

Sunday, September 11th, 2022



*The Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury
352 Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702*

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Homecoming Sunday

*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

Here I am Lord

Setting by John Carter

*Call to Worship

Leader: We are gathered here this morning to worship God.

**People: We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community,
and insight.**

Leader: We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence
in our midst.

**People: We have come to offer up the seasons and the turnings in
our lives, and to ask God's help in our learning and in our growing.**

*Hymn #401 Gather Us In

Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Call to Confession

Leader: Aware of God's faithful commitment to abundant life for us and for our world, we pray our confession, trusting God to use it for our healing and our good.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Precious Lord, thank you for a new season and a clean slate, and another gracious invitation to the house of prayer. We confess that we sometimes struggle with how to respond to you. It's not only you. There are so many worthy opportunities for love and service in front of us that we fail to see, or fail to act on. O Lord, release us from what was before and free us for what you have in mind for us next. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison (Lord Have Mercy)

**Kyrie, kyrie eleison,
Kyrie, kyrie eleison.
Christe, Christe eleison,
Christe, Christe eleison.
Kyrie, kyrie eleison,
Kyrie, kyrie eleison, eleison.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: People of God, let us rejoice in all that Christ has already given us, and in all that Christ envisions for us next. Never forget, friends, that Christ is not a dead relic of the past, but Christ lives and reigns with power to change the course of our history and the course of your life. **Hallelujah!**

Sharing of Faith Story

Doreen Pampel

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Psalm 27:13-14

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

Children's Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

Passing of the Peace

*Hymn #526 Let us Talents and Tongues Employ

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain:

*Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

Christ is able to make us one;
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. *[Refrain]*

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share.
God (Emmanuel) everywhere! *[Refrain]*

Sharing of Faith Story

Bonnie Reed, read by Sandy Curtis

Second Scripture Lesson Luke 9:10-17

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

Sermon A Place at God's Table

Offering

Offertory Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises
African Freedom Songs

Chancel Choir

*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:

The musical score is written in G major, 4/4 time, and consists of three staves. The lyrics are: "1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the 2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The guitar chords are indicated above and below the notes.

Chords for the first staff: F, C, F, B^b, C, F

Chords for the second staff: (A) C, (D/F[#]) F/A, (F[#]m) Am, (G) B^b, (A) C, (Bm) Dm

Chords for the third staff: (G) B^b, (D) F, (A) C, (Bm) Dm, (Em7) Gm7, (A) C, (Dsus) Fsus, (D) F

Prayer continues...

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



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



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

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution and Sharing of the Elements

Prayer after Communion

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

and forget not all God's benefits.

Hymn: #35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear; now to his temple draw near,

join me in glad adoration.

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;

shelters thee under his wings, yea, and so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires o'er have been granted

in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.

Let the Amen sound from his people again;

gladly for aye we adore him.

Benediction

Postlude Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus

Setting by Frederick Swan

*The flowers today are in celebration of
Jan and Tom Pedersen's 60th Wedding Anniversary.
With love from Katie Pedersen and Carrie & Paul Hudak.*

Worship Leaders

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