



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

**Sunday, May 5, 2024**  
**The Sacrament of Communion**  
**Mental Health Awareness Sunday**

**10:00 A.M.**

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**Prelude** Meditation Paul F. Page

**\*Call to Worship** Rev. Dr. Rachael Keefe, based on Psalm 104

Leader: We gather in the presence of the One who breathes life into all of Creation.

*People: We sing God's praises, breathing in God's glory.*

Leader: All are welcome in the presence of the Most High.

*People: We come, seeking the goodness in the hands of God.*

Leader: We gather as God's beloved people, leaving no one outside.

*People: Together we reflect the fullness of God's love; together we bring God's love to the world.*

*All: Let us worship the Living God whose breath gives us life.*

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**\*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.



**Offertory**

Come To Me  
Matthew Zabiegala, *soloist*

Dan Forrest

**\*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 306**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

What a Friend We Have In Jesus

arr. Michael Larkin

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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 Associate Pastor Thomas A. Brown  
and Elder Lissa MacCallum.

Our ushers this morning are Cynthia Merwin, Patti Montefusco,  
Story Savage, and Carolyn Smith.

Special thanks to Bob Eager, Craig Duke, and Lynn Apolinaro  
for their technical assistance today.

### **THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: May 6 - 11**

#### **Monday**

11:30 am A New Day, Halldorson Hall

6:30 pm Boy Scouts Court of Honor  
Sanctuary & Mulford Hall

7:00 pm Deacons, Halldorson Hall

#### **Tuesday**

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall

#### **Wednesday**

5:45 pm Chat & Chew, Mulford Hall

#### **Thursday**

6:00 pm Sanctuary Ringers, Bell Room

7:15 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

### **NEXT SUNDAY, May 12, 2024**

10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary;** Nursery Care, A-9

10:15 am Church School

11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall

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### **THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP**

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# Here in This Place

## Gather Us In

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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.

## There Is a Balm in Gilead 792

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

*Fine*

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but  
 2 Don't ev-er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend, and  
 3 If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can

*to Refrain*

then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain. There is a  
 if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll not re-fuse to lend. There is a  
 tell the love of Je-sus and say, "He died for all." There is a

This African American spiritual offers a long-delayed answer to the prophet Jeremiah's question, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" (Jeremiah 8:22). No earthly remedy can compare with the healing that comes from a sense of God's presence; nothing else can heal "the sin-sick soul."

## Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in  
 2 Be - fore our \*Fa - ther's throne we pour our  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual  
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us  
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of  
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our  
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each  
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be  
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.  
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

\*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**May 5, 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**

**Mental Health Awareness Sunday**

- 10:00 am** **Worship, Sanctuary; Nursery Care, A-9**
- 11:00 am** **Coffee & Fellowship, Mulford Hall**
- 11:15 am** **Faith Forward: Mental Health Awareness:  
Let Your Inner Light Shine, Halldorson Hall**
- 3:00 pm** **Lyrca Concert & Reception  
Sanctuary & Mulford Hall**
- 4:30 pm** **Senior High Youth Group, Youth Suite**
- 5:00 pm** **Middle School Youth Fellowship,  
Fast Food Frenzy, off-site**



### CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our fathers, by The Zehner Family.

**FAITH FORWARD: Today at 11:15 am in Halldorson Hall**

**Let Your Inner Light Shine!**

Please join us this morning after worship 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). You can sign up to purchase needed items by using the links on our website or in our eblasts or by scanning the QR code here. Please drop off donations at the church in the box in the Upper Lobby. Thank you.



**LYRICA CONCERT: This afternoon at 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.

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP: Today at 4:30 pm in the Youth Suite**

Calling all high schoolers: Come join us for our last few meetings this spring. There will be games, fellowship, and discussion. It is a great place to get together with other youth from the church and decompress. Please contact Emily Bakosi with any questions, (Emily.Bakosi@gmail.com).

Upcoming meetings: Today: 4:30-6 in the youth suite

May 19: 4:30-6 in the youth suite

June 2: 6-8 end of year BBQ at the Bakosi's home

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

**Today from 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. Please contact Pastor Tom if you are interested in attending. Be sure to have a signed release form on file.

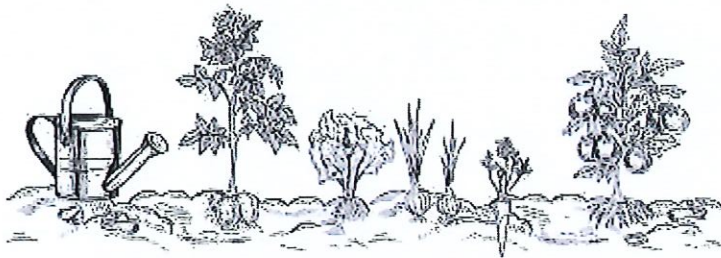
### **BLANKET SUNDAY: Mother's Day, May 12**

Women's Ministries is again offering a unique way to honor our mothers and other important women in our lives. Through May 12, you can make a donation for blankets to be used for global disaster relief. For each \$10 donation, a blanket will be purchased for someone in need. In return for your donation, you will receive a lovely PCCT notecard with a message letting a special person know you made this donation in her honor. There will be a table in the lounge and the cards may also be picked up in the church office.



### **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: Sunday, May 19**

May 19 is Confirmation Sunday when our Confirmation Class of 2024 will be received into membership. Please join us as we welcome our newest members and honor our Confirmation leaders at a special reception after worship:



### **COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE**

Big thanks to everyone who was able to help the past three Saturdays, we got so much accomplished! Tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, beans, herbs and much more have been planted. The beds are bursting! We've also spread wood chips and have been preparing our grape arbor. Please look out for notices in our eblasts and bulletins for future work days and opportunities to help.

**ANNUAL MARLA DRURY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

In fond memory of long-time PCCT member Marla Drury, Women’s Ministries will be awarding a \$1,000 Marla Drury Memorial Scholarship (MDMS) to a high school senior or current college student, male or female, who is an active PCCT member and exemplifies the same generous, giving spirit as Marla did. Applications are available on our website or you may pick one up in the church office. The deadline for submission is June 2. Contributions towards the funding of the scholarship are also welcome; make checks payable to PCCT, with “MDMS” in the memo line. Contact Kristin Winter with any questions.

**PRIDE VESPERS: Sunday, June 2 at 4:00 pm**



Join us in our Sanctuary for a celebration of acceptance, affirmation, and love through a meaningful message and beautiful music as we welcome all! A free will offering will be taken for an LGBTQ+ charity.

**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.

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**CHATHAM COMMUNITY BAND CELEBRATES 40th ANNIVERSARY – Today at 4:00 pm**

The Chatham Community Band is proud to present its 40th Anniversary Concert today 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!