

May 21, 2023

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 Morceau de Concert

Camille Saint-Saëns

Lighting of the Christ Candle

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Here, in this place,

God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:

People: here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.

Leader: Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:

People: here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!

Leader: Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown:

People: here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out, 'God, save us!' in every situation.

***Hymn #687** Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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Call to Confession

Leader: Do you ever grow frustrated with how uselessly busy we have become? Join us in seeking to recapture the divine gift that time is.

Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, remind us again that grace requires patience. You take each person, and spend their lifetime offering them your love and forgiveness. Little by little, through those who

would receive your grace, you work to bring your vision of a perfectly healed and unified human and divine community to reality. We confess that we lack that patience. We feel time as a pressure instead of as a gift. We mistake busyness for time well used, and time spent smelling the roses as missed opportunities for productivity. We press others to do more faster, to meet impossible deadlines, infringing on time you've declared to be sabbath, untouchable. Forgive us, Lord, for turning your gift of time into a commodity. Help us rebel against those invasions of time that dehumanize your people. Amen.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Lord does not give to us as we give. The Lord is patient in love, and bountiful in mercy. The Lord always has plenty of time for us, and an abundance of grace to share. Therefore let us be assured of God's forgiveness for our sin, and let us commit again to living in this time when Jesus Christ is the Risen Lord, and the life of the resurrection is the life we live through faith right now.

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Esther 4:10-16

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

Children's Message

Noisy Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

***Passing of the Peace**

***Hymn #250** In the Bulb, There is a Flower

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Second Scripture Lesson Galatians 3:29-4:5
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Sermon “For Such a Time”

Offering

Offertory Amazing Grace in Blue Setting by Tim Curd

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** #39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness *music pages 6&7*

***Benediction**

Postlude What a Wonderful World Setting by Matthew Pyeon

The flowers are in honor of Jane & Al Wagner's

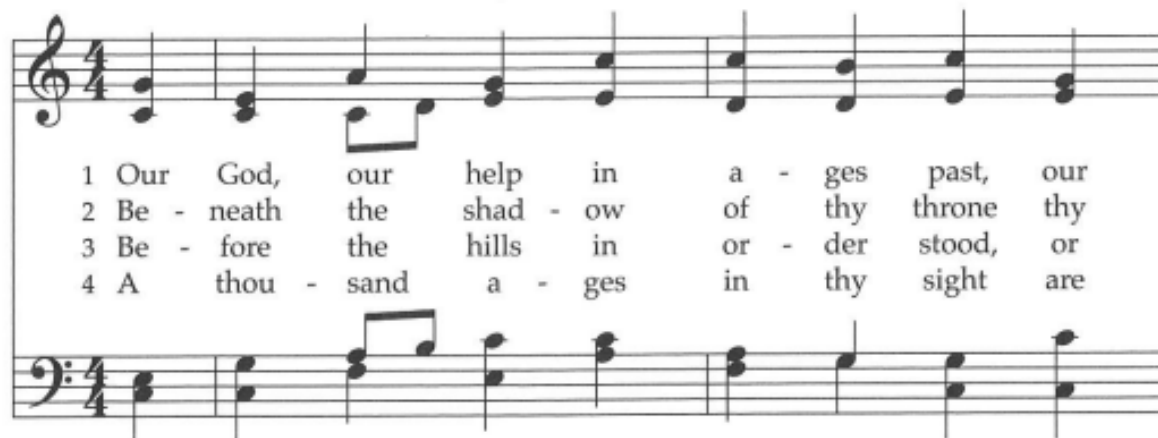
69th Wedding Anniversary !

Worship Leaders

Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gruening
Director of Music Ministries:	Marcello Velame
Liturgist:	Linda Zucaro
Music Ministry:	Rich Vodhanel
Ushers:	Steve Aquilina
	Jack Mackay
Zoom Hosts:	John Palframan
	Jim Wright
Coffee Hour:	Church & Society

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
thou art God, to end - less years the same.
ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

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Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D)
F (Em)
Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) (D)
C7 F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)
F7 Bb Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
Bb Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 베 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 러 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주



From now through May 31st, PW is collecting donations for the **Strawberry Festival** sale.

Beach/Picnic/Fashion Accessories: Beach hats and towels, cover-ups, like new flip flops, picnic baskets, coolers, new plastic ware, summer napkins/plates, sunglasses, handbags, small leather goods, and unused/new hair accessories. *Please place items in the collection box in the Church House lobby.*

Trash & Treasure: Useful and decorative home goods for Bath, Bed, Kitchen, Living and Dining Room: Lighting, Wall Art, Sofa Pillows, Clocks, Candlesticks, Wood, Ceramic, Crystal, and China. Items of good quality and in working order. Nothing damaged. *Please put items in the back left closet of the Terrace Room in the Church House.*

Note: Jewelry will not be sold at the Strawberry Festival, but saved for sale at the Christmas Bazaar. *Please bring jewelry to the church office.*

Help is also needed setting up booths and working a 2-hour shift at a booth at the sale on June 3rd.

Please contact Nancy Vodhanel (nvodhanel@gmail.com or 732-530-7641) or Susan Peterson (susanp.peterson@verizon.net) if you have questions about donations or if you can help.



Meeting Schedule Week of May 22nd

22	MAY, MON	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga - Gentle Floor Yoga(FH)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
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23	MAY, TUE	● 9 – 10:30am	Zoom Bible Study
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga - Chair Yoga Fitness(FH)
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
		● 1 – 2pm	Set up for reception (FH)
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Kids Bell Choir (SR)
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24	MAY, WED	● 2 – 4pm	Bonnie Tortora Funeral Service (sanctuary) and Reception (FH)
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27	MAY, SAT	● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
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28	MAY, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)