



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, April 7, 2024
Second Sunday of Easter
The Sacrament of Communion
10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Near the Cross

arr. Greg Howlett

***Call to Worship**

Leader: *The Word of life spoke:*

People: *so we could hear the angels' 'Alleluias!'*

Leader: *The Word of life reached out:*

People: *so we could touch the hope which heals us.*

Leader: *The Word of life walked out of death's dread tomb:*

People: *so we could follow him into life forever.*

***Processional Hymn 255** (vv. 1-3, 6) O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing
O FILII ET FILIAE

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

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

The Prayers of the People

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

Hymnal, Page 35

Call to Offering

Offertory

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

arr. Wilbur Held

*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 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*Benediction

Postlude

Recessional

Paul F. Page

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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 Parish Associate Rev. Caroline S. Unzaga and Elder Lissa MacCallum.

Our ushers this morning are Julie Bliemel, Kathy Hoffman, Shannon Kostrowski, Jack Kostrowski, Joslin Ruffle, and Evan Skinner.

Special thanks to the tech team for their assistance today.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: April 8 - 13

Monday

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

Wednesday

5:45 pm Chat & Chew, Mulford Hall

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall

Thursday

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

NEXT SUNDAY, April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

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

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O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing 255

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al -

le - lu - ia!
 1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing with
 2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; a -
 3 When Thom - as first the ti - dings heard, how
 4 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see; and

heaven - ly hosts to Christ our King; to - day the grave has
 mong them came their Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be
 they had seen the ris - en Lord, he doubt - ed the dis -
 look up - on my hands, my feet; not faith - less, but be -

lost its sting!
 with you here."
 ci - ples' word.
 liev - ing be."
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fine

5 No longer Thomas then denied;
 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 How blest are they who have not seen,
 and yet whose faith has constant been,
 for they eternal life shall win.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

These stanzas from a 19th-century translation of a longer 15th-century Latin text are the continuation of hymn no. 235 and are based on the traditional gospel reading for the Second Sunday of Easter. They are sung to a 15th-century French tune adapted for church use.

238 Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
 with - out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering
 to thy home a - bove.

This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Joshua* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

TEXT: Edmond Louis Budry, 1884; trans. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923, alt.
 MUSIC: George Frederick Handel, 1748

JUDAS MACCABEUS
 5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5 with refrain

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 7, 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

The Sacrament of Communion

- 10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary; Nursery Care, A-9
- 10:15 am Church School
- 11:00 am Coffee and Fellowship, Mulford Hall



CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Ian B. MacCallum Sr., father and grandfather, by the MacCallum family.

WELCOME BACK REV. CAROLINE UNZAGA!

We are pleased to welcome The Reverend Caroline S. Unzaga back to our pulpit this morning and to announce that she is stepping into the role of Parish Associate, effective April 1, 2024. This part-time, 10-hour-per-week position is a key component of the interim staffing plan developed by Session and shared at the Annual Meeting and in a subsequent email. Rev. Unzaga has already been with us for a couple of months as a guest preacher, and her pastoral presence and inspiring sermons have been well-received by all. It is our hope that as plans develop for more long-term pastoral leadership, she will continue with us.

Note: Rev. Tom Brown will be away on a brief family vacation from April 4-9. Should a pastoral emergency arise during that time, please call the church office at 973-635-2340, and press 114 for information on how to reach Rev. Caroline Unzaga.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Outdoor Games Night

Sunday, April 14, 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Help us celebrate the return of Spring! Come for a fun night of outdoor games, dinner and a brief reflection. Friends are welcome!

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 FOODBANK: Saturday, April 20

Volunteers ages 12 and up generally help sort and repackage food for distribution. Space is limited and advance signups are required by Friday, April 12. Carpooling can be arranged as needed. Please reach out to Joslin Ruffle for more information.

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

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, April 14 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.

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! There are flyers in the lounge and you can sign up online on our website.