



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

**Sunday, August 4, 2024**  
**The Sacrament of Communion**

**10:00 A.M.**

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**Prelude**                      The Church's One Foundation                      arr. Chuck Mahronic

## **Welcome and Announcements**

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

Leader: All who gather here this day are welcome in the sight of the Lord.

People: *We come from times of stress and worry, seeking God's healing presence.*

Leader: We gather to hear the word proclaimed,

People:                      *and to live it out in our daily lives.*

Leader: Here we will be fed with the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation.

People: *That we may be strengthened for the week ahead.*

Leader: Jesus Christ bids us welcome!

People: *We give thanks and celebrate God's presence with us.*

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

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

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

**\*Hymn 81**                      Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken                      AUSTRIAN HYMN

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

## Opening Prayer

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

*God, your faithfulness is for all generations, yet we often have a hard time living with you in this generation. We look to our past longingly, idolizing what once was but is no longer. We cling to our anxiety about the future, fretting about our individual long-term security. We simplify our ideas about you, forming lofty words and abstract concepts that do not affect our everyday lives. We confess that it is rare for us to trust, to love, to follow with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength. Forgive us when we trap you in our memories and our intellects. Forgive us when we forget that you are also right here, right now, with a calling and a promise for us in this time and this place.*

### 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:** Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

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#### Anthem:

If With All Your Hearts (*from Elijah*)  
Matthew Zabiegala, *vocalist*

Felix Mendelssohn

**Lesson from the Gospels:** John 6:24-35

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**Sermon** "The Bread of Life"

The Reverend Thomas A. Brown

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

Alvin Franz Brightbill, *adapted*

*We believe in God, the giver of grain and bread, and in Jesus Christ, the bread of life broken for us, and in the Holy Spirit, God's nourishing power in every grain and loaf.*

*We believe that Christ is to be leaven in us, so that we may offer the bread of life to the hungers of every human heart.*

## The Prayers of the People

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

Hymnal, Page 35

### Call to Offering

Offertory

Feed My Sheep  
Matthew Zabiegala, *vocalist*

arr. Mark Miller

\*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 516

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

KINGDOM

\*Benediction

Postlude

He Comes To Us as One Unknown

arr. Thomas Keesecker

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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 Thomas A. Brown  
and Parish Associate Caroline S. Unzaga.

Thank you to our ushers this morning.

Special thanks to Nathan Brown for his technical assistance today.



**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: August 5 - 10, 2024**

**Tuesday**

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room

**Wednesday**

7:15 pm Christian Education Meeting (Zoom)

**Friday**

2:00 pm Church Office Closes

**NEXT SUNDAY, August 11, 2024**

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

**11:00 am** Faith Forward: Assembling Backpacks, Mulford Hall  
Lemonade & Fellowship, Mulford Hall

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# 81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.  
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear  
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.  
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?  
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,  
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.  
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.



The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propoganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages.

## 516 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

1 For the bread which you have broken, for the  
 2 By this promise that you love us, by your  
 3 With the saints who now adore you seated  
 4 In your service, Lord, defend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have  
 gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven a-  
 at the heavenly board, may the church still wait- ing  
 hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
 bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
 for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
 send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

The author of this text, the editor of several Presbyterian hymnals, was the foremost American hymnologist of the early 20th century. Although some of his language in this text echoes early hymns of the church, he is writing here not as a scholar but as a person of deep faith.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**August 4, 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**

**The Sacrament of Communion**

**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 donated by Evan and Mark Skinner in honor of their daughter, Tory,  
married yesterday in Portland, ME to Lt. Robert "Bob" McKenna, USCG.

### **COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE**

The garden is in full swing! Check out our latest progress in pictures on the bulletin board in the Lounge. Volunteers are always needed to help with weeding, watering and harvesting one week at a time throughout the summer. Please consider signing up on our website. You will not be doing this alone. We will help out anyone who signs up. Gardening is more fun when you do it with others!

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

Thank you to all who donated school supplies and gave donations. We appreciate your generosity in helping us to provide 15 backpacks filled with necessary school supplies for children in need.



### **FAITH FORWARD: Assembling Backpacks**

**Next Sunday, August 11, 2024, 11:00 am in Mulford Hall**

Please join us next Sunday after worship when we will assemble the backpacks. This drive is in partnership with Project Readiness NJ.

### **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!



### **FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

We have some Sundays available this summer (Aug. 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.