



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, June 23, 2024

10:00 A.M.

Thanksgiving in June

Presentation of Marla Drury Memorial Scholarships

Special Congregational Meeting

Prelude

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Henry Coleman

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Based on Mark 4:35-41

One: When the storms of life arise

All: and the waves threaten to overturn the boat of our faith,

One: remember the power of our Savior

All: to calm, to still, to establish peace.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

People: *...and also with you.*

***Hymn 612**

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

(During the hymn, please bring your food offerings to the front of the Sanctuary, as directed by the ushers.)

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

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

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, we doubt you and are people of little faith. When the circumstances of our lives overwhelm and the tragedy of the news leaves us lamenting the state of our world, we wonder where you are or if you even exist. Does the universe really bend toward justice? Does this justice include us and those we love? Does this justice include the innocent caught in the crosshairs of war? Forgive us, God, for the evils we perpetuate, the unjust systems from which we cannot see our way clear. Claim us and guide us in working toward the Beloved Community you so desire for us, where all your children live in peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn 581** Glory Be to the Father GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

*Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

Presentation of Marla Drury Memorial Scholarships

Natalie Duke
Kai Markley

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the Hebrew Bible: Job 38:1-11

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Anthem

Be Still

Karen Marrolli

Lesson from the Gospels: Mark 4:35-41

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Sermon "Rocking the Boat"

The Reverend Caroline S. Unzaga

***Hymn 643**

Now Thank We All Our God

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

From A Brief Statement of Faith

*We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.*

*But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.*

Prayers of the People

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

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Call to Offering

Offertory

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

arr. Mark Hayes

***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 846**

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

***Benediction**

Postlude

Grand Jeu

Jean Adam Guilain

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Worship Leaders are Parish Associate Rev. Caroline S. Unzaga
and Associate Pastor Rev. Thomas A. Brown.

Our ushers this morning are Ken Basmadjian,
Cynthia Merwin, and John Merwin.

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and Dylan Mangel for their technical assistance.

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH: June 24 - 29, 2024

Monday

8:45 am Vacation Bible School
7:00 pm Finance & Operations Mtg., Zoom
7:30 pm Mission & Outreach Mtg., Zoom

Tuesday

8:45 am Vacation Bible School
10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall

Wednesday

8:45 am Vacation Bible School

Thursday

8:45 am Vacation Bible School

Friday

8:45 am Vacation Bible School
2:00 pm Church Office Closes

NEXT SUNDAY, June 30, 2024

Family Promise Hosting Week Begins

10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary; Nursery Care, A-9**
11:00 am **Lemonade & Fellowship, Mulford Hall**

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We Praise You, O God 612

1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.

643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:

who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

Fight the Good Fight 846

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
 God's bound-less mer - cy will pro - vide.
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning "struggle" or "grapple" or "wrestle." The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1-2).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 23, 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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Special Congregational Meeting

- 10:00 am** **Worship, Sanctuary; Nursery Care, A-9**
- 11:00 am** **Special Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary,
followed by Lemonade in the Upper Lobby**
- 7:00 pm** **Compassionate Friends, Choir Room**



CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Barbara Collins, Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother, who is celebrating her 99th birthday, by the Montefusco Family.

THANKSGIVING IN JUNE FOOD COLLECTION TODAY

Thank you for bringing items to be donated to the Chatham United Methodist Church Community Food Pantry. Please bring your offering of food to the front of the sanctuary during the opening hymn, coming forward as directed by the ushers.

MARLA DRURY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

This year the Marla Drury Memorial Scholarship is being awarded to Natalie Duke and Kai Markley. Natalie will be attending Bucknell University and Kai will be attending Tufts University in the fall. We are confident Marla would be proud of their service to the community and many volunteer hours.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Session has called for a Special Congregational Meeting of The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township today on Sunday, June 23, 2024, after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. This meeting will be offered in a hybrid format (in person and via Zoom).

The following business will be conducted:

1. To act upon Session's recommendation that PCCT change its pastoral staffing model from a Head of Staff/Associate (2-pastor) model to a single-pastor model.
2. To update the Terms of Call for The Reverend Thomas A. Brown to serve in this position.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

June 16 - 22

The Youth Mission Trip arrived home from Plymouth, North Carolina on Saturday, June 22. Last week 28 high school students and ten adult chaperones helped with home repair projects in partnership with Carolina Rebuilding Ministry. You can see the results of their work by going to our website: pcct-nj.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024: June 24 – 28

Our 2024 Vacation Bible School begins this week with the theme "*Ultimate Scavenger Hunt*" and features fun and creative activities, lessons, crafts, breakfast and lunch! Thank you to all of our volunteers and families. We are looking forward to an exciting week together!

NOURISH.NJ BREAKFAST BAGS: Bags due by Wednesday, June 26

Thank you to everyone who supports this mission each month. The bags for June may be dropped off at the church office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 pm by Wednesday, June 26. You can sign up on our website or on the board in the Upper Lobby for future months.

COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

Thank you to all of our volunteers for another successful week in the garden! We harvested more green beans, swiss chard, lettuces, arugula, herbs and more and delivered them to Helping Hands. We are always looking for a few more helpers for each week during the summer and can work with your schedule. Please sign-up on our website or through our weekly Thursday eblast to help at the garden.

BRICK CAMPAIGN!

Leave a lasting impression on our church grounds by personalizing a brick with your name, a heartfelt message, or a tribute to someone dear to you. Whatever the message, your financial support will go towards increasing the Building Reserve and contribute to the beautification of our church.

Deadline: Next order deadline is July 15.

Cost: 4"x8" \$250.00 (replica available for \$50)

8"x8" \$450.00 (replica available for \$75)



Look for links in our eblasts and on our website or you can scan the QR code. Join us in this meaningful journey as we pave the way for a brighter future together!

GRADUATIONS

Next week, we will be printing the names of those in our congregation who have graduated from college, or another school or program. Please call or email our office at pcctoffice@pcct-nj.org and let us know if you have a graduate in your family that we can recognize and celebrate in our bulletin next week. Congratulations to all!

SAVE THE DATE!



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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Donations of food, diapers, and toiletries and monetary contributions
will be accepted for Helping Hands of Chatham

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024
6:00 TO 8:30 PM



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