



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, March 3, 2024
Third Sunday in Lent
The Sacrament of Communion
10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Elegy

William Grant Still

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather here, in this place, to sing our praises to God.

People: We gather in prayer for the people of all nations, turning from division to seek after grace.

Leader: Enter into this time of worship, whether your heart is ready or distracted by other things.

People: May we discover a glimpse of the Holy One, who is abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: Come, for in God's presence all are welcome.

People: We come to worship and be transformed.

***Processional Hymn 401**

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

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)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior, in whose name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn 583**

Glory to God

GLORIA

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!*

Message For All God's Children

(Children and youth will go downstairs to their classrooms.)

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the Hebrew Bible: Exodus 20:1-17

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Anthem

Hail, Holy, Light
Chancel Choir

arr. Howard Helvey

Lesson from the Gospels: John 2:13-22

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Sermon "Anger Management"

The Reverend Caroline S. Unzaga

***Affirmation of Faith**

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer "debts . . . debtors"

Hymnal, Page 35

Call to Offering

Offertory If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments arr. Robert Huston

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 welcome to partake of the sacrament. Ushers will serve worshippers in the pews, first the bread, then the cup. Please hold the elements until all have been served so we may take them together. Bread in the center dish is gluten-free.

Prayer after Communion

***Recessional Hymn 307** God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA

*Benediction

Postlude Near the Cross arr. Greg Howlett

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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.

Today's worship leaders are Rev. Caroline S. Unzaga
and Rev. Thomas A. Brown.

Our ushers this morning are Kathy Hoffman, Evan Skinner,
Mark Skinner, Carolyn Smith, and Dave Whitman.

Thank you to our tabulators and processor Ric and Carrie Butler.

Special thanks to Bob Eager and the tech team
for their assistance today.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: March 4 - 9

Monday

11:30 am A New Day, Halldorson Hall
6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall
7:00 pm Deacons, Halldorson Hall

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall

Wednesday

5:45 pm Chat & Chew, Mulford Hall
6:30 pm Personnel Mtg., Halldorson
7:30 pm Men's Fellowship, off-site

Thursday

6:00 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Bell Room
7:15 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

NEXT SUNDAY, March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:00 am **Blood Drive, Halldorson Hall**
9:15 am & 11:00 am Confirmation Class, Youth Suite
10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary; Nursery Care, A-9**
10:15 am Church School
11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall
5:00 pm Middle School Youth Fellowship,
Mid-Winter Beach Party, Mulford Hall

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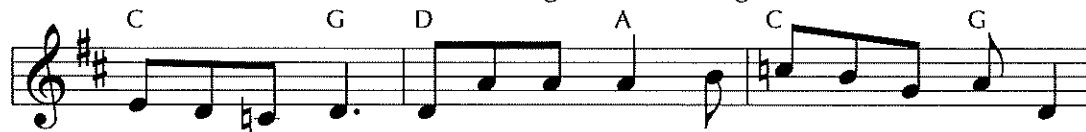
Here in This Place

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Gather Us In



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-ished 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,



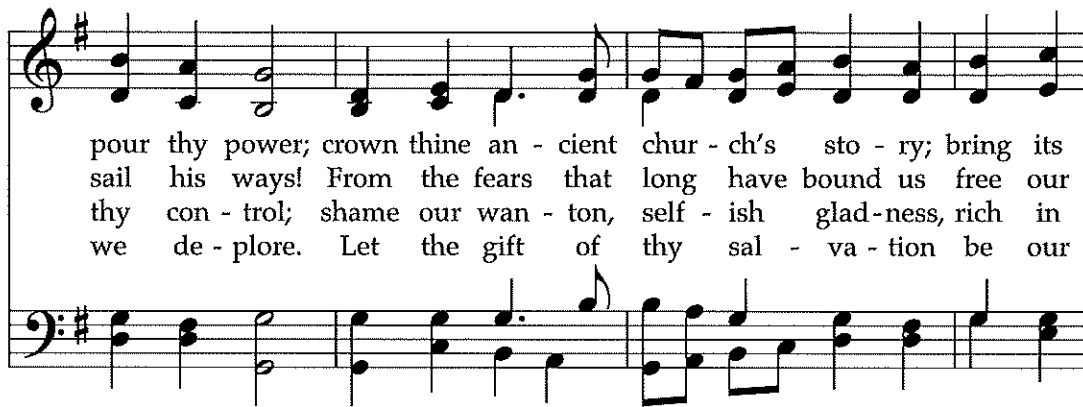
we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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.

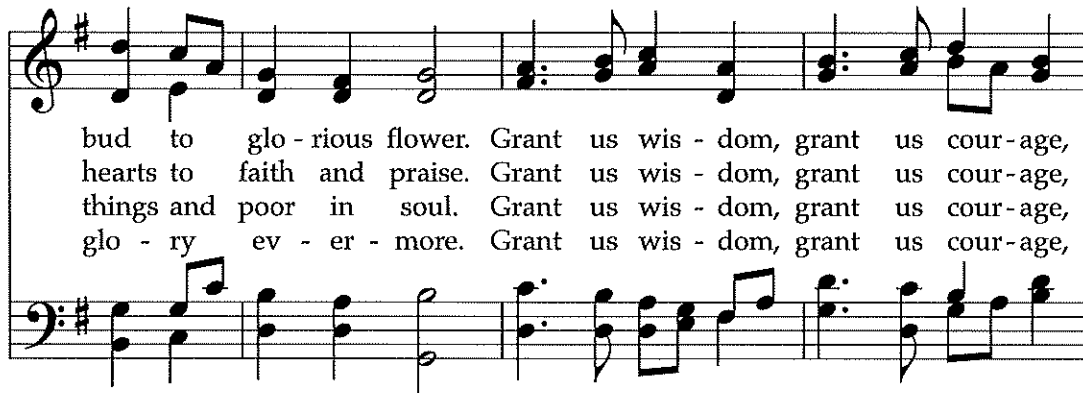
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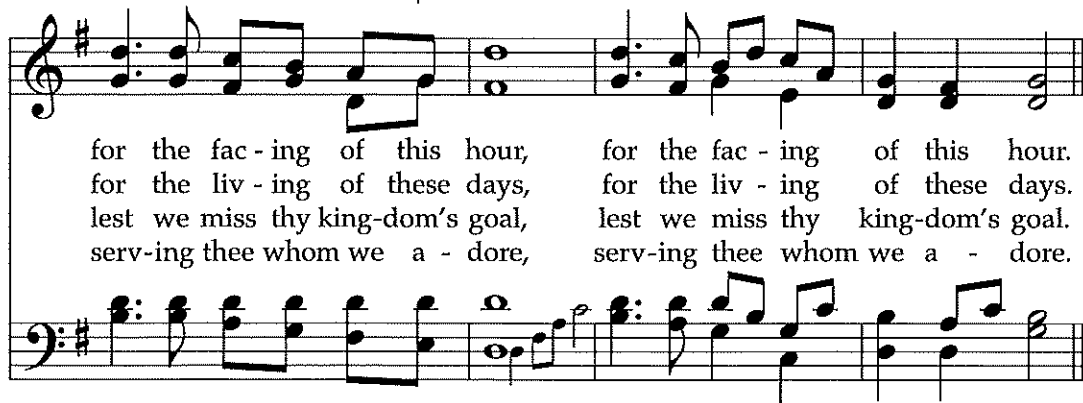
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our



bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 3, 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

Third Sunday in Lent

The Sacrament of Communion

- 10:00 am** **Worship, Sanctuary; Nursery Care, A-9**
- 10:15 am** Church School
- 11:00 am** **Pancake Breakfast, Mulford Hall**
- 3:00 pm** Concerts@PCCT: La Fiocco Music Group, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm** Senior High Game Night, (hosted by the Young Family)



CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Edie Howell, mother and grandmother, by the MacCallum family.

GUEST PREACHER TODAY

This morning we are pleased to welcome back to our pulpit, Rev. Caroline Unzaga. Rev. Unzaga will be here several times this spring and we look forward to hearing her message again this morning and are grateful to have her here with us.

FELLOWSHIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST: This morning after worship in Mulford Hall

Today 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: Tonight from 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Join us 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; please contact Emily Bakosi for more information emily.bakosi@gmail.com.



LA FIOCCO MUSIC GROUP: This afternoon at 3:00 pm

Please join us for today's Concerts@PCCT featuring the group La Fiocco, featuring 17th century music on historically accurate instruments and traditional music from the British Isles and Scandinavia. La Fiocco TNG (The Next Generation) is a smaller, more agile ensemble, featuring young artists Nathan Bishop and Elaine Yao as core players, joined by Shrish Jawadiwar and Lewis R. Baratz.

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.

COMMUNITY FOODBANK OF NJ: Saturday, March 16, 9:00 - 11:00 am

Sign up to help at the Community FoodBank in Hillside. Volunteers ages 12 and up help sort and repackage food for distribution. Advance sign up is required by March 8. Contact Joslin Ruffle for more information.

THE "SANDWICH CLUB" - NEW!

Are you recently retired or nearing retirement? Have parents that need your support? Have young adult children who have or will soon leave your nest? This stage of life is sometimes referred to as the sandwich generation - hence a new fellowship opportunity known (for now) as The "Sandwich Club". Come reconnect with friends both old and new. No agenda. Simply social. The plan is to meet every 2 months during the winter, spring and fall. Cost of admission is an appetizer/dessert and or beverage to share! The first official meeting will be at Wendy & Jeff Benton's home on Friday, March 22 at 7 pm. Check the weekly PCCT news email for more info. Questions? Contact Cathy McAuliffe jgmcaul@aol.com. Hope to see you there!



LENTEN BROCHURE

Please pick-up a Lenten Brochure in the Upper Lounge or the Church Office. There is something for all ages!

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 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, 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.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Our special offering during the season of Lent is One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering goes to the Presbyterian Church USA to be used for disaster relief and those suffering from hunger, poverty and oppression. If you would like to contribute, please use one of the envelopes found in the pews.

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday

Worship at 10:00 am

Thursday, March 28, Maundy Thursday

The Sacrament of Communion

Worship at 7:30 pm

Friday, March 29, Good Friday

Worship at 7:30 pm

Sunday, March 31, Easter

Two Worship Services 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Egg hunt on the front lawn following the 11:00 am service

(weather permitting)



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.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to order plants to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please fill out this form and return it to the church office no later than Sunday, March 17. The price is \$20 for an Easter Lily and \$30 for an azalea plant. Please indicate how many and what kind of plant you would like:

_____ Easter Lily(ies) [\$20 per plant]
(# of plants)



_____ Pink Azalea plant(s) [\$30 per plant]
(# of plants)

I wish to donate _____ plant(s), which will be taken by the Deacons to a member of the congregation.

I wish to donate _____ plant(s), which I will pick up after the 11:00 am worship service on Easter Sunday, March 31.

*****THE BULLETIN WILL READ:

*The Easter flowers in our chancel have been contributed
IN MEMORY OF.....(or) IN HONOR OF.....(circle one)*

NAME(S) FOR DEDICATION

(as it should appear in the Sunday bulletin)

RELATIONSHIP TO DONOR

by....DONOR'S NAME

(as it should appear in the Sunday bulletin)

Daytime Telephone Number _____

Return this form to the church office no later than Sunday, March 17. Checks should be made out to PCCT and marked "flower fund" on the memo line. You can also order on our website. Thank you!

**HELP OUR MUSIC PROGRAM
PRESENT BEAUTIFUL MUSIC THIS EASTER**

Lent is upon us, and our music program is hard at work preparing wonderful music for the season.

This requires hours of rehearsal by our dedicated volunteer musicians, along with significant financial support, as there are professional musicians, instrument rentals, and sheet music to be paid for.

Any and all donations are welcome, with your name and optional dedication appearing in a special insert included in Easter worship bulletins.

Simply fill out the form below and return, with your donation, to the church office by Sunday, March 17. Thank you for your support!

DONOR'S NAME

DONATION AMOUNT \$ _____ (will NOT be listed in Bulletin)

OPTIONAL DEDICATION:

NAME *IN MEMORY OF* . . . (or) *IN HONOR OF* . . . (circle one)

**Please return this form to the church office
by Sunday, March 17.**

Your check should be made out to The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township and marked "Music Fund" on the memo line. Thank you!

