

February 6, 2022

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

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Sinfonia from Cantata 106 - God's Time is the Best Time J.S. Bach

Candlelighting

Call to Worship

Blessed are those who trust - in God!

We come in trust, to be grounded in God's love.

Blessed are those who hope - in God!

We come in hope, trusting in the One who gives us life.

Blessed are those who delight - in God's Word!

We come to hear God speak, hoping for healing and joy.

Hymn #172

Blest Are They

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled. (Refrain)

(Refrain) Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. (Refrain)

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God. (Refrain)

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.

Rejoice, be glad; yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see (Refrain)

Call to Confession

God is to be trusted with every secret of our hearts, as well as offered our brokenness. Join me as we pray to the One who waits to forgive us.

Prayer of Confession (**unison**)

O Lord, our voices are powerful. With them we can encourage and advocate. With them we can also cut people down. We start constructing the world we live in with our words. We plant ideas that root and grow. We regret propagating sin by speaking untruth and harm against others. Often we merely pass along words spoken to us without further thought. We ask the forgiveness of the One quick to listen and always truthful and gracious in speech. May your words be in our heart and on our lips so that we can plant what is fruitful and nourishing for our common life. Amen.

Moment of silent reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Blessed are you: for God forgives you and restores you to new life. Rejoice in this day and dance for joy!

Thanks be to God! Our faith is true, and our hope is grounded in the promises of the One we can trust not only on this day, but in every day to come. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 57:18-19

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

Children's Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church

Passing of the Peace

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 6:17-26

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Sermon:

“Hearing is Healing”

Offering

Offertory

Simple Song

Leonard Bernstein

Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laude...

Make it up as you go along: Laude, Laude... Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things, For God is the simplest of all, for God is the simplest of all.

I will sing the Lord a new song, to praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord.

I will sing His praises while I live, all of my days.

Blessed be the man who loves the Lord, blessed be the man who praises Him.

Lauda, Lauda, Laude... And walk in His ways.

I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help.

I will lift up my voice to the Lord, singing Lauda, Laude.

For the Lord is my shade, is the shade upon my right hand, And the sun shall not smite me by day, nor the moon by night.

Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, Lauda, Lauda, Laude, and walk in his ways.

Lauda, Lauda, Laude, Lauda, Lauda di da di day... All of my days.

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

You pour out your abundance on us, Loving God, as we can alleviate the sufferings of others, turn their woes into blessings, and their emptiness into overflowing grace and life. Take the gifts we offer and use them in the work of your new life which is in our midst. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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

Almighty God, through your word and action you have brought healing to us. You have given yourself, broken and restored to us, so that our brokenness might also be restored. For this and every time you have confirmed your grace by these words ‘this is my body, given for you’, we give thanks. Amen.

Hymn

My Savior’s Voice

I love to hear my Savior's voice--The voice that stilled the sea,
spoke peace unto my troubled heart, and comfort gave to me.

Chorus: I love to hear my Savior's voice. No other shall I know;
it is the voice of One who died, Because He loved me so.

I love to hear my Savior's voice. The voice that healed the blind,
brought light unto my sightless eyes, and healing to my mind. [Chorus]

I love to hear my Savior's voice. The voice that plead for me,
Beneath the shadow of the Cross, In dark Gethsemane. [Chorus]

I love to hear my Savior's voice. The voice death could not still Shall raise,
triumphant from the grave, All those who do His will. [Chorus]

Benediction

Postlude

Toccata

Theodore Dubois

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Worship Leaders:

Liturgist:	Sean Starke
Ushers:	Boy Scout Troop 50
Zoom Host:	Jim Wright
Hymn Leadership:	Barbara and Bing Prestridge
Offertory Solo	Robert McGary
Organ and Piano:	Kay Healy-Wedsworth and Marcello Velame
Video Editing:	Rich Vodhanel
Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gruening

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

Come celebrate the return to Coffee Hour this Sunday hosted by the Boy Scouts!

Children's Book Drive!

The Church and Society Committee is participating in a book drive for The Bridge of Books Foundation (BoB).

Please drop your new or gently used children's books in the collection box in Fellowship Hall until February 28, 2022.

Please be a part of our efforts to bring the world and all its possibilities to New Jersey's at-risk children through books. Should you have any questions, please contact Lori Hirce. To learn more about The Bridge of Books Foundation, Thank you for giving the gift of literacy!

BIBLE STUDY Tuesday 9am Zoom Bible Study is reading Genesis.

Next Tuesday, 1/18 we're on week 3. You can jump in on our discussion anytime at this zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87686705631> Or by phone: (646) 558-8656 Enter Meeting ID: 876 8670 5631 Katja is excited to make the study accessible to the whole church via blog (simple website). You're invited to check it out. PastorKatja.blogspot.com

Chancel Flower: Please sign up to dedicate and supply flowers in memory of your loved ones. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer of The Church House, or you can email pcas@verizon.com or call the office 7327473557 your information.

The Chancel Flowers for Jan. 30 were provided by Nancy and Rich Vodhanel, in loving memory of their parents Gladys and Richard Pearson, and Barbara and Steve Vodhanel.

Reflections on What we Believe

“Peace is tranquility and calm and quiet and respect and all those things that we ask of our children, at least for a few blessed moments every now and then. Peace is well-being, wholeness, health, safety, security, civility and all those things we expect from our communities. Peace is diplomatic treaties, international accords, global conventions, mutual aid, disaster relief and all those things that create understanding among nations. And as people of faith, we believe peace — in all its expressions and forms — is a gift from God.”

Carol Horton, Coordinator of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program