



**PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, July 7, 2024
The Sacrament of Communion

10:00 A.M.

Prelude All the Way my Saviour Leads Me arr. Olive Huisman
Sandy Batten, *piano*

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God is mighty in word and deed.

People: *God's mercy is everlasting.*

Leader: Blessed be the one holy and living God.

People: *Glory to God forever.*

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

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

***Hymn 338** O Beautiful for Spacious Skies MATERNA

Opening Prayer

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

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, you call us to boldly proclaim your name, yet in our stubbornness, we are often rebellious and heedless of your call. By the power of your Spirit, raise us to new life that we may be faithful in all we do and say in your 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: Isaiah 40:28-31

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Anthem

Cavatina (Psalm 139)
Carol Wooldredge, cello

Keith S. Kalemba

Lesson from the New Testament: II Corinthians 12:2-10

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Sermon "The Power in Weakness"

The Reverend Dr. Edward M. Halldorson

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I 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. I 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.

The Prayers of the People

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

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Call to Offering

Offertory

Eternal Father, Strong to Save
Carol Wooldredge, *cello*

arr. K. L. Phillips

***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

***Hymn 188**

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

***Benediction**

Postlude

America the Beautiful
Sandy Batten, *piano*

arr. Cindy Berry

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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 Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. Edward M. Halldorson
and Parish Associate Rev. Caroline S. Unzaga.

Thank you to all of our ushers this morning.

Our tabulators today are Kent Stevens and Cindy Murphy
and our processor is Ann Jadro.

Special thanks to Bob Eager for his technical assistance today.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: July 8 - 13, 2024

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room

Friday

2:00 pm Church Office Closes

NEXT SUNDAY, July 14, 2024

10:00 am Worship, Halldorson Hall

11:00 am Lemonade & Fellowship, Mulford Hall

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O Beautiful for Spacious Skies 338

1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
 3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!
 who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!
 thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw;
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine

and crown thy good with *broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!
 con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!
 till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness and ev-ery gain di-vine!

*Or "servanthood"

This text (inspired by the vista from Pike's Peak and by a visit to Chicago's Columbian World Exposition) and tune (named MATERNA because it was composed for "O Mother, Dear Jerusalem") were joined in 1912. The combination proved immensely popular during World War I and afterwards.

Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
 2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be - long, They are weak, but he is strong.
 tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Few songs of faith have supported people from cradle to grave like this one. The great theologian Karl Barth said that its opening two lines were a summary of all that he had learned. The composer formed the refrain from those lines when creating this universally used tune.

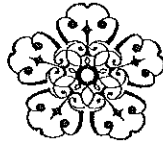
ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 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.

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 loving memory of my mom Christine Egner, by Carla Bond.

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 July 11 through August 4, you can drop off items at the church office. 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.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The garden is continuing to thrive! 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 to discuss!

BRICK CAMPAIGN!

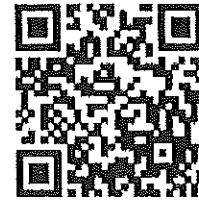
Leave a lasting impression on our church grounds by personalizing a brick with your name, a heartfelt message, or a tribute to someone dear to you. Whatever the message, your financial support will go towards increasing the Building Reserve and contribute to the beautification of our church.

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!



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.