



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Lent
10:00 A.M.

Prelude On My Heart Imprint Your Image & Bless Now, O God, the Journey
arr. Thomas Keesecker

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We enter into worship together, reflections of God's glory.

People: *Inspired by God's presence, we gather to join in praise.*

Leader: In joy, we lift our voices.

People: *With adoration, we express our gratitude.*

All: *In praise, and joy, with adoration, let us worship God.*

***Processional Hymn 610** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

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)

By the gift of your grace, we are saved, O God, from all that separates us from you. Still, we would rather believe that we can earn your love. Still, we would rather believe that we are in ultimate control. Forgive us when we do not recognize the radical gift of your grace; have mercy when we fail or refuse to share that grace with another. Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy. Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again. 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 Church School.)

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the New Testament: Ephesians 2:1-10

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Anthem

I Believe

Mark Miller

Chancel Choir & Kris Nester, *soloist*

Lesson from the Gospels: John 3:13-17

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Sermon "Alive With Christ"

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

***Hymn 624** (vv. 1-4) I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

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

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Attende Domine

arr. Thomas Keesecker

*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 634

To God Be the Glory

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*Benediction

Postlude No. 1 *Duo du troisième ton* & No. 2 *Basse de Trompette*

Jacques Boyvin

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Today's worship leaders are Associate Pastor Thomas A. Brown
and Elder Evan Skinner.

Thank you to all of our ushers this morning.

Special thanks to Craig, Lisa, and Natalie Duke
for their technical assistance today.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: March 11 - 16

Monday

9:30 am Next Act, Theos Room
6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall
7:00 pm Session, Halldorson Hall
Prayer Shawl Meeting,
Griswold Parlor

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall
7:00 pm Presbytery, Zoom

Wednesday

5:45 pm Chat & Chew, Mulford Hall

Thursday

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

Saturday

9:00 am Community FoodBank, Hillside

NEXT SUNDAY, March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary;** Nursery Care, A-9
10:15 am Church School
11:00 am Coffee and Fellowship, Mulford Hall
11:15 am **Faith Forward: Prayer as a Spiritual Practice,**
Halldorson Hall
7:00 pm Compassionate Friends, Halldorson Hall

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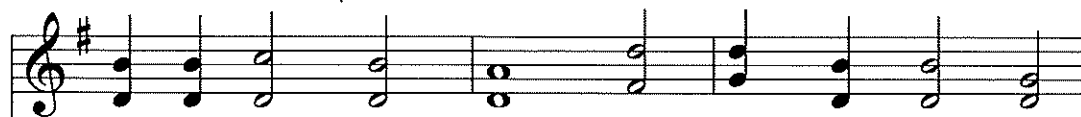
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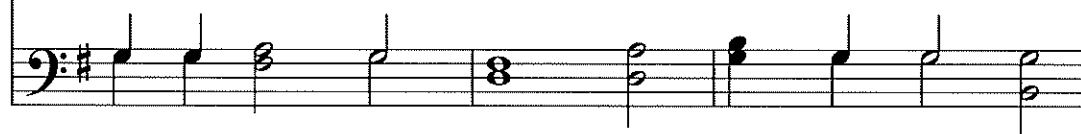
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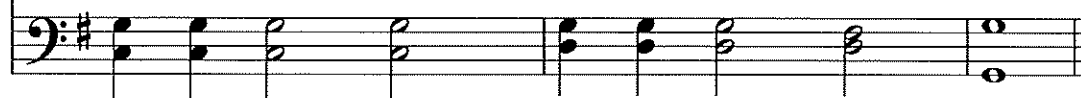
1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be



dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and



God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - jice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.



SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar
 a mi Libertador,
 las glorias de su majestad,
 los triunfos de su amor.*

KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면
 그 입 다 가지고
 내 구주 주신 은총을
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place:
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people re-joice!

O come to the Fa-ther through Je-sus the Son,

and give him the glo-ry: great things he has done!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 10, 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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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| 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 |



CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Bert C. Moore, Minister-Counselor of the United States, who served as a member of the last American Embassy in Tehran from 1979-81, by the Moore family - Bob, Mary, Diane and Ahmed.

BLOOD DRIVE: Today from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

The Deacons are hosting a blood drive today in Halldorson Hall from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Thank you to all who signed up to donate or to volunteer to help at this Faith Forward event.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Mid-Winter Beach Party

Tonight from 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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

Monday, March 11, 7:00 pm in Griswold Parlor (Note: Change of Day)

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 Monday, March 11, 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.

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.

WOMEN'S EVENING FELLOWSHIP "MILESTONES"

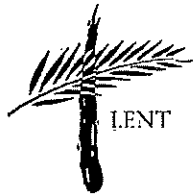
Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 pm

Please join other PCCT midlife moms for our next "Milestones, embracing grace in the middle place" evening of fellowship. We'll gather at 7 pm on Wednesday, March 20 at Carlene Pruitt's home. Our discussion topic will be Part 1 of Savannah Guthrie's new book "Mostly What God Does." These first 40 pages discuss the tremendous power of God's love. Even if you don't have time to do the reading, please join us for a relaxing evening of conversation. RSVP to Stacy McCann at swmccann@optonline.net

THE "SANDWICH CLUB" - NEW!

Friday, March 22, 7:00 pm

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!

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.



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Bowling 4 Charity

Sunday, March 24, 4:30 - 6:15 pm

Hanover Lanes, Hanover New Jersey

Help us raise money for a local charity - high score each round decides on a recipient. Advance sign-ups required; permission slip must be on file. Cost is \$25.00 for bowling, shoes and pizza, plus any amount you want to donate toward our charities.

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)



EASTER FLOWERS AND MUSIC

To order an Easter Lily or an azalea to decorate our Sanctuary this Easter or if you would like to help support our music program in presenting beautiful music during the Easter season, you may fill out one of the inserts found in today's bulletin or you may go to our website. Thank you!

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!

