

February 20, 2022

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

What Wondrous Love is This

Southern Harmony arr. Velame

Candle Lighting

*Call to Worship

Leader: If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.

People: If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.

Leader: Come, everyone, let's sing to the Lord. Let us tell the world that God has saved us. Let us thank God from the bottom of our hearts and sing songs of praise.

People: If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.

Leader: Come, let us bow down our heads and pray to God. Let us kneel before the God who made us. We are God's people, beloved and devoted, and God is ours.

People: If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.

Leader: Today if you hear the voice of God in your hearts, follow it.

*Hymn #610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.

Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
The mournful waken to rejoice: the poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

Call to Confession

Let us pray our confession, that we might be encouraged by God's grace to keep pursuing Christ-like living.

Prayer of Confession (**unison**)

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. We acknowledge the temptation to slide into apathy, isolation, and secular living. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

God the Creator brings us new life, forgives and redeems us. Take hold of this forgiveness and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:1-14, 27-31

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

Children's Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

Second Scripture Lesson Luke 4:14-20

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Sermon "Appointed and Anointed"

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Constitutional Questions

Questions for the Congregation

1) Do we, the members of the church, accept Kim Davies, Judy Murphy, and John Andia as ruling elders, and Steve Aquilina, Sue Starke, Diane Suarez, and Jack Mackay as deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

2) Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

Prayers of Ordination and Installation

Offering

Offertory

I Love You Lord

Laurie Klein arr. Velame

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

We Come to Celebrate

We come today to celebrate the life that Jesus gives,
and welcome in God's loving grace that in the Spirit lives.

The Spirit sanctifies our lives and helps our darkest days;
we hold each other close to You with voices joined in praise.

We celebrate diversity, as well as common ground,
and will continue so to do while love and peace are found.

For Christ does not discriminate, but welcomes one and all;
so we will seek to do the same.

*Benediction

Postlude

I Love to Tell the Story

William Fischer arr. Velame

Worship Leaders:

Liturgist:

Elder Joyce Davies

Ushers:

Team B

Zoom Host:

Jim Wright

Hymn Leadership:

Sean Starke

Flute:

Chris Kustka

Piano:

Marcello Velame

Video Editing:

Rich Vodhanel

Pastor:

Rev. Katja Gruening

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

**Celebrate the return to Coffee Hour every Sunday
Hosted this week by: CE**

Children's Book Drive!

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

Food Drive: The Deacons invite you to drop off shelf stable food for the Eatontown CO-OP. You are welcome to leave donations in the bin or the foyer of the Church House.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY Tuesday 9am

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 Flowers: 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 BOOK NOOK...so many new books the shelves are filled to the brim!!!

"Reflections On What We Believe"

"We look forward to the time when the power to love will replace the love of power. Then will our world know the blessings of peace."

William Ellery Channing, died October 2, 1842