



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Sunday, August 11, 2024
10:00 A.M.

Prelude He Leadeth Me arr. Maureen Howell

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** based on John 6:35

One: Jesus says, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

All: *Jesus, Bread of Life, we come to you hungry and thirsty, grateful for the sustenance you provide.*

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

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

***Hymn 401** (vv. 1-2, 4) Here in This Place GATHER US IN

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: August 12 - 17, 2024

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room

Friday

2:00 pm Church Office Closes

NEXT SUNDAY, August 18, 2024

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

11:00 am Lemonade & Fellowship, Mulford Hall

7:00 pm Compassionate Friends, Choir Room

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Here in This Place

401

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

694 Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
 2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
 3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
 in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God
and in memory of David Kearns, father and grandfather,
by the Fields Family.

FAITH FORWARD: Assembling Backpacks

This morning at 11:00 am in Mulford Hall

Please join us today after worship when we will assemble 15 backpacks for Project Readiness NJ. Thank you to all who donated school supplies and gave donations. We appreciate your generosity in helping us to provide children in need with new school supplies for the fall.

COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

July was fruitful for our harvest and August is going to be even better! Big thanks to everyone for all their help in keeping things organized and under control. 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 and this week we started our fall planting! Please consider signing up on our website. We will help out anyone who signs up. Gardening is more fun when you do it with others and we can definitely use more help for the remainder of August and September.

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!

TEACHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please consider volunteering to teach this year. We are currently working on building the teaching teams for our Church School (K-4th) and Breakfast Club (5th – 8th) for the fall. Each teacher volunteer will be provided with the lesson early in the week prior to Sunday and all materials will be ready for you Sunday morning. The kick-off of Church School formally begins on September 15th. You can reach out to Yvonne Anderson at yanderson@pcct-nj.org if you are interested or for more information.

USHERS NEEDED

We have a definite need for more people to serve as ushers each Sunday. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to the church office. New ushers will be placed on a team and placed on a rotating schedule. It's a great way to meet and greet congregants and to welcome newcomers. Please consider serving in this important role.