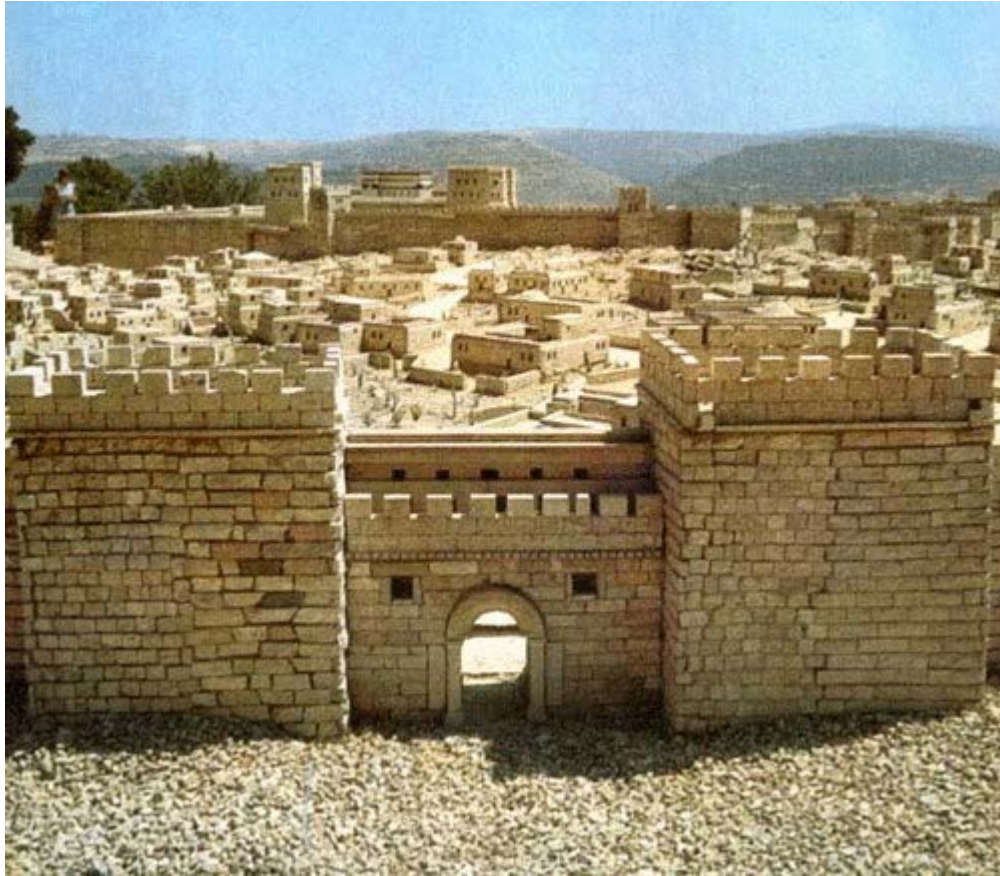


*Sunday, June 12 2022*

*Women's Sunday*



*Photo of the Women's Gate in the Second Temple  
Model in Jerusalem*

*The Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury  
352 Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, NJ*

*June 12, 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

Minute For Mission: PW Birthday Offering Marilyn Broege

Prelude Prelude on *God of the Women* arr. Charles Callahan

Candle Lighting

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!

**People: and be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in!**

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

**People: The Lord of hosts is the King of glory.**

Leader: Throw open your doors and windows.  
Cross the thresholds before us.

**Men: From old to new.**

**Women: From death to life.**

**Men: From now to eternity.**

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with joy!

**People: Let us come into God's presence with praise and  
thanksgiving! Let us worship God!**

Opening Gates to:

Growth

Healing

Exploration

Hope

\*Hymn

## God of the Women

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 1998

*Slane*  
ancient Irish ballad



1. God of the wo - men who ans - wered your call,
2. God of the wo - men who walked Je - sus' Way,
3. God of the wo - men long put to the test,
4. God of the wo - men who ran from the tomb,
5. O God of Phoe - be and mi - ni - sters all,



Trust - ing your pro - mi - ses, giv - ing their all,  
Giv - ing their re - sour - ces, learn - ing to pray,  
Left out of sto - ries, for - got - ten, op - pressed,  
Prayed with the oth - ers in that up - per room,  
May we be joy - ful in an - swering your call.



Wo - men like Sa - rah and Han - nah and Ruth—  
Ma - ry, Jo - an - na, Su - san - nah, and more—  
Qui - et - ly ask - ing: "Who smiled at my birth?"—  
Then felt your Spi - rit on Pen - te - cost Day—  
Give us the strength of your Spi - rit so near



Give us their cour - age to live in your truth.  
May we give free - ly as they did be - fore.  
In Je - sus' dy - ing you show us our worth.  
May we so glad - ly pro - claim you to - day.  
That we may share in your mi - ni - stry here.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (**unison**)

**Holy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Mother, Lover, and Friend, one God in three persons, mutual and whole, we confess our relationships are not that way. We have given too little or accepted too much. Our sin drives us away from one another and away from new life in you. Forgive us and restore us. Grant us courage to move forward, while drawing us close, that we may know life in all its fullness: growing in faith, working toward restoration and healing. Amen.**

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God's love is poured out through the Holy Spirit. This is love from God's own heart, love that cleanses and renews. This is good news:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!  
Alleluia! Amen!**

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation

Growth

Healing

Exploration

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Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

\*Passing of the Peace

Second Scripture Lesson      Ruth 1:15-18

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

Sermon      "At the Threshold"      The Rev Molly Ramsey

Offering

Offertory      Ask, and it Shall Be Given Unto You

arr Douglas E Wagner

*(Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia! based on Matthew 7:7)*

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #324      For All the Faithful Women

For all the faithful women who served in days of old,  
to you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told.

They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.

To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power to save.

We praise your name for Miriam, who sang triumphantly  
while Pharaoh's vaunted army lay drowned beneath the sea;  
for Ruth, who left her homeland and ventured forth in faith,  
who pledged to serve and worship Naomi's God till death.

We sing of busy Martha, who toiled with pot and pan  
while Mary sat in silence to hear the word again.

We praise the other Mary, who hastened to the tomb  
and found her Lord arisen, dispelling doubt and gloom.

Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas, who served the sick and poor.

Her hands were cups of kindness, her heart an open door.

O God, for saints and servants, our fervent prayer we raise,  
that, faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise

### \*Benediction

Postlude

For All the Faithful Women

arr. John Helgen

Rev. Molly Ramsey serves as the Pastor and Head of Staff at Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ where she resides with her quirky, energetic, and beloved 9-year old rescue dog, Addie. Originally from Missouri, she is a midwesterner at heart and a New Jerseyan by call! She received her M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary in May 2021.

Molly loves joining with God's people for worship and believes we are called to practice a theology of presence - that we are called to be present with one another, in a myriad of ways, just as Christ is present with us. She loves to spend time with her friends, she is an avid reader, and rarely passes up the opportunity to be outside in nature, marveling at creation. She loves swimming, seafood, an exceptional cup of coffee, and a really good road trip (planned or spontaneous).

## **Worship Leaders**

Liturgist:	Sue Starke
Minute For Mission:	Marilyn Broege
Readers:	Debi Coccaro Sandy Curtis Michele Mackay Carol Streeper Diane Suarez Linda Zucaro
Ushers:	Team C
Zoom Host:	Jim Wright
Piano	Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth
Flute	Chris Kustka
Handbells	Nancy Vodhanel Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth
Coffee Hour	Stewardship
Worship Planners	Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth, Rev. Molly Ramsey Bonnie Tortora
Video Editing:	Rich Vodhanel

## **Church Staff**

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

## Women's Sunday 2022

GROWTH. HEALING. EXPLORATION. HOPE.

It is our prayer that through the power of the Holy Spirit, you will experience at least one, if not all, of these four themes in our service of worship this morning. You will hear these themes throughout the service - rooting the liturgy, music, and proclamation.

Despite our affinity for consistency and stability, our lives are filled with changes and transitions. Some desired, most not. Most of these transitions are rooted in one of our four themes, each reflected as an open door or gate. We grow, in age and skills, also in maturity of faith, in understanding. We might heal: ourselves, our hearts, our communities, our broken relationships. We explore: our lives of faith, our questions, our doubts. We hope.

Sometimes it's one at a time, often it's everything together all at once. We grow, we heal, we explore, we hope. God grows, God heals, God calls us to explore so that we might know more fully who God is and who we are called to be, what God is calling us to do. We hope, in God. We hope, by the grace of God.

### **Sources of Readings**

#### **Opening Gates**

Growth: John 10:9; Adrian Rogers

Healing: John 10:9; II Kings 20:5

Exploration: John 10:9; Frank Berman; Ralph Waldo Emerson

Hope: John 10:9; Susan Palo Cherwien (*Crossings*)

#### **Proclamation**

Growth: Matthew 7:7-8; Corrie Ten Boom; Anon.

Healing: John O'Donohue (*Blessings*)

Exploration: John O'Donohue (*Blessings*)

Hope: Michael Quoist (*Prayers*); Susan Palo Cherwien (*Crossings*)