

## Sunday, July 14, 2024 10:00 A.M.

### Prelude

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

## \*Call to Worship

Leader: God calls and God gathers.

All: God challenges and God moves.

Leader: God liberates and God saves.

Guide us and our lives, O Holy One, so all creation might flourish. All:

## \*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

People: ...and also with you.

\*Hymn 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

## **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 belittle ourselves in the face of overwhelming problems. We tell ourselves we are powerless to create positive change. We tell ourselves peace is impossible as we invest billions in weapons of war. We refuse new ideas, new solutions, new voices. We are stuck — trapped! — in our comfortable ways. Forgive our reluctance, God. Forgive our ignorance. Forgive our excuse-making. Turn us to all that is possible through you. 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: Amos 7:7-15

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Anthem

How Can I Keep From Singing

arr. Alfred Fedak

**Lesson from the New Testament:** Ephesians 1:3-14

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Sermon "We are Family"

The Reverend Caroline S. Unzaga

\*Affirmation of Faith

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.

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

### The 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

Irish Blessing

**Bob Chilcott** 

\*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 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN ZART

\*Benediction

Postlude

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Today's worship leaders are Parish Associate Rev. Caroline S. Unzaga and Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. Edward M. Halldorson.

Special thanks and welcome to our guest pianist this morning Rakesh Babu.

Our ushers this morning are Carolyn Smith and Ric Butler.

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

## THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: July 15 - 20, 2024

**Monday** 

7:00 pm Finance & Operations Meeting (Zoom)

<u>Tuesday</u>

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room

<u>Friday</u>

2:00 pm Church Office Closes

## **NEXT SUNDAY, July 21, 2024**

Rev. Linda Gaden Preaching

10:00 am Worship, Halldorson Hall

11:00 am Lemonade & Fellowship, Mulford Hall

7:00 pm Compassionate Friends, Choir Room

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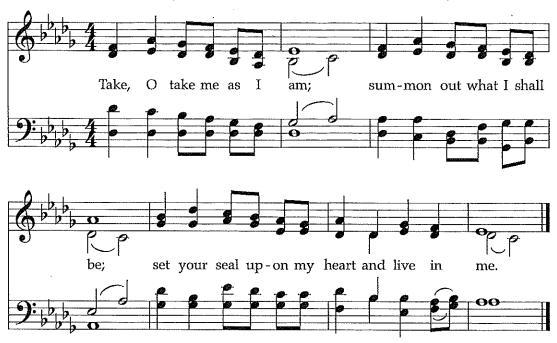
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## 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty



This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1–6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

## Take, O Take Me as I Am



The brevity of this text and tune invite repeated singing, either as a sustained chain of sound or as a sung response in a series of prayers. It offers a more reflective approach to the same theme of self-dedication evident in older hymns such as "Just as I Am" (see no. 442).

TEXT and MUSIC: John L. Bell, 1995

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TAKE ME AS I AM

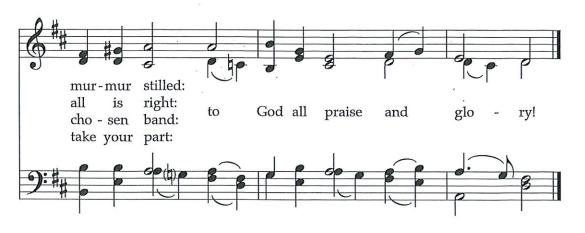
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## 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS July 14, 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.

### **TODAY AT CHURCH**

10:00 am

Worship, Halldorson Hall

11:00 am

Lemonade & Fellowship, Mulford Hall



### **CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Sara Kelly Fields, sister and aunt, by the Fields Family.

#### 2024 BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACK DRIVE

Once again, PCCT is partnering with Project Readiness NJ to provide backpacks to children in need. We've been given a list of 15 high school children who will need a backpack full of school supplies for the upcoming year. From now through August 4, you can drop off items at the church office or in the designated box in the Upper Lobby. On August 11th, we'll assemble the backpacks during a special summer Faith Forward event following worship at 11:00 am. The PCCT office will be bulk buying some of the items, so if you'd like to make a monetary donation instead of shopping, that would be most welcome (check payable to PCCT with "Backpacks" in the memo line). To donate items, you can sign up on our website or through the link in the weekly eblast. Be sure click the "View Full Description" link as it contains a link to Amazon for the purchase of backpacks and calculators - two of our most needed items.

### **COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE**

Last week, lettuce, beans, herbs, chard and some tomatoes were taken to the food bank. Volunteers are always needed to help with weeding, watering and harvesting one week at a time throughout the summer. Please sign-up on our website.

#### **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 to discuss!

### **BRICK CAMPAIGN - DEADLINE IS TOMORROW!**

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 **tomorrow**, **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!



#### **FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

We have some Sundays available this summer (July 28, Aug. 4 & 25, Sept. 1) and throughout the end of the year. If you would like to place a dedication, you may go to our website to sign up or you can call the church office at (973) 635-2340 or email Gloria. You may also sign up on the flower chart in the upper lobby.

### NEXT SUNDAY: Rev. Linda Gaden, Guest Preacher

Next Sunday, July 21, we welcome Rev. Linda Gaden to the pulpit as part of a presbytery pulpit exchange program. Rev. Gaden is a second career minister, and has served as Pastor of Bethlehem Presbyterian Church in Pittstown, NJ since September 2020. Pastor Tom will be preaching at the Bethlehem Church that same morning.

### **NOTES**

Rev. Tom Brown will be away on vacation through July 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.