

September 24th, 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Mission Peace Making Offering Linda Zucaro

Prelude I Need Thee Every Hour Setting by Jason D. Payne

Candle Lighting

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We will sing to God and bless God's name forever and ever.

**People: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised! We will
declare God's mighty acts and celebrate God's abundant goodness.**

All: Let us worship, singing of God's righteousness.

***Hymn #81** Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Call to Confession

Leader: In Christ, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and
through him God was pleased to reconcile all things. Trusting in Christ,
let us seek God's forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Merciful Savior, you stand beside us, yet we prefer to stand on our
own. You choose us, yet we choose worry. You attend to us, yet we
attend to our work. Forgive us, gentle Teacher. Call us by name
and visit us once more that we might find at your feet our joy, our
purpose, and our hope.**

Moment for Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson: Exodus 16:2-15

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 #719** Come, Labor On

Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 20:1-16

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

Sermon Irrational Grace The Rev. Dr. Eileen Lindner

Offering

Offertory Adagio Tomaso Albinoni

***Doxology**

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn #432** How Clear Is Our Vocation

Benediction

Postlude Allegro in G Minor Lani Smith

Worship Leaders

Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gruening
Preaching:	The Rev. Dr. Eileen Lindner
Director of Music Ministries:	Marcello Velame
Liturgist:	Sue Starke
Ushers:	Cari Suarez
	Diane Suarez
Zoom Hosts:	John Palframan
	Jim Wright
	Rich Vodhanel
Social Hour:	Mission Belles

Worship in October

Jesus came to preach and model a new reality for us called the Kingdom of God. The foundation of that new reality in which we are invited to live is the unconditional love of God. We are invited to change our hearts and lives to trust in the emerging reality of that kingdom.

Yet, the Christian church continues to impose conditions on who can be part of this new reality. Where Jesus demonstrates that sinners, outcasts, Samaritans, women, children, disabled, mentally ill, sick, homeless, remarried, single, and even the dead are all part of this new reality, without condition, the Christian community struggles to keep up with the ever-expanding inclusion in the Gospel.

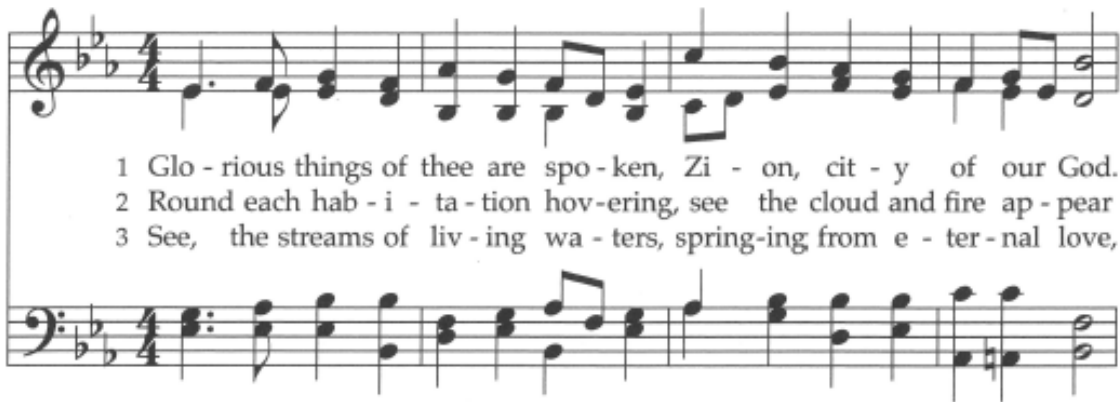
We recognize that today the Christian church often puts conditions on God's love for those with diverse sexual and gender identities, causing harm where God means for us to celebrate the inclusion of all people in God's kingdom.

In October, we look forward at PCAS to exploring what it looks like to trust in the ever-expanding Kingdom of God, and recognize God's unconditional love and full acceptance for all in the LGBTQ+ community.

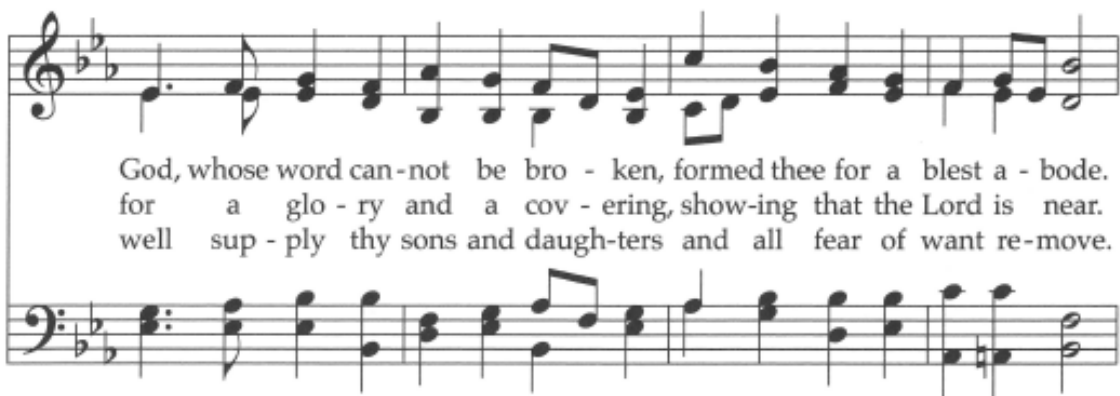
Following worship on Oct. 1, 8, and 22, Rev. Gruening will be leading Forums to teach about marriage and family in the Bible, sexuality and gender in the Bible, and the past decade of progress in the PC(USA) to lean further into welcoming all into every aspect of church life and leadership.

We are excited to welcome members of the New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus on Sunday, October 15th. They will be blessing us with very special music. The Rev. Dr. David Williams, executive director of the chorus, trauma surgeon, medical missionary, anointed pastor, and advocate for our LGBTQ+ siblings in Christ will be preaching a Word you do not want to miss! A luncheon will follow.

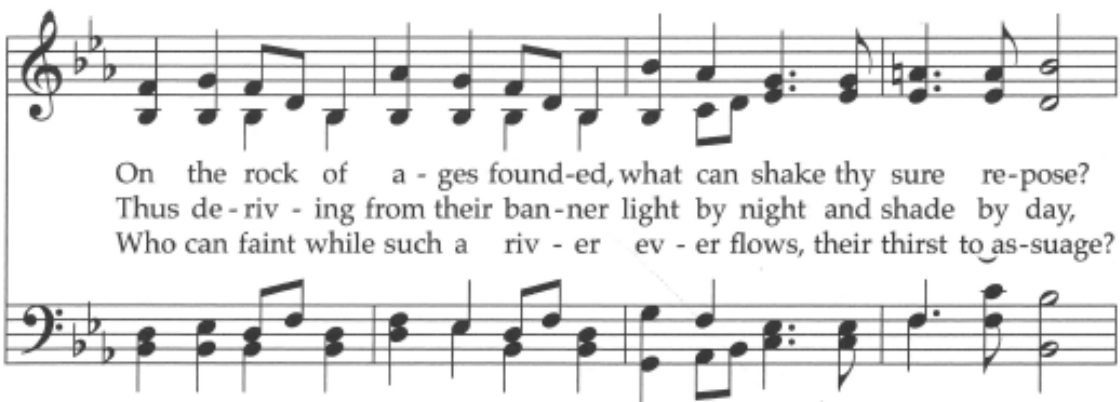
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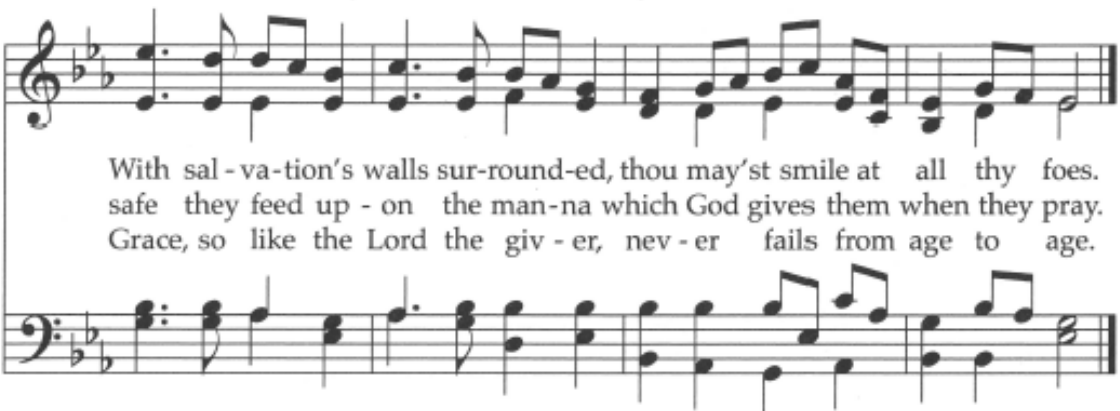
1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

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Come, Labor On

Capo 1: (G) (C) (G) (Em) (C) (G) (C) (D) (G)
 A^b D^b A^b Fm D^b A^b D^b E^b A^b



1 Come, la-bor on. Who dares stand i - dle on the har - vest plain
 2 Come, la-bor on. Claim the high call - ing an - gels can - not share;
 3 Come, la-bor on. Cast off all gloom - y doubt and faith - less fear!
 4 Come, la-bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west - ern sky,

(Em) (B7) (Em) (B) (Em) (C) (D)
 Fm C7 Fm C Fm D^b E^b



while all a - round us waves the gold - en grain? And to each
 to young and old the gos - pel glad - ness bear. Re - deem the
 No arm so weak but may do ser - vice here. Though fee - ble
 till the long shad - ows o'er our path - way lie, and a glad

(G) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 A^b Fm D^b A^b B^bm E^b7 A^b



ser - vant does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
 time; its hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
 a - gents, may we all ful - fill God's righ - teous will.
 sound comes with the set - ting sun, "Well done, well done!"

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord 432

Capo 1: (D) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A)(D)
 Eb Bb Cm Ab Eb Bb Eb

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
 2 But if, for-get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be-came in hin-dranc-es more sure:
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,

(G) (Em) (A) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (Em)
 Ab Fm Bb Gm Cm Ab Fm

to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re -
 if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un -
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your
 in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to

(A7) (D) (A7)(B) (Em) (G)(A7) (D)
 Bb7 Eb Bb7 C Fm Ab Bb7 Eb

stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 wind its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.
 you: the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored, done.

Red Bank Crop Walk

WHEN: Sunday October 15, 2023
WHERE: Red Bank Regional High School
TIME: 1pm Register
2pm Walk/Run
Join Our Three Churches Online Team

We are excited to be working together again this year. The Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury, Christ Episcopal Church, Shrewsbury and St. John's Episcopal Church, Little Silver raised over \$3500 for Red Bank Crop Walk 2022. Working together was fun! It was rewarding! We hope those who supported us last year will do so again and we can add a few more. The link below will send you to our joint online page.


<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/three-churches-pcas-christ-church-st-johns-together-fighting-hunger>

You can help us in two ways –


1. JOIN OUR TEAM AS A WALKER
2. DONATE

If you need more help with the webpage, please do not hesitate to email Kirsten Schanck at kirsti58@comcast.net. I am working with Connie Goddard at Christ Church and Eve Chamberlin at St. John's.

We walk to provide food, water, security to our 14 local partners and global response through Church World Service. You can also give with a check made out to Red Bank Crop Walk and send to your church office. We will make sure the checks are delivered to the Crop Walk treasure and can be included in our team total giving.




Blood Drive





New Jersey Blood Services

Wednesday, October 11th, 2023
12:30pm-6:30pm
The Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury
352 Sycamore Avenue
Shrewsbury



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Meeting Schedule Week of September 25th

25	SEP, MON	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga - Gentle Floor Yoga(FH)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
26	SEP, TUE	● 9 – 10:30am	Zoom Bible Study
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga - Chair Yoga Fitness(FH)
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
		● 12 – 1pm	Church & Society (TR)
		● 5 – 7pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
27	SEP, WED	● 9:30 – 11am	Mission Belles (TR)
		● 8 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Bible Study (TR)
28	SEP, THU	● 10 – 11am	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 4:45 – 5:45pm	Yoga Small Group - (FH)
		● 6 – 7pm	Bells
		● 7 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani choir practice (FH)
30	SEP, SAT	● 10 – 11am	NSDAR headstone cleaning (cemetery)
		● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
1	OCT, SUN	● 8:45 – 9:30am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday School
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)
		● 12 – 1pm	Deacon's Meeting (O)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)
		● 6 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Worship (FH)