



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter
10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Meditation

Paul Fey

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The bread of life opens our eyes.

People: *The Word of Life opens our ears.*

Leader: The Risen One shows us God's own brokenness,

People: *By whom our wounds are healed.*

Leader: Peace be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

All: *Let us worship the Living God.*

***Processional Hymn 366** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: April 15 - 20

Monday

9:30 am Next Act, Theos Room
6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall
7:00 pm Session, Halldorson Hall

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall
7:00 pm Dev. & Comm. Mtg., off-site
7:30 pm Cub Leader Mtg., Theos Room

Wednesday

12:00 pm Wednesdays@Noon
5:45 pm Chat & Chew, Mulford Hall

Wednesday (cont'd)

7:15 pm Christian Ed. Mtg., Zoom
7:30 pm Men's Group, off-site

Thursday

12:00 pm Listening Session, Zoom
6:00 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Bell Room
7:15 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Saturday

9:00 am Community FoodBank, Hillside
4:00 pm Confirmation Spring Retreat

NEXT SUNDAY, April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary;** Nursery Care, A-9
10:15 am Church School
11:00 am **Listening Session, Halldorson Hall**
Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall
4:30 pm Senior High Youth Group, Youth Suite
7:00 pm Compassionate Friends, Halldorson Hall

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366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



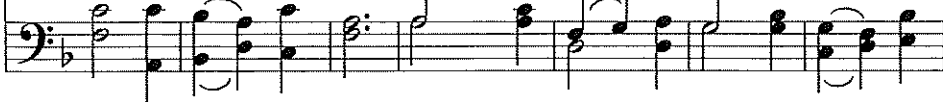
1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

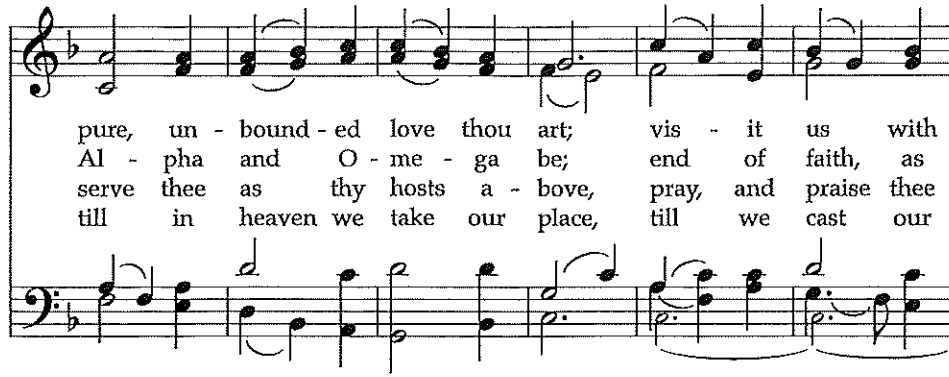


This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1747, alt.
 MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831, alt.

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CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers 231



1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo-ple whom he died to love and save;
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev-er lives to chal-lenge and to change



as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de-nied.
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re-li-gion strange.



Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
 Christ has ris-en for dis-ci-ples hud-dled in an up-stairs room.
 Christ is ris-en, Christ is pres-ent mak-ing us what he has been:



let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris-en, God is here!
 He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
 ev-i-dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.



Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee 629

1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee
 2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
 3 O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart,
 4 But what to those who find? Ah, this
 5 Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou,

with sweet - ness fills my breast. But sweet - er far thy
 nor can the mind re - call a sweet - er sound than
 O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how
 nor tongue nor pen can show. The love of Je - sus,
 as thou our prize wilt be. Je - sus, be thou our

face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.
 thy blest name, O Sav - ior of us all.
 kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
 what it is none but his loved ones know.
 glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty.

The sweetness celebrated in this anonymous 12th-century Latin poem is not cloying or sentimental; it is more like an antidote to bitterness and a source of hope and healing. The best-known 19th-century translation is set here to a tune composed especially for these words.

TEXT: Latin hymn, 12th cent.; trans. Edward Caswall, 1849, alt.
 MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes, 1866, alt.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 14, 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

Hosting Week Begins for Family Promise

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| 9:15 am & 11:00 am | Confirmation Class, Youth Suite |
| 10:00 am | Worship, Sanctuary; Nursery Care, A-9 |
| 10:15 am | Extended Church School, Theos Room |
| 11:00 am | Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall |
| 2:00 pm | Eagle Scout Ceremony and Reception
Sanctuary and Mulford Hall |
| 5:00 pm | Middle School Youth Fellowship, Outdoor Games |
| 7:00 pm | Youth Mission Trip Participants Meeting |



CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara Swanson Frank, mother and grandmother, by Pat & Doug Frank.

FAMILY PROMISE: 14 - 20

Today begins our offsite "hosting" week for Family Promise. We have a list of groceries needed so if you would like to shop and donate groceries, please contact the church office for the list of needed items. We are also providing gift cards for groceries, gas, and other needs and these can be dropped off at the office as well. Thank you!

WEDNESDAYS@NOON: Wednesday, April 17, 12:00 Noon



Join us on our YouTube Channel at Noon on Wednesday, January 17, 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.

PCCT LISTENING SESSIONS

Over the past several months, Session has been working to develop a leadership & staffing design plan that takes into consideration the evolving needs of our congregation and can be supported financially. Though not yet finalized, our plan is at the stage where input and feedback from the congregation are requested. We are strongly encouraging as many people as possible to please make every effort to join us for one of the "PCCT Listening Sessions" listed below. Moderated by a team of elders, each gathering will include information sharing and an opportunity to provide feedback. Each is anticipated to last for approximately 45 minutes. You will be able to sign up through a link in our weekly eblast, on our website, or by scanning the QR code.

- Thursday, April 18 – 12:00 pm on Zoom
- Sunday, April 21 – after worship in Halldorson Hall
- Tuesday, April 23 – 7:30 pm, location TBA



This input will help Session with a visioning and goal-setting retreat planned for the first weekend in May. Session will send an update to the congregation after this time.

COMMUNITY GARDEN WORK DAYS

Saturdays: April 20 & 27, 9:00 - 11:00 am



Spring has sprung! Come one and all for one or both of our first garden work days and a spring clean up of our Community Garden at 31 Long Hill Lane. We will have some supplies, but feel free to bring your own gloves and a water bottle. Hope to see you there. You can sign up on a link in our weekly eblast or by going to our website.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP: Sunday, April 21, 4:30 – 6:00 pm

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, April 21 at 4:30 pm in the Youth Suite. Bring a friend!

YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER: Sunday, April 28, 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Mark your calendars and be sure to join us for a fun and festive evening in support of a great cause. Dinner will be served from 5:30 - 6:30 pm and will feature a North Carolina BBQ complete with all the fixings, plus Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans, and grilled shrimp. Be sure to save room for homemade peach cobbler and ice cream for dessert. A silent auction will feature a number of specialty-themed baskets for family fun and dinners out with friends. Adult Price is \$25; kids under 10 eat free!! Proceeds will help send 35+ youth and adults to Plymouth, NC, where they will help with home repair projects in partnership with Carolina Rebuilding Ministry. Sign up online at pcct-nj.org/ymt.

FAITH FORWARD: Sunday, May 5, 11:15 am in Halldorson Hall

Let Your Inner Light Shine!

Please join us after worship on May 5 for a special presentation for Mental Health Awareness. **The Friendship Between Faith, Spirituality, and Mental Health** is an interactive presentation for children, teens, and adults. Topics will include: defining mental health and wellness, signs and symptoms of mental health challenges, tips on how to talk about mental health and support someone who is struggling, suicide awareness, and the importance of self-care. Resources will be provided. This will be presented by Genaya Palmer, LPC, ATR-BC, NCC and Carissa Ali, MA, NCC, LAC from the Mental Health Association.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS FUNDRAISER: May 1 - 19

To support the Mental Health Association and in conjunction with Mental Health Awareness Month (May), we are having a fundraiser to purchase sheets and pillows and toiletries to meet the needs of those experiencing homelessness who move to a rooming house and are forced to use the bedding from previous tenants. It will run from May 1 - 19 and will have links on our website, as well as in the Thursday eblast, which will also include links to an Amazon wish list.

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.

CAMP JOHNSONBURG - Summer Camp Registering Now!

Johnsonburg is a place where all may gather and all are welcomed in God's beautiful creation...and we are registering for SUMMER CAMP! As New Jersey's only Presbyterian summer camp, we have been the highlight of summer for thousands of kids across our 63 years.

They have six 1-week overnight sessions for kids in rising 1st-12th grades from June to August. Their program has tons of activities, and their camp counselors are carefully hired, screened, and trained to be great role models for campers.

Summer camp has been shown to increase social and emotional wellness in children and youth, as well as teaching them to be more independent and helping them to make friends. Compliment the faith building you are doing in church and at home with what will be your child's favorite week of the summer. Brochures are in the Lounge and for more information, visit campjburg.org/summer-camp