



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

**Sunday, April 21 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Earth Day Observance**  
**10:00 A.M.**

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**Prelude**

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot arr. Dean M. Estabrook  
Sanctuary Ringers

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 24

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein.

People: *For it is God who founded it upon the seas and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.*

Leader: Let us praise our Creator God for the wondrous beauty of the earth.

People: *Together we give thanks, for surely this world manifests the splendor of God's love.*

**\*Processional Hymn 14**

For the Beauty of the Earth

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

*"From an Orthodox Vespers service"*

**Call to Confession**

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

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

*God of wonder, this world you have entrusted to us is a source of constant wonder and heartfelt joy. Too often, though, we fail to do our part to ensure its well-being. Remind us of the artistry with which you brought it into being, and forgive us for the ways in which we are complicit in its neglect and disfigurement. Transform our hearts and minds to prioritize the welfare of your earth and your people before our fleeting desires, and grant us divine wisdom that we may replace systems of destruction and oppression with structures that are sustainable and just. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Hymn 582**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

**Message For All God's Children**

*(Children and youth will go downstairs to Church School.)*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Lesson from the Psalter: Psalm 23**

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**Anthem**

The Lord is My Shepherd  
Chancel Choir

Philip Stopford

**Lesson from the Gospels: John 10:11-18**

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**Sermon "The Good Shepherd"**

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

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

Christine Sine, adapted

*We believe in God above us, Creator of all things, sustainer of all life. We believe in Christ beside us, Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe. We believe in Spirit deep within us, Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally. We believe in God's resurrection of the created world, where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies. We believe in God above, beside, and within; God yesterday, today and forever; the three in one, the one in three. We believe in God.*

**The Prayers of the People**

The congregation is invited to respond to each petition with the words:  
*The earth is yours, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it.*

**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**

Within Us Flows A River  
Chancel Choir

Mark A. Miller

**\*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**

**\*Hymn 100**

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Gary Norian

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Today's worship leaders are Associate Pastor Rev. Thomas A. Brown  
and Elder Bob Eager.

Our ushers this morning are Martin Barbato, Ed Kostrowski,  
Dick Simon, Dorie Simon, Richie Wislocky, and Bob Wislocky.

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

## THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: April 22-27

### Monday

- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Mulford Hall
- 7:00 pm Finance & Operations Mtg. (Zoom)
- 7:30 pm Mission & Operations Mtg. (Zoom)

### Tuesday

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall
- 7:00 pm Dev. & Comm. Mtg., off-site
- 7:30 pm Listening Session, Hoffman's Home

### Wednesday

- 5:45 pm Chat & Chew, Mulford Hall
- 6:00 pm Worship & Music Meeting,  
Staff Conference Room

### Thursday

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

### Saturday

- 8:00 am Spring Clean-up, Front Lawn
- 9:00 am Community Garden Work Day  
31 Long Hill Lane, Chatham

## NEXT SUNDAY, April 28, 2024

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Guest Preacher: The Reverend Shelley Gardner**

- 10:00 am** Worship, Sanctuary; Nursery Care, A-9
- 10:15 am Church School
- 11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, Halldorson Hall  
Silent Auction Preview, Arnold Hall
- 5:00 pm** Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser  
Dinner & Silent Auction, Mulford Hall

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## For the Beauty of the Earth 14

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

*Refrain*

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

## O Lord My God

## How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er  
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the  
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to  
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me



all the \*worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I  
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from  
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then \*I shall bow in



hear the \*roll-ing thun-der, thy power through-out the  
 loft-y moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook and  
 bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, he bled and died to  
 hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion, and there pro-claim, "My



*\*Author's original words are "works," "mighty," and "shall I bow."*

This tuneful retelling of the salvation story began in Swedish and was translated into German and then into Russian before reaching its English form. Despite such linguistic and musical revisions, it continues to be a meaningful source of comfort to many people.

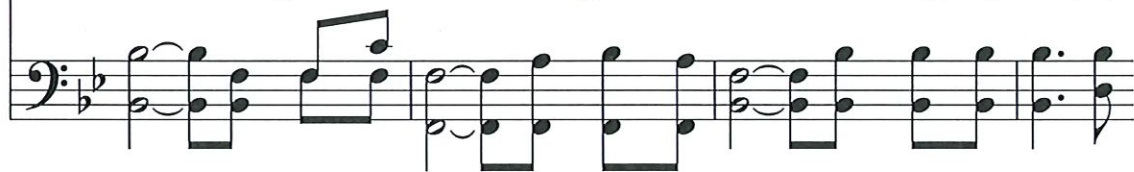
## Refrain



u - ni - verse dis - played:  
 feel the gen - tle breeze: Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to  
 take a - way my sin: God, how great thou art!"



thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!



## KOREAN

- 1 주 하나님 지으신 모든 세계  
 내마음 속에 그리어 볼때  
 하늘의 별 울려 퍼지는 뇌성  
 주님의 권능 우주에 찾네
- 후렴 주님의 높고 위대하심을  
 내영혼이 찬양하네  
 주님의 높고 위대하심을  
 내영혼이 찬양하네
- 2 숲속이나 험한산 골짜에서  
 지저귀는 저 새소리들과  
 고요하게 흐르는 시냇물은  
 주님의 숨씨 노래하도다 후렴
- 3 주하나님 독생자 아낌없이  
 우리를 위해 보내주셨네  
 십자가에 피흘려 죽으신 주  
 내모든 죄를 대속하셨네 후렴
- 4 내주 예수 세상에 다시 올 때  
 저천국으로 날 인도하리  
 나 겸손히 엎드려 경배하며  
 영원히 주를 찬양하리라 후렴

## SPANISH

- 1 Señor, mi Dios, al contemplar los cielos,  
 el firmamento y las estrellas mil,  
 al oír tu voz en los potentes truenos  
 y ver brillar al sol en su cenit,
- Estrillo Mi corazón se llena de emoción.  
 ¡Cuán grande es Él! ¡Cuán grande es Él!  
 Mi corazón se llena de emoción.  
 ¡Cuán grande es Él! ¡Cuán grande es Él!
- 2 Al recorrer los montes y los valles  
 y ver las bellas flores al pasar,  
 al escuchar el canto de las aves  
 y el murmurar del claro manantial, Estrillo
- 3 Cuando recuerdo de tu amor divino  
 que desde el cielo al Salvador envió,  
 al buen Jesús, que por salvarme vino  
 y en una cruz por mí sufrió y murió, Estrillo
- 4 al dulce hogar, al cielo de esplendor;  
 te adoraré, cantando la grandeza  
 de tu poder y tu infinito amor. Estrillo

# 100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

## Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46-55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**April 21, 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**

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**Earth Day Observance**

- 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



### **CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God  
and in memory of Tina and Richard Bertram, parents and grandparents,  
by Gail, Bob and Richie Wislocky.

#### **PCCT LISTENING SESSION: Today after worship in Halldorson Hall**

Please join us after worship this morning in Halldorson Hall for our Listening Session. 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. Moderated by a team of elders, this gathering will include information sharing and an opportunity to provide feedback. 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.

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP: Sundays, Today & May 5, 4:30 – 6:00 pm**

Our next two meetings are this afternoon and Sunday, May 5 at 4:30 pm in the Youth Suite. Bring a friend!

**PCCT SPRING CLEANUP: Saturday, April 27, 8:00 am – 11:00 am**

We'll spread mulch, pick up branches, and clean up the church grounds – a fun and rewarding way to spend your Saturday morning. If able, please bring a wheelbarrow and some garden tools. (Rain date May 4)



**COMMUNITY GARDEN WORK DAY**

**Saturday, April 27, 9:00 - 11:00 am**

Spring has sprung! Come one and all for the second garden work day 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.

**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](http://pcct-nj.org/ymt) or by scanning the QR code.



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Monday, April 29, 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 Monday 4/29 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](mailto:annekfields@gmail.com) or Patti Montefusco [atov@aol.com](mailto:atov@aol.com) if you can attend or if you have any questions.

**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 from May 1 - 19 to purchase sheets, pillows and toiletries to meet the needs of those experiencing houselessness (those who move to a rooming house and do not have adequate bedding and supplies). Links to sign up to purchase bedding and toiletries will be on our website and in weekly eblasts.

**LYRICA CONCERT: Sunday, May 5, 3:00 pm**

**Brahms Sonatas with Kaplan and Kaplan**

Violinist Mark Kaplan returns to Lyrica to join his son, pianist David Kaplan for an exploration of the three Sonatas of Johannes Brahms, each a unique orchid of beauty, formal invention, and emotional depth. Please stay after the concert for a reception in Mulford Hall and an opportunity to meet the artists. Complimentary tickets are available for church members - please call the office to reserve a ticket.



**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Fast Food Frenzy**

**Sunday, May 5, 5:00 – 7:15 pm**

Join us for a fast food progressive dinner – you'll even get to vote on where we go. Apps, dinner, dessert – make your list now! Everyone is encouraged to bring a friend. Cost is \$20 and advance signups are required. Be sure to have a signed release form on file.

## 2024 EARTH CARE CERTIFICATION



PCCT has once again been certified as a PC(USA) Earth Care Congregation - 12<sup>th</sup> year in a row! To become certified, our church took the "Earth Care Pledge" and completed activities and projects in the fields of worship, education, facilities, and outreach. Thanks to all our members who have helped us attain this certification and special thanks to Steve Carroll who spearheads this every year.

### 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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. 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](http://campjburg.org/summer-camp).

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### CHATHAM COMMUNITY BAND CELEBRATES 40th ANNIVERSARY

The Chatham Community Band is proud to present its 40th Anniversary Concert on Sunday, May 5th, at 4:00 pm at Chatham High School. The selections will include classical, popular, Broadway, and big band tunes, as well as the premiere of "Con Spirito," a debut piece commissioned and written specifically for the occasion, to be conducted by the composer, Chris Bernotas. Pre-concert lecture begins at 3:30 pm. The concert is free, with donations appreciated. Come join us to help celebrate this milestone anniversary!