



## Call to Confession

It is so simple to say, yet so difficult to live out - 'do not be afraid!' Yet, whatever fear burdens us, God will lift from our souls. Whatever foolishness we have uttered, God whispers mercy to us. Whatever wrong we have done, God's forgiveness is poured out upon us. I invite you to join with me as we pray to the One whose love is constant in every moment, in every place, of our lives.

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

**God of wonder and joy, we look in the mirror and do not see holiness reflected back. We long to be sisters and brothers with others, but don't want to be an intrusion in our friends' lives. We yearn to be more compassionate, yet it is often spite and malice we offer to someone else. We are so busy listening to the sound of our own voices that we have trouble hearing the cries of loneliness coming from those around us.**

**Forgive us, God who longs to be enthroned in our hearts. You call us to different lives, so we might make a difference for all who hurt. You invite us into your kingdom, so we might show the others the way. You challenge us to take a risk by following Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, so we might become your children once again.**

## Moment of Silent Reflection

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The One who alone is Holy became wholly human so we might see the face of grace. The One who is seated in the heavens endured the cross so we might see the face of salvation. This is our good news: we are forgiven!

**People: By God's grace, with God's grace, we are who we are meant to be: forgiven, restored, called people. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson            Nehemiah 8:1-3, 6-12

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

\*Hymn #507

Come to the Table of Grace

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of peace. Come to the table of peace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of peace.

Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of love.

Come to the table of hope. Come to the table of hope.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of hope.

Come to the table of joy. Come to the table of joy.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of joy.

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 22:39-42

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

Sermon

“The Art of Cupbearing”

Offering

Offertory duet:

“In Remembrance of Me”

Buryl Red

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

May the God of wilderness hopes be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us bring our hearts to God.

**We offer them to God who fills them with life.**

With songs on our lips and in our hearts, let us praise God.

**We sing of what we believe, offering thanksgivings from our hearts.**

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With old-timers as well as newcomers, with insiders and those who have stood outside we offer our songs of praise to you:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, Giver of all goodness. Creation's heart overflows with joyous praise to you. Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who is full of the Spirit. Hosanna in the highest!**

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As we seek to believe in our hearts all he did and taught,  
as we try to confess his death and resurrection,  
we proclaim the word of faith that is so mysterious:

**Christ died, trusting in your continued presence;  
Christ was raised, the first fruits of resurrection;  
Christ will come making no distinction, but welcoming  
all into that kingdom overflowing with mercy and hope.**

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### **Lord's Prayer**

Words of Institution and Sharing of the Elements

Prayer after Communion

**We give you thanks, O God, for here at your table you have transformed us from individuals into the body of Christ. Make us strong for your service that we may be messengers of your reconciling love for all people. Amen.**

\*Hymn #366

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art.  
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

\*Benediction

Postlude

Allegro in G Minor

Lani Smith

Worship Leaders:

Liturgist:	Elder Ken Gibbons
Ushers:	Team A
Zoom Host:	Mike Dinglestedt
Hymn Leadership:	Tricia Apy, Sean Starke & Barbara and Bing Prestridge
Offertory duet:	Barbara and Bing Prestridge
Piano and Organ:	Marcello Velame
Video Editing:	Rich Vodhanel
Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gruening

**Credits:** Call to Worship:  
Lisa Nichols Hickman,  
*The Worshiping Life*  
Confession/Pardon/  
Benediction:  
Thom M. Shuman,  
*Lectionary Liturgies*

# Announcements and Upcoming Events:

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

**Food Drive:** The Deacons invite you to donate shelf stable food for the Eatontown CO-OP. You may 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**

**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](mailto:pcas@verizon.com) or call the office 7327473557 your information.



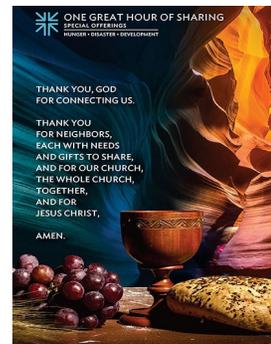
Jane provided last week's flowers and dedicates them in honor of her daughters Tracy and Alison to celebrate the great care and love they have shown her during her sickness and recovery, and in loving remembrance of Charles Banks, who cherished and served PCAS for 35-plus years.

**THE BOOK NOOK...so many new books the shelves are filled to the brim!!!**



**SOLES FOR SOULS SHOE DRIVE MARCH 3-APRIL 17:** We will be collecting all types of shoes with/without heels, boots, flip flops, anything that DOES NOT have holes in the bottom of the shoe. A collection box will be in Fellowship Hall during the Lenten Season. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Hirce.

**One Great Hour of Sharing:** Received during the season of Lent (March 2 - April 17, 2022), each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need, In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Watch your mail for your OGHS envelope. Lori Hirce Church & Society



## *“Reflections On What We Believe”*

“The Bible insistently reveals that God loves diversity and justice. This is seen in the wide variety of creation in which God delights. It is heard in the words of the prophets, who reject oppression and commend justice as true worship. It is embodied in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, who resists the power of empire and values all persons, regardless of status, as children of God. Jesus gathered a community of people around him that crossed over every social and cultural boundary. Jesus called this community together in anticipation of, and participation in, the coming of the new creation.”

*Facing Racism: A Vision of Intercultural Community*, PC(USA) Anti-Racism Policy, 2016.