

*Sunday, August 7th, 2022*



Arches National Park  
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*The Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury  
352 Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702*

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*Our PCAS Vision: "To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning,  
and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."*

## *Order of Worship*

*(\*Please rise in body and/or spirit )*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude      Just a Closer Walk with Thee      Arr. John Dempsey

\*Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord, how great you are! On the first day of the week we commemorate your creation of the world and all that is in it.

**People: Lord, send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

Leader: O Lord, how great you are! On the first day of the week we commemorate the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, from the dead.

**People: Lord, create in us a pure heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us.**

Leader: O Lord God, how great you are! On the first day of the week we celebrate in song the presence of your Holy Spirit in the church and throughout the whole world.

**People: Amen and Amen!**

\*Hymn #402      How Lovely, Lord

How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place;  
my soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace.  
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest;  
and so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.

In your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day  
is better than a thousand if I from you should stray.  
I'd rather keep the entrance and claim you as my Lord  
than revel in the riches the ways of sin afford.

A sun and shield forever are you, O Lord Most High;  
you shower us with blessings; no good will you deny.  
The saints, your grace receiving,  
from strength to strength shall go,  
and from their life shall rivers of blessing overflow.

## Call to Confession

Leader: After a week in the world, we are called back to God's Word. We pray to keep our dialogue with God open, and to allow God to make course corrections in our lives, and to renew in us God's grace. Let us pray:

### **Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**God of Compassion, your word teaches us to live by your grace alone. Our confession is that we don't live by your grace alone. We confess, Lord, that your grace is some thing we aspire to, but we haven't fully yielded to. Our ways of living haven't fully been stepped in unconditional love. Grace is so counter-cultural that although know we need it, we don't resist much when swept in another direction. Even now, we are tempted to assume that we have to persuade you to mercy – so damaged is our understanding of your love by the judgmental culture we live in. Instead, may the forgiveness that you gave before we even asked wash over our lives and renew in us a true understanding of grace and love. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: we live by God's grace alone. Although we may fear our lives are stories jumping from sin to sin and failure to failure, God is present to tell us otherwise: our lives are stories that proceed from point of grace to point of grace. In faith, we know and believe God's viewpoint to be true. May that be how we now see ourselves and others.

## Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson      Isaiah 40:27-31

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Hymn #213            In the Cross of Christ I Glory

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me. Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,  
from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

Second Scripture Lesson            Romans 6:1-11

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Sermon National Parks Road Trip: Arches – The Shape of Grace

Offering

Offertory    The Lord's Prayer

Albert Malotte

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

### **Invitation to the Lord's Supper**

#### **Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise...**

## Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution and Sharing of the Elements

### Prayer after Communion (unison)

**Gracious God, give us pause in this moment to capture the blessing of your grace – how it feels, how you have filled our hearts. Give us recall when in the coming weeks we need to be reminded of your unconditional love for us. Amen.**

\*Hymn #526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy.  
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

*Refrain:*

*Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again;  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again;  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

Christ is able to make us one.  
At the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express. *[Refrain]*

Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share.  
God (Immanuel) everywhere! *[Refrain]*

\*Benediction

Postlude Allegro in C minor

J.S. Bach

## Announcements and Upcoming Events



### **Back to School Supply Drive**

*Help our Deacons send our local kids back to school with everything they need. We are collecting school essentials for the Eatontown Co-op. Please drop your items at the Church House before August 22nd.*

#2 pencils	Blue or black ballpoint pens	erasers
sharpeners	Zippered pencil bags	Crayons
Highlighters	Subject dividers	markers
Index cards	Lunch boxes	protractors
Pocket folders w/o fasteners	Backpacks	Colored pencils
Wide ruled loose leaf paper	Spiral notebooks	Glue sticks
12" rulers	Scissors (blunt tip)	

## Meeting Schedule Week of August 7th

7	AUG, SUN	● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (Social Room)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
8	AUG, MON	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga (Studio)
		● 7:30 – 9:30pm	P&A Meeting (ZOOM)
9	AUG, TUE	● 7:30 – 9pm	Dorcas Meeting
13	AUG, SAT	● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)

### Worship Leaders

<b>Liturgist:</b>	<b>John Andia</b>
<b>Saxophone:</b>	<b>Rich Vodhanel</b>
<b>Vocalist:</b>	<b>Robert McGarry</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Peter Brugiere</b>
	<b>Bill Schanck</b>
	<b>Rich Vodhanel</b>
<b>Zoom Host:</b>	<b>John Palframan</b>
	<b>Rich Vodhanel</b>
<b>Coffee Hour:</b>	<b>Judy Murphy</b>
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Deacons</b>

### Church Staff

<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>Rev. Katja Gruening</b>
<b>Director of Music Ministries:</b>	<b>Marcello Velame</b>
<b>Sexton:</b>	<b>Douglas Silk</b>
<b>Office Administrator:</b>	<b>Diane Suarez</b>