

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.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Christ calls us to stand with the least and the last, but we cling to power and privilege. We fear worldly consequences for faithful action. We fail to follow where Christ leads, making excuses for ourselves, for our silence in the face of oppression, for our lack of action. Forgive us, God, and help us risk following where Christ calls. 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: 1 Kings 19:4-8

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Anthem

Draw near, all ye people (from Elijah)

Felix Mendelssohn

Christian Waugh, soloist

Lesson from the Gospels: John 6:35, 41-51

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Sermon "Pass the Bread Basket"

The Reverend Caroline S. Unzaga

*Hymn 694

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

*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.

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

Bring to the Lord a Glad New Song Christian Waugh, soloist

C. Hubert Parry

*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 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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*Benediction

Postlude

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

arr. Michael Larkin

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Today's worship leaders are Parish Associate Caroline S. Unzaga and Elder Lissa MacCallum.

Special thanks to our vocalist Christian Waugh.

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

Special thanks to Lynn Apolinaro for her technical assistance today.

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

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- 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 yearn for your face. We have been sung t bread of new birth. Here you shall call light years a - way: here in this place

see in this space our fears and our dream-ings We have been sung through-out all of his - tory, Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters, here in this place the new light is shin - ing;



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



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



blind and the lame; proud and the strong; bread that is you; make us your own;

we shall a-wak-en; call and to us now, give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly; nour-ish us well, teach us to fash-ion and all gath - er us in, peo-ples to-geth-er,



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



Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: Cor meun 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



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 Wor.

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.