

July 10th, 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 Amazing Grace Traditional - setting by Pat Dunphy

Candlelighting

*Call to Worship - based on Psalm 27 and John 4:23

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

Leader: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in the holy temple.

People: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.

*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

We bring the struggles we have in faith to God, for we so often silently bear them when there is a way forward. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, we have tried to tell you what to do. We have tried to bend your will to our demands. We have been frustrated at times at your responses to our prayers, having not received the answers we wanted. We have struggled to align our values with yours, and have resisted handing ourselves over fully to your purposes. Forgive the power struggles we have with you, and our desire to fight you rather than repent. Forgive our desire to negotiate the faith, to compromise your vision for the kingdom of God to what makes an acceptably small demand on us. Give us clean hearts, O Lord, and place a new and right Spirit within us.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: We may fight against God, but God does not fight against us. God shepherds us into right paths. The path to forgiveness and a new opportunity for faithfulness is before you. Take hold of this mercy through a recommitted faith in Jesus Christ, and relax into the trust we place in God to do what is right and good with us and through us.

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

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 #394 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

To the temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your loving kindness;
hear our people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.

Here bestow on all your servants
what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!

Second Scripture Lesson 1 Peter 2:1-6

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Sermon “Yearning for Holy”

Duet - We Are Standing on Holy Ground Geron Davis

Offering

Offertory It Is Well With My Soul Phillip P. Bliss

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #361

O Christ, the Great Foundation

O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand
to preach your true salvation in every age and land:
pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,
to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.

Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,
we bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth:
one holy people gathered in love beyond our own,
by grace we were invited; by grace we make you known.

Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour weak,
where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak,
there let your church awaking attack the powers of sin
and, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.

This is the moment glorious when he who once was dead
shall lead his church victorious,
their champion and their head.
The Lord of all creation his heavenly kingdom brings:
the final consummation, the glory of all things.

*Benediction

Postlude Let there be Peace on Earth Sy and Jill Miller

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Special Music - We welcome Pat Dunphy, Johanne Leone and Deb Smith, who are part of the singing group Trilogy. These talented ladies are taking part in worship today to glorify God and inspire all of us to come closer to Him. We extend our gratitude for their willingness to be with us today.

Special Music Sunday July 31st - Dear congregation, what a joy to be back in the sanctuary and be able to use our instruments more effectively to enhance our worship to our God. In addition, the worship committee would like to invite you to participate in a very exciting service coming up on July 31st. You will have an opportunity to vote for your three most favorite hymns of all time, in the hymnal or not. You can email your vote to the office or fill it out today. You will have until Sunday July 20th, to cast your vote. We are going to include the three or four most popular hymns in the sermon on that Sunday. So plan to come and don't forget to cast your vote.

National Parks Road Trip - August Worship Theme

-Do you have a meaningful photo of a trip to one of our National Parks?

-Do you know a park well enough to give a brief introduction about its natural wonders and why people are drawn to it?

-Do you have a short story about a park experience that you felt was a kind of spiritual experience (perhaps of awe, tranquility, gratitude, joy, peace?)

-We are collecting photos for our bulletin board for display in August.

Pastor Katja is choosing 4 parks to highlight in August as sermon illustrations, based on where you've been and what you have to share, and taking inspiration from the book "America's Holy Ground: 61 Faithful Reflections on our National Parks" by Brad Lyons and Bruce Barkhauer. Let Pastor Katja know if you'd like to participate and which park you'd love to share something about .

“Coffeeless” Coffee Hour

The “No Joe Show” returns for the summer! We are looking for volunteers to provide cold beverages and light snack for our social hour after church on Sunday's over the summer. This will be in the Social Room at the Church.

Please click on the link on our website, call the church office at 732.747.3557, or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Thank you!

Rev. Gruening will be away July 12th through the 18th.

In case of pastoral care emergency during that time, please contact Diane Suarez in the Church Office during office hours next week: Monday through Friday in the afternoons.

Outside of office hours please contact Clerk of Session Kim Davies at

(732) 859-1931. They will connect you with the pastor covering spiritual care emergencies while Katja is away.

Meeting Schedule Week of July 10th

10	JUL, SUN	● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (Social Room)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
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11	JUL, MON	● 4 – 6pm	Yoga (Studio)
		● 7:30 – 9:30pm	P&A Meeting
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12	JUL, TUE	● 9 – 11am	Yoga (Studio)
		● 7:30 – 9pm	Dorcas Meeting
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Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Kirsten Schanck
Ushers:	Team B
Zoom Host:	Jim Wright, Rich Vodhanel, and John Palframan
Special Music:	Pat Dunphy, Johanne Leone, and Deb Smith
Organ and Piano:	Marcello Velame
Coffee Hour:	Diane Suarez, Kim Davies, and Michele Mackay
Flowers	Men's Group

Church Staff

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