend Mary Anne Collins-Stauffer

Sunday, March 17, 11:15 a.m., Halldorson Hall

"Nothing will change your life so completely, absolutely and forever like really learning how to pray." (Matthew Kelly)

The time of Lent is approaching when Christians traditionally renew a focus on their inner life and relationship with God. One of the spiritual disciplines that help us to do this is daily prayer. On Sunday, March 17, 2024 we will have an opportunity to think more about how daily prayer fits into our lives. Rev. Mary Anne Collins-Stauffer will offer a Faith Forward presentation that morning after worship to discuss the practice of daily prayer, especially as it is presented in the book *"Celtic Prayers from Iona."* This book was written by J. Philip Newell during the time he led the religious community of Iona Abbey in the western isles of Scotland. Everyone will receive a copy of the book to take home.



PALM SUNDAY: March 24 at 10 am

The Rev. Dr. Edward M. Halldorson, Pastor Emeritus Preaching

Rev. Halldorson served as pastor of PCCT for 30 years during a time of great community growth and change. The fourth Senior Pastor of PCCT, Rev. Halldorson is the longest-serving minister in the church's over 60-year history. He was given the title Pastor Emeritus when he retired in January 2019. Join us at Coffee and Fellowship following worship.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024: June 24 – 28

The theme is the *Ultimate Scavenger Hunt!* This year's VBS will be a week long 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. The cost for the week is \$150 per camper. Please feel free to pass along to friends that may want to attend. There are flyers in the lounge and you can sign up online on our website. Also, if you are interested in volunteering or need more information, please contact Yvonne Anderson at yanderson@pcct-nj.org.



LYRICA CONCERT: Today at 3:00 pm

Catherine Gregory: Just Breathe

Flutist Catherine Gregory together with two acclaimed collaborators— percussionist Ian Rosenbaum and soprano Ariadne Greif —present a program of newly commissioned miniatures based on the inspiration of 'breath,' the essential life-force, all incorporating the world's three 'essential' instruments— flute, percussion, and voice. The composers include Clarice Assad, Viet Chong, Timo Andres, Matthew Evan Taylor, and more.