

November 12th, 2023
Reflections on Inclusivity
A lot of different flowers make a bouquet.
Islamic Proverb

Order of Worship
(*Please rise in body and/or spirit)

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Stewardship

Kurt Kaboth

Hymn: #301 All are Welcome (Stanza 2)

Prelude What Wondrous Love is This

Setting by Susan E. Geschke
PCAS Children's Bell Choir

Candle Lighting

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Here in this place, with these people,
we come to worship the living God.

**People: In you, O God, we hope;
in you, Creator of love, we live.**

Leader: Here in this sacred space, in these very moments,
we are invited to the Table of Joy.

**People: In you, Christ of the Way, we rejoice;
in you, grace is as near as your heart.**

Leader: Here on this day of gentleness and beauty,
we are filled with the peace of God.

**People: In you, O Spirit, we find our path;
in you, Teacher of hope, we learn to serve.**

***Hymn #310** I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Call to Confession

Leader: We sometimes find ourselves in a vulnerable place, distanced from God, and unsure of where we stand. Let us come before God to confess this reality and respond to God's gracious invitation to come and stand again on a faithful foundation.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Faithful and steady God,

In a world that seems held together by duct tape, we find ourselves constantly running around trying to fix what is falling apart and hold up what is falling down. We desperately need support and grounding, but we confess that we often bear the weight alone, and forget about you, Lord. We don't anchor our lives to yours, and miss out on the stability, goodness, and faithfulness you provide.

You desire to love us and support us that we might flourish and grow. We pray that next time we would remember that you are present, a rock of strength, a solid foundation for us in a tumultuous world.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. Let us embrace the forgiveness, renewal, and strength of the Lord in our lives.

People: On Christ, the solid Rock, we stand!

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson: Psalm 127:1

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church and The Lord's Prayer

Passing the Peace

***Hymn #353** My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 7:24-27

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

Sermon "Help! I'm Sinking!"

Offering

Offertory I Will Serve You

William J. Gaither
Chancel Choir

I will serve you because I love You, You have given life to me.
I was nothing until You found me, You have given life to me.
Heartaches, broken people, ruined lives are why you died on Calvary.
Your touch is what I long for, You have given life to me.

***Doxology**

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer continues...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

F C F B^b C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am B^b C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer continues...

Let us proclaim the mysteries of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)
B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Above the staff are guitar chords: F, C, F, Bb, C, F, C, F/A, Am. Below the staff are the lyrics: "Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain." The second staff also has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is similar to the first staff. Above the staff are guitar chords: (G) (A)(Bm), (G) (D), (A)(Bm), (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D). Below the staff are the lyrics: "Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain." Below the second staff are more guitar chords: Bb, C, Dm, Bb, F, C, Dm, Gm7, C, Fsus, F.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution and Sharing of the Elements

You are invited to eat the bread as it is served; Please hold the cup until all have been served; We will drink together. Please let the servers know if you need gluten free bread.

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Thank you, Gracious God, for grounding us in your grace and love. May we take the gift you have given us into the rest of our lives and into the world. May your care and love for us support us not only here, but everywhere. Amen.

Hymn #697

Take My Life

Benediction

Postlude

Christians, We Have Met to Worship

Setting by Lloyd Larson

PCAS Children's Bell Choir

*Flowers today are given In loving memory
of our dear friend Ellen Huhn From Linda and Joe Talerico*

Worship Leaders

Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gruening
Director of Music Ministries:	Marcello Velame
Liturgist:	John Andia
Music Ministry:	Chancel Choir PCAS Children's Bell Choir
Ushers:	Peter Bruguere Sue Starke
Zoom Hosts:	John Palframan Jim Wright Rich Vodhanel
Social Hour:	Worship



We hope you will plan on joining us this year on Wed. Nov. 22nd, 8pm, at Monmouth Reform Temple for our joint Thanksgiving Service! Come and meet Rabbi Renee Edelman. Pastor Katja will be preaching.

Our worshipping together will have extra meaning this year as we love our Jewish neighbors in a difficult time.

Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C7 F C F B^b C Dm



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
 F C F Dm7 Gm C



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
 Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
 Gm C F B^b



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
 F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D) (A7)
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F (C7)



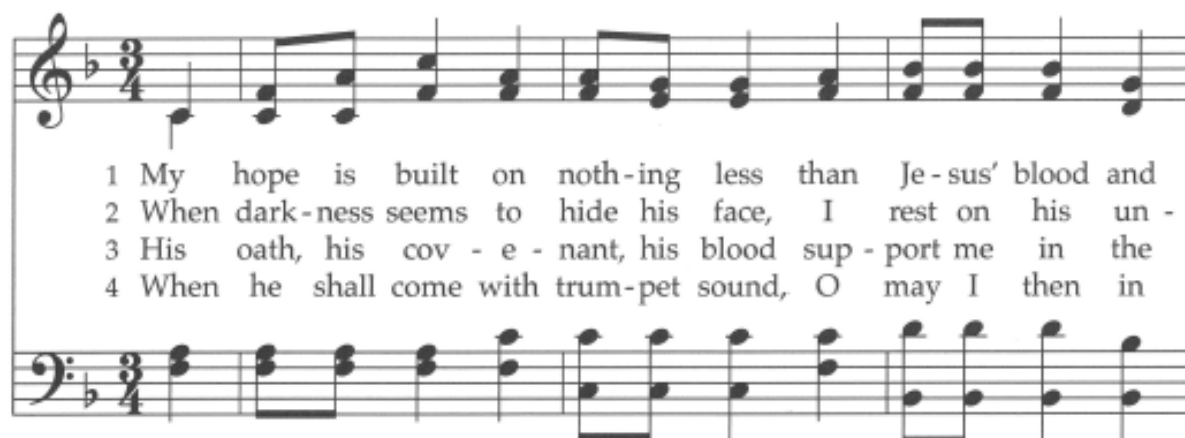
all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord 310

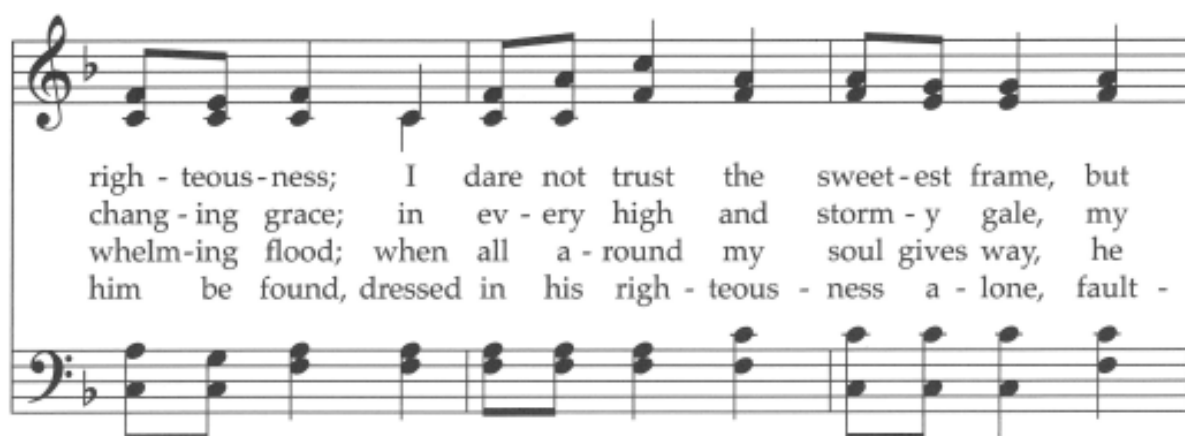
1 I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,
2 I love thy church, O God. Her walls be - fore thee stand,
3 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers as - cend;
4 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways:
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given

the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

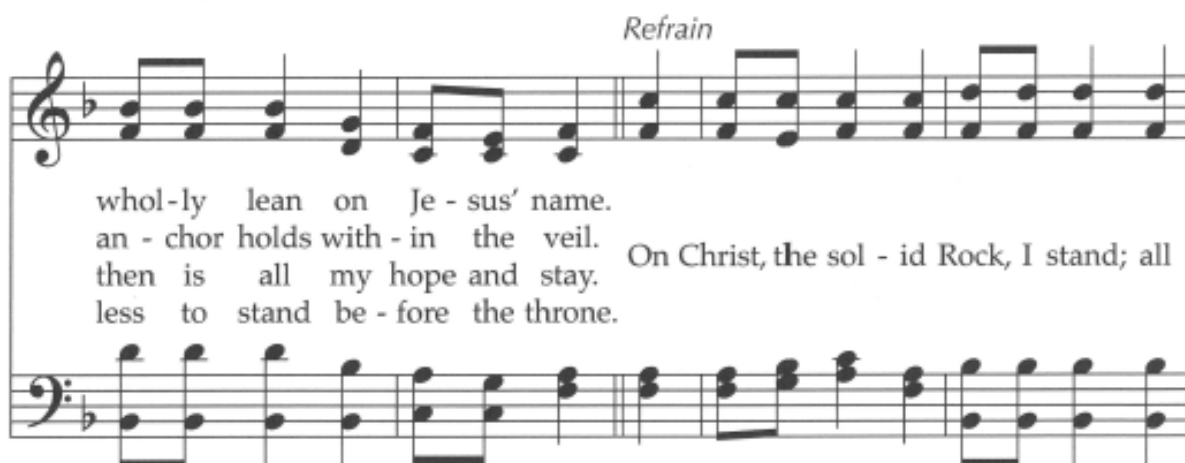


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain



whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
then is all my hope and stay.
less to stand be - fore the throne.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

Take My Life

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1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.



Annual Christmas Bazaar
Saturday, December 2
from 9:30-2:00

The 2023 Christmas Bazaar *A Taste of Christmas!* is underway. Donations are now being accepted

We cannot have this event unless everyone takes part and contributes their time, talent and donated items. There are many ways to contribute to this wonderful day of fellowship and fundraising.

We need lots of workers to sort and price items before the Bazaar for the following booths:

- *Jewelry
- *Christmas Treasures
- *Toys and sports items
- *Book Nook

Everyone is needed to help with the following:

- *donate items to be sold,
- *bake items for the bake table,
- *make soup or whatever your gourmet/homemade specialty is to donate
- *help with at least one shift at one booth during the Bazaar.

So ask yourself what you like best about the Christmas Bazaar and what you can do, then please **VOLUNTEER NOW!!** Contact Nancy or Susan (contact info below).

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS and **COME** feel the Christmas spirit on Dec. 2nd

Bazaar Co-Chairpersons: Nancy Vodhanel, nvodhanel@gmail.com or 732-530-7641 and Susan Peterson, susanp.peterson@verizon.net or 732-389-8946. Contact us for information or to volunteer.

Meeting Schedule Week of November 13th

13	NOV, MON	● 2:30 – 4pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga (TR)
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga - Gentle Floor Yoga(FH)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
14	NOV, TUE	● 9 – 10:30am	Zoom Bible Study
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga - Chair Yoga Fitness(FH)
		● 10am – 12pm	Christmas Bazaar pricing and sorting (O)
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
		● 5 – 7pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
		● 7 – 8:30pm	Dorcas (FH and Kitchen)
15	NOV, WED	● 7:30 – 9:30pm	P&A Meeting (ZOOM)
		● 8 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Bible Study (TR)
16	NOV, THU	● 9:30 – 10:30am	Christmas Bazaar sorting and pricing (O)
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 4:45 – 5:45pm	Yoga Small Group - (FH)
		● 6 – 7pm	Bells (SR)
		● 7 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani choir practice (FH)
18	NOV, SAT	● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
19	NOV, SUN	● 8:45 – 9:30am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday School
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)
		● 11:30am – 12:30pm	Worship Committee (TR)
		● 1 – 5pm	Private Memorial Service for Carol Doherty (FH)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)
● 6 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Worship (FH)		