

May 29, 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 Stewardship

Prelude Sonata In F Major for Flute and Piano J.S Bach

Candle lighting

*Call to Worship

Leader: As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us let go...

People: Of the things that trap us, the fears that silence us, the anger that haunts us.

Leader: As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us let go . . .

People: Of the worry, stress or anxiety that have filled us since the last time we gathered in your presence.

Leader: As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us let go . . .

People: Of grief, sadness, or a desire for something else.

Leader: As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us pick up . . .

People: The gift of your grace, your love and your life that fills us.

Leader: As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us pick up . . .

People: The gift of each other, the gift of this community, the gift of this time of worship.

Leader: As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us stay together,

People: We are here. We are not alone.

Leader: Jesus Christ is among us today.

People: Alleluia! Amen.

*Hymn #39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee.

Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

Call to Confession

Leader: Trusting in the all-encompassing mercy of God, we are bold to pray, acknowledging our sin and being renewed in God's saving grace:

Prayer of Confession (**unison**)

God of life, for all of the times we have refused to share one another's burdens, we ask forgiveness. We loudly complain when others don't take our struggles seriously, but as often as not, we do the same to them. We create a culture where we suppress grief, trauma, and pain, and obscure paths to healing.

We pray, Lord, that the mercy you show us may grow our capacity for mercy. Your intention is never to overwhelm us, but to evenly distribute the need for care across all people. May we see the beauty and the benefit to humanity in this design. May we recognize that you, Lord, willingly take on the greatest share of humanity's burden to make it feasible for a few billion people to manage the rest.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: When we are inconsistent in mercy, God is faithfully devoted. When we lose interest or heart, we count on God's boundless enthusiasm. As often as we come back to Christ, we are forgiven. God takes our struggles seriously and is here for our healing.

People: Praise be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Psalm 22:14-24

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 #687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Beneath the shadow of your throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

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

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!

Second Scripture Lesson Acts 9:36-42

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

Sermon "God Acts: A Woman Revived"

Offering

Offertory

Minuet

Arr J.C Perez

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #307 God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown your ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant
us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! From the
fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant
us wisdom, grant us courage
lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

*Benediction

Postlude

Allegro

J. Haydn

Worship Leaders

Liturgist:	Jane Wagner
Minute For Stewardship:	Ken Gibbons
Ushers:	Team C
Zoom Host:	Jim Wright
Hymn Leadership:	Sean Starke
Flutes:	Chris Kustka Chelsea Korkowki
Organ and Piano:	Marcello Velame
Video Editing:	Rich Vodhanel
Coffee Hour:	P&A

The Chancel Flowers today are given by Steve Aquilina

Church Staff

Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gruening
Director of Music Ministries:	Marcello Velame
Sexton:	Douglas Silk

Opportunities for Loving Our Neighbors

Strawberry Festival Donations—May 1st-31st

The Annual Strawberry festival will be held Saturday, June 4th, from 9:30-2:00.

In addition to hoping that you attend and invite friends, we could use your support by sorting, cleaning, and/or pricing items before the festival, and by donating the following types of items:

Useful and Decorative Home Goods, Beach/Picnic/Fashion Accessories, Books for the Book Nook

Please contact Kay Healy-Wedsworth (kayhw@comcast.net), May Truxal (maytruxal@verizon.net), or Nancy Vodhanel (nvodhanel@gmail.com, 732-530-7641) if you have questions about donations or if you can help.

Please put donations in the Omega Room in the Church House.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

JOIN THE CONVERSATION – June 8, 6:00 PM

Talking about difficult subjects like racism is far better than not, and a first step toward understanding both racism and - anti-racism. Hopefully, you can attend our third event in this series. Kindly notify the Church Office (or email me- chickazeze@aol.com) so we can plan accordingly.

Sanctuary A/V Installation: We anticipate installation in the first week of June. We hope you will consider making a contribution to support our commitment be able to welcome worshipers via Zoom in the sanctuary.

Pentecost, Sunday June 5th -The Congregation both here and at home, is invited to conclude our Easter season, and to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, Sunday June 5th. We invite everyone to wear red, and if participating by Zoom, turning on your camera, so we can see you! For those who know they will be worshipping remotely, if you are local to Shrewsbury we will deliver streamers to you to use in the service. If you are not local, please make sure the office has your address, we'd be delighted to send you your streamer, there will also be streamers available for pick up in the Church Office.

Meeting Schedule Week of May 29

30	MAY, MON	● 4 – 6pm	Yoga (Studio)
31	MAY, TUE	● 9 – 11am	Yoga (Studio)
		● 9 – 10am	Zoom Bible Study
1	JUN, WED	● 7:30 – 9pm	Anti-Racism Cmte (TR)
2	JUN, THU	● All day	Strawberry Festival Setup (FH)
		● 6 – 7pm	Bell Practice (SR)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
3	JUN, FRI	● All day	Strawberry Festival Setup (FH)
4	JUN, SAT	● 8 – 9:30am	Men's Group
		● 9:30am – 2:30pm	Strawberry Festival
5	JUN, SUN	● All day	Pentecost
		● 8:30 – 9:30am	Choir Practice
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (FH)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)

Reflections on What we Believe

In 1998, the General Assembly added to its policy on gun violence by calling on all Presbyterians to: “intentionally work toward removing handguns and assault weapons from our homes and our communities; and seek ways to develop community strategies and create sanctuaries of safety for our children, so that all of our children may come to identify and value themselves and others as the precious children of the family of God that they are, and that they may come to learn