

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: August 19 - 24, 2024

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room

7:30 pm Communications & Development Mtg., off-site

Wednesday

6:00 pm Personnel Meeting, Staff Conference Room

7:30 pm Scout Leader Meeting, Theos

Friday

2:00 pm Church Office Closes

NEXT SUNDAY, August 25, 2024

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

11:00 am Reception for Rev. Caroline Unzaga
Lemonade & Fellowship, Mulford Hall

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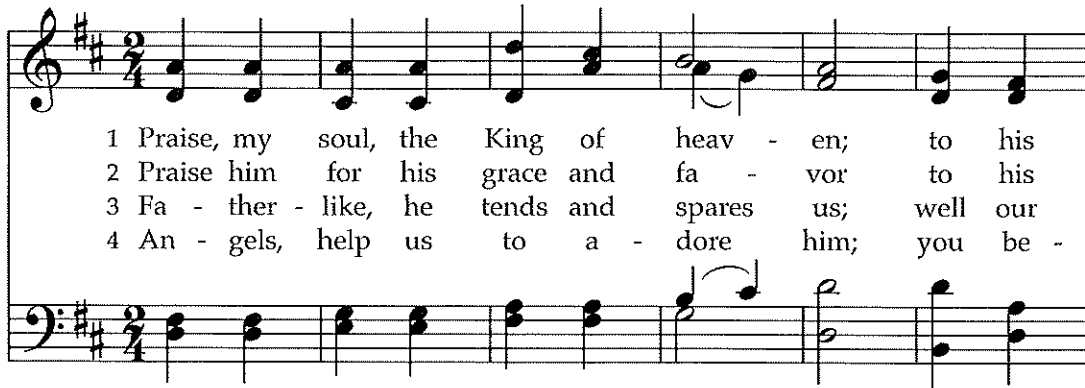
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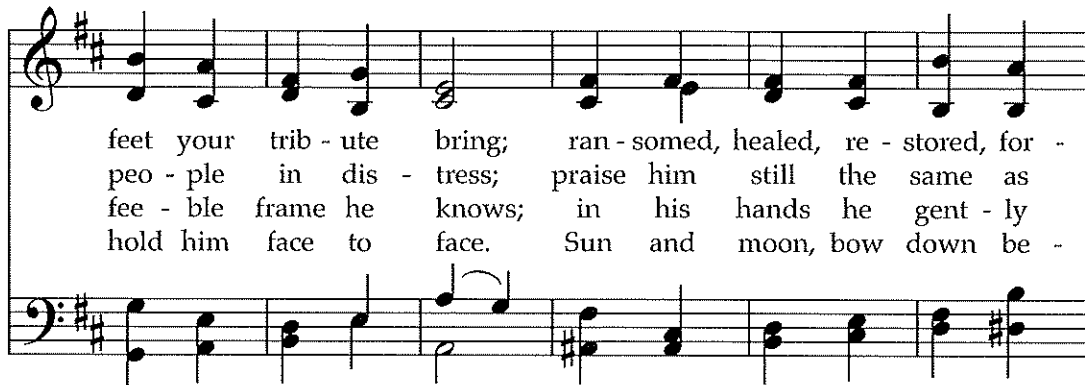
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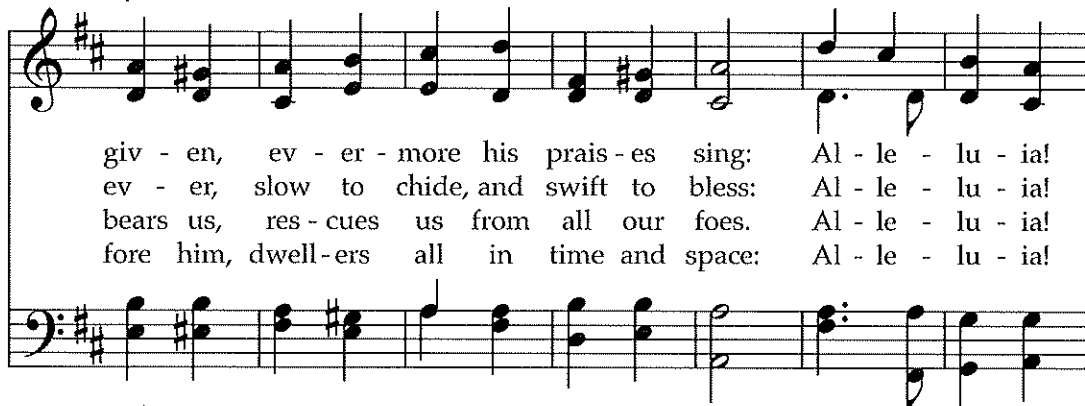
(Psalm 103)



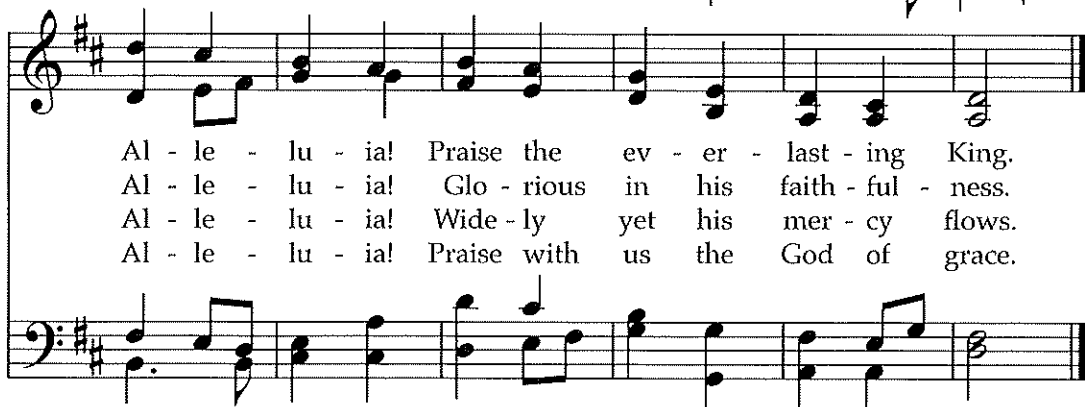
1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his
 3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -



feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
 peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as
 fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly
 hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -



giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
 bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

This free paraphrase of Psalm 103 gains much energy and conviction by including the double "Alleluia!" before the final line of text. That repeated four-note figure descending from the tune's highest note gives voice to the praise that the rest of the hymn evokes.

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

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1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
 2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
 3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
 mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
 seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
 full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
 bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
 root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
 come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

Drawing on numerous scriptural images of Wisdom (Greek: *Sophia*), especially in Proverbs, this text offers an alternative perspective on Trinitarian theology. The Wisdom tradition has played a role in Christian mysticism for centuries, as witnessed by the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul.

A Grateful Heart

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(Psalm 111)

1 A grate - ful heart is what I bring, a song of
 2 Your name is known in all the lands. You feed the
 3 With sav - ing love you set us free, and still you

praise, my of - fer - ing. A - mong the saints I
 poor with gen - tle hands. Your word is true, your
 dwell in mys - ter - y with wis - dom none can

lift my voice: in you, O God, I will re - jice.
 works are just; in you, O God, the faith - ful trust.
 com - pre - hend. Your praise, O God, will nev - er end.

This paraphrase of Psalm 111 preserves the psalm's quality of providing a general list of God's praiseworthy characteristics rather than giving thanks for a particular act of deliverance. In the original text these attributes are organized as an acrostic on the Hebrew alphabet.

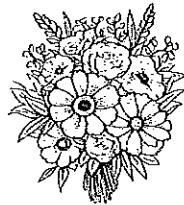
ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 18, 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**
7:00 pm **Compassionate Friends, Choir Room**



CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Isabel Broshek, grandmother and mother,
of Carolyn Smith and family.

COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

We've been picking lots of vegetables and also preparing beds for fall planting. Check out our latest progress in pictures on the bulletin board in the Lounge. Volunteers are always needed to help. 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.

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY: September 8

Save the Date for our annual kickoff to the program year. Join us for a special worship service followed by a picnic on the front lawn. Reconnect with church family and friends over a picnic lunch and experience the joy of children enjoying games, face painting, and a bouncy house. There's so much to look forward to – we can't wait to see you! Please sign up to help, bring a side salad or a dessert in our weekly eblasts.

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.

Note: If anyone has any extra glass vases at home, the deacons' supply is running low and they could use them for flower deliveries each week. You can drop them off at the church office. Thank you!

We hope you are all enjoying a wonderful summer. Here are some upcoming dates to put on your calendar.

More details to come!

Save the Dates!

Sunday, September 8

Welcome Back Sunday

Wednesday, September 11

Dinner & Church - All Welcome!

Sunday, September 15

Church School Kick-Off with Parent Meet & Greet

Third Grade Bible Presentation

Commissioning of Confirmands and Teachers

Wednesday, September 18

Children's Chat & Chew Kick-Off

Saturday, September 21, 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Caring for the Community Concert

Sunday, September 29

Faith Forward: Sustainable Lunches for Bridges

Sunday, October 13

Pumpkins Arrive!

Sunday, October 20, 4:00 pm

Pastor Tom's Installation Service & Reception

