



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

**Sunday, June 30, 2024**  
**10:00 A.M.**

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**Prelude**

Sanctuary Prayer

Franklin Ritter

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **\*Call to Worship**

*Leader:* The steadfast love of God never ceases.

*People:* *God's mercies never come to an end.*

*Leader:* Great is your faithfulness, O God.

*People:* *Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.*

*Leader:* So we will praise you and will not be silent.

*People:* *Sing praises, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.*

### **\*Passing of the Peace**

*Leader:* The Peace of Christ be with you!

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

### **\*Hymn 4**

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

## **Opening Prayer**

## **Call to Confession**

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

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

*You shower us with blessings, Loving God, and countless chances to know your grace. Still, we twist your promises and pray for blessings we can own. You call us to leave our selfish ways and follow your call to compassion. Still, O Lord, we choose shallow belief over transformative faith. You have told us that your love is enough, that the waters of mercy will not run dry. Still, O Lord, we choose fear instead of trust, hiding behind the illusion that we can survive on our own. Forgive us, Holy One, and by your forgiveness, offer us a chance to try again in Jesus' name, 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.*

**Prayer for Illumination****Lesson from the Hebrew Bible:** Lamentations 3:22-33

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**Anthem**Thou Wilt Keep Him In Perfect Peace  
Veronica Shea, *soloist*

Eric Thiman

**Lesson from the Gospels:** Mark 5:21-43

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**Sermon** "Hope and Waiting"

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

**\*Hymn 653** (vv. 1-2, 5-6) Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries

MORNING SONG

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

The Apostles' Creed

*We believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. We*

*believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## **Prayers of the People**

### **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**

Pie Jesu, from *Requiem*, Op. 48  
Veronica Shea, soloist

Gabriel Fauré

#### **\*Doxology**

OLD HUNDRETH

*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 819**

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

#### **\*Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

To God Be the Glory

arr. Tom Birchwood

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

Our ushers this morning are Linda Barnes, Ed Kostrowski,  
Richie Wislocky, and Bob Wislocky.

Special thanks to Bob Eager, Lynn Apolinaro, & Nathan Brown  
for their technical assistance.

**THIS WEEK AT CHURCH: July 1 - 6, 2024**  
**Family Promise Hosting Week**

**Tuesday**

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Halldorson Hall

7:00 pm Development & Communications Meeting,  
off-site

**Thursday**

Church Office Closed (Independence Day)

**Friday**

2:00 pm Church Office Closes

**NEXT SUNDAY, July 7, 2024**

**The Sacrament of Communion**

**Guest Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Edward M. Halldorson, Pastor Emeritus**

**10:00 am Worship, Halldorson Hall**

**11:00 am Lemonade & Fellowship, Mulford Hall**

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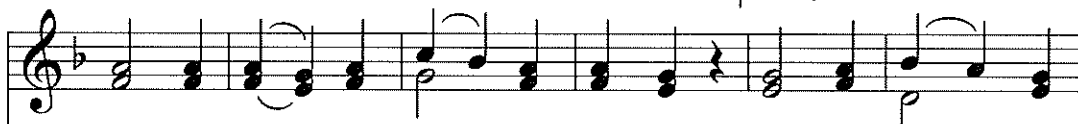
## 4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred  
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;  
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
 three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with  
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to  
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.  
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.



Based on an 18th-century German metrical version of a celebrated 5th-century Latin hymn, *Te Deum laudamus*, this abbreviated 19th-century English paraphrase is sung by both Protestants and Roman Catholics. It is set here to the tune composed and named for the German version.

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Give Thanks to God  
Who Hears Our Cries

(Psalm 107)

1 Give thanks to God who hears our cries and saves in  
2 If you have ev - er wan - dered where no hu - man  
3 If you have ev - er lived in - side the pris - on  
4 If you drew near the gates of death, too sick to

trou - bled days with won - drous works to hu - man - kind that  
help was near, and in your trou - ble cried to God, who  
of your gloom and cried to God, who broke your bonds and  
eat or dress, and cried to God, who heard your voice and

call for high - est praise. Let all who know God's  
res - cued you from fear, then thank the God of  
raised you from your tomb, then praise the One who  
healed all your dis - tress, then sing with sounds of

The singing of psalm paraphrases is the most long-standing musical practice in Reformed tradition, dating from John Calvin's own congregation in Geneva in the 16th century. This recent paraphrase of Psalm 107 illustrates the interpretive flexibility that is a hallmark of the form.

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sav - ing love sing grate - ful songs al - ways.  
 stead - fast love who dries your ev - ery tear.  
 sets you free, who makes dry plac - es bloom.  
 ho - ly joy; God's won - drous works pro - fess.

5 If you have felt your courage fail  
 before a violent sea  
 and cried to God, who stilled the storm,  
 and made the wild wind flee,  
 then in the congregation praise  
 the One who heard your plea.

6 So praise the One whose love is great,  
 whose kindness is well-known.  
 Consider well the healing hand  
 and help you have been shown,  
 and tell the world what God has done.  
 Praise God and God alone!



## 819 Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take  
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.  
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.  
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,  
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;  
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.  
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

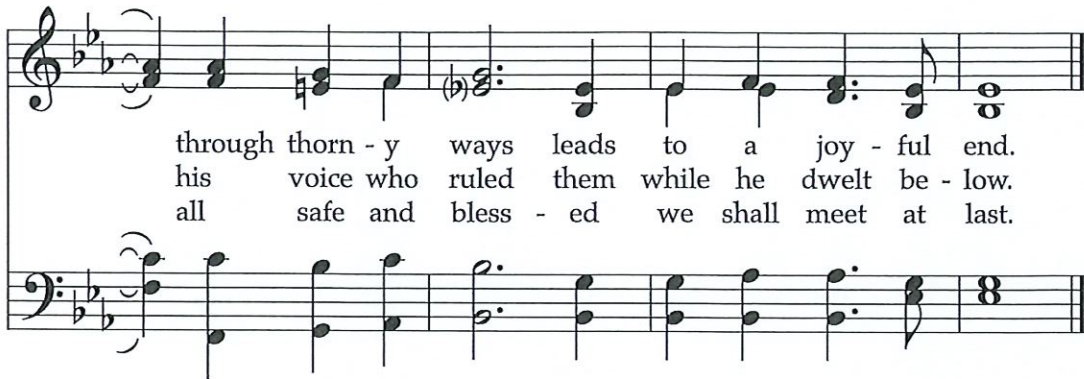
This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.



LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST



Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past



through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.  
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**June 30, 2024**

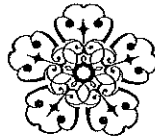
We are delighted you've chosen to worship with us today. Please let an usher or minister know if we can assist you in any way. Our Sanctuary is equipped with an induction loop system for those with hearing difficulties.

### **TODAY AT CHURCH**

#### **Family Promise Hosting Week Begins**

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

**11:00 am**    **Lemonade & Fellowship, Mulford Hall**

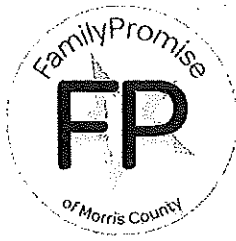


### **CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God  
and in gratitude for all the blessings shared with our PCCT family,  
by Phyllis and Kent Stevens.

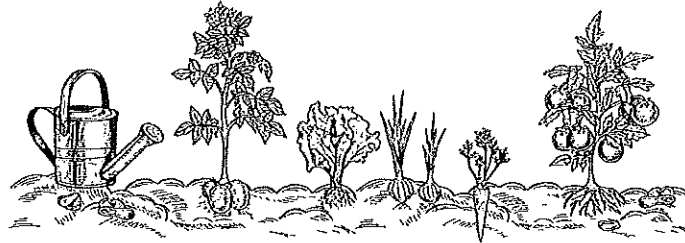
### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 24 – 28**

Thank you to everyone who supported and participated in our Vacation Bible School this year's "Ultimate Scavenger Hunt". We especially want to lift up Yvonne Anderson and Makenna Waller for all of their hard work, and to say thank you to our fantastic volunteers: Lauren Hsieh, Lauren Magill, Erin Hansbury, Emily Bakosi, Stacey Schroeder and all of our VBS parents. We also want to thank our Counselors-in-Training Carleigh Birdsall, Charlie Schroeder and Drew Schroeder who helped so much. It was a wonderful week of fun, faith, music, creative activities and lessons and even a trip to Turtle Back Zoo! Check out pictures from our week on the bulletin board in Mulford Hall.



### **FAMILY PROMISE: Hosting Week June 30 - July 6**

Our week to support Family Promise guests begins today, June 30. Unfortunately, we're still not able to share meals with the guests but we have addressed all of their grocery requests which will make a huge difference in their week. If you're interested in lending additional support, guests always welcome gift cards. For these guests in Parsippany, Wegmans or ShopRite are the best choices for grocery stores or Visa gift cards can be used for gas, food or essentials. Drop off or send to the PCCT office and they will be delivered. Thank you for your continued support.

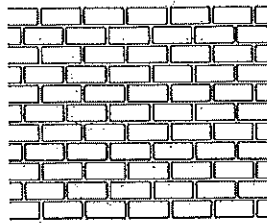


### **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

The garden is continuing to thrive and we are doing our best to keep the garden watered in the heat. This past week we harvested more lettuce, chard, green beans, herbs, snap peas and one big yellow squash. Thank you to all of our volunteers who help harvest and deliver fresh produce to Helping Hands each week. We are always looking for a few more helpers during the summer. Please sign-up on our website or through our weekly Thursday eblast to help at the garden.

### MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

*Calling all Members!* – As we continue to develop new ways to secure funds to maintain our physical plant, the Finance and Operations Committee would like to hear from any of our members who have experience working with charitable organizations that make donations to organizations such as PCCT. We have received grants in the past from organizations such as The Hyde and Watson Foundation and would like to identify similar organizations with whom you have interacted. Please contact John McCann at 973-202-0740 or [mccannjohn0@gmail.com](mailto:mccannjohn0@gmail.com) to discuss!



### 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!



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

Congratulations to our PCCT graduates and to their proud families!



### Our 2024 College Graduates & Postgraduates

Alec Bliemel – Southern Methodist University  
Anya D’Costa – Vanderbilt University  
Jackson D’Costa - Santa Clara University  
Jane DesMarais - Michigan State  
Emma Dowling - Savannah College of Art & Design  
Kimberly Heller - Master’s Degree, Elementary Education - Fairfield University  
Caroline Kiernan - New York University  
Kyle Koehler - Fordham University  
Matthew Nall - Elon University  
Aidan Joseph Schweizer - Elizabethtown College  
Nick Suter - Lehigh University

### NOTES

*Rev. Tom Brown will be away on vacation from July 3 - 15. 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.*

*Next Sunday, July 7, we will begin summer worship in Halldorson Hall each Sunday through September 1.*