

# September 3rd, 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**      Mediation on the Cross

Mary McDonald

Lighting of the Christ Candle

### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Almighty God, you are in heaven, high and lifted up, higher than our highest thoughts.

**People: Holy is your name; beside you there is no other! You are God, and you alone!**

Leader: Receive us into your kingdom - the coming kingdom - the kingdom of your anointed Son, Jesus, whose name we bear.

**People: Receive us, for we come to you in his name - we pray in him and with him.**

Leader: For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**\*Hymn #661**      His Eye Is on the Sparrow

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### **Call to Confession**

Leader: Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### **Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**So often, Lord, we have tried to navigate our world without your guidance. Overwhelmed by how many choices we have to make in life, we have fallen into sin by succumbing to the easiest or most convenient choice. We have not discerned your thoughts or sought your way. We recognize when our choices have harmed others. It is not what we want, or what we believe you want for us. Forgive us, we pray, and renew in us our commitment to seek the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, in all that we do. Amen.**

## **Kyrie Eleison**

**Kyrie, kyrie eleison, (Lord, have mercy)**

**Kyrie, kyrie eleison.**

**Christe, Christe eleison, (Christ, have mercy)**

**Christe, Christe eleison.**

**Kyrie, kyrie eleison,**

**Kyrie, kyrie eleison, eleison.**

## **Moment for Silent Reflection**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Here are words you may trust, words that merit full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save us from our sin. To all who confess their sins and resolve to lead a new life, he says “Your sins are forgiven.” He also says “Follow me.”

**People: To the one immortal, invisible, only God be honor and glory forever and ever.**

## **Prayer of Illumination**

**First Scripture Lesson** Exodus 30:11-16

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

## **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

### **Prayers of the Church**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**\*Hymn #366** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

**Second Scripture Lesson** Matthew 17:24-27

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

**Sermon** “Gone Fishin’: The Money Fish”

**Offering**

**Offertory** His Eye Is On the Sparrow

Charles H. Gabriel

**\*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<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>b</sup> 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 mystery of faith:*

F C F B<sup>b</sup> C F C F/A Am

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

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)  
 B<sup>b</sup> C Dm B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

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

## 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)

**Most gracious God, we praise you for what you have given and for what you have promised us here. You have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Now we give ourselves to you; and we ask that our daily living may be part of your kingdom, and that our love may be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn #618**      O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High      *music page 7*

### \*Benediction

**Postlude**      Fanfare on *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*  
arr. E. Power Biggs

*The flowers today are in loving memory of Dottie & Jack Grossmann on their 69th wedding anniversary. With love Nancy, Michael, Kristin and Megan Dingelstedt .*

### Worship Leaders

<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>Rev. Katja Gruening</b>
<b>Liturgist:</b>	<b>Lori Hirce</b>
<b>Director of Music Ministries</b>	<b>Marcello Velame</b>
<b>Music Ministry</b>	<b>Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Steve Aquilina</b>
	<b>Sue Starke</b>
<b>Zoom Hosts:</b>	<b>John Palframan</b>
	<b>Jim Wright</b>

# 661 Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

## His Eye Is on the Sparrow



1 Why should I feel dis-cour-aged? Why should the shad-ows come?  
 2 "Let not your heart be trou-bled," his ten-der word I hear,  
 3 When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-rise,



Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heaven and home,  
 and rest-ing on his good-ness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
 when song gives place to sigh-ing, when hope with-in me dies,



when Je-sus is my por-tion? My con-stant friend is he:  
 though by the path he lead-eth but one step I may see:  
 I draw the clos-er to him; from care he sets me free:

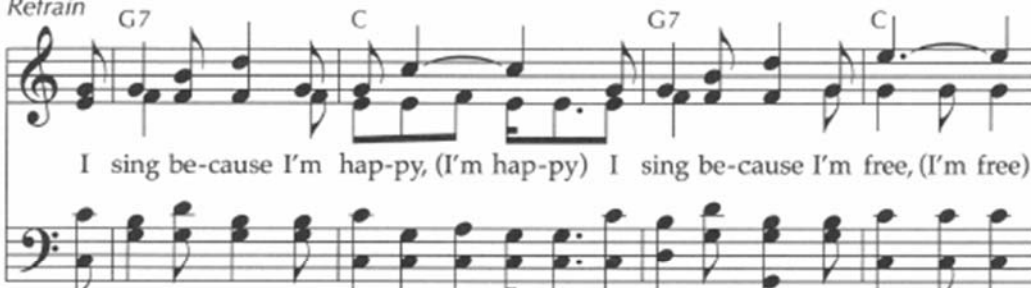


his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me;



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### Refrain



I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, (I'm hap-py) I sing be-cause I'm free, (I'm free)



for his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.

# 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

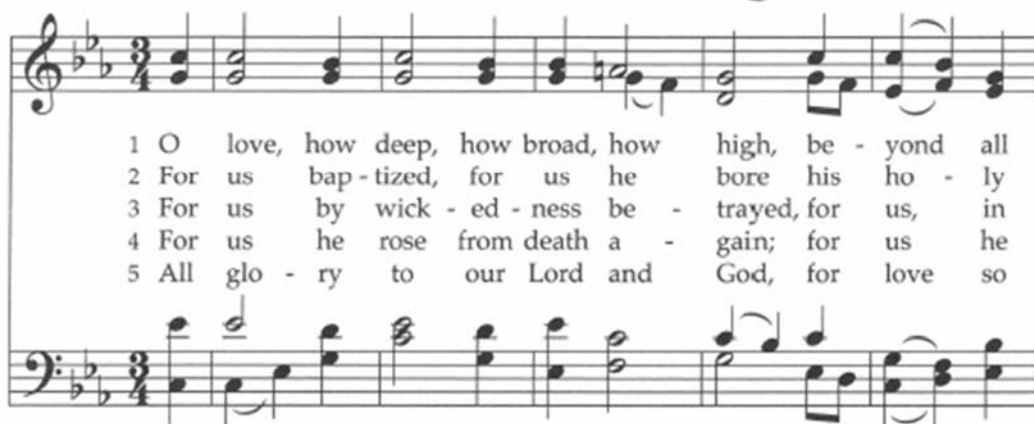
earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

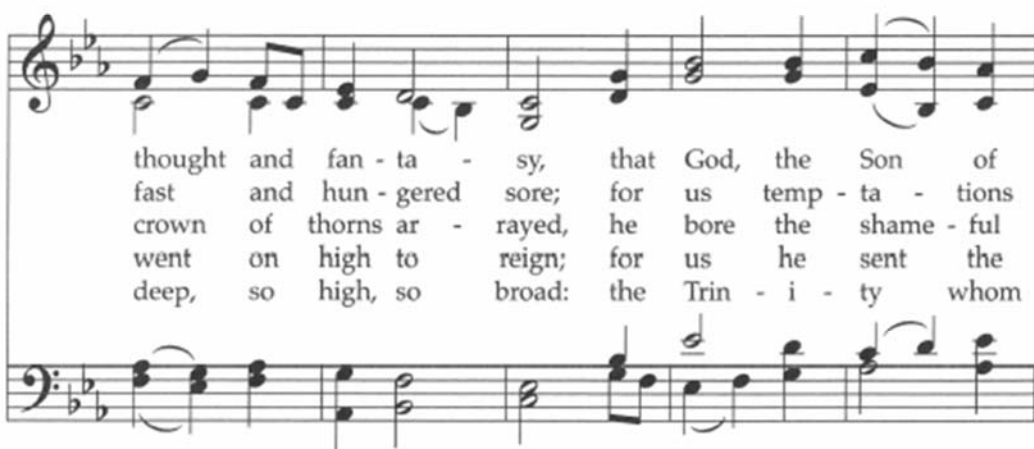
pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

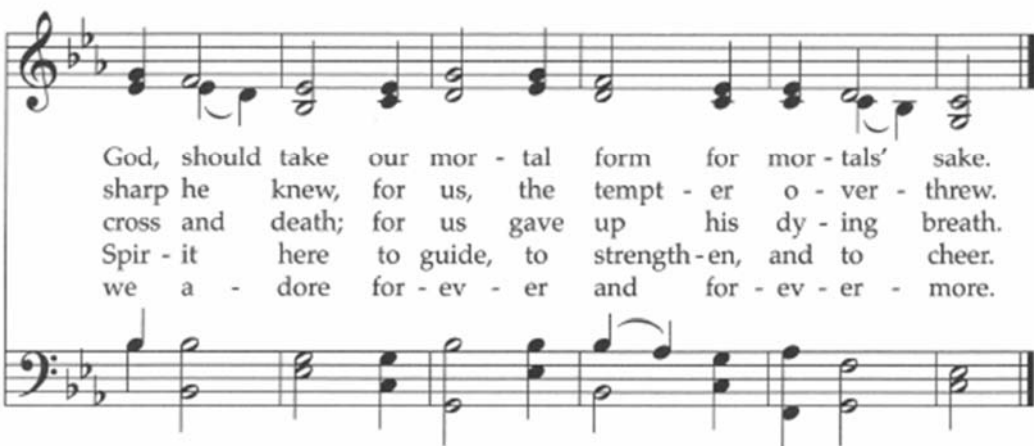
# 618 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all  
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
3 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed, for us, in  
4 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
5 All glo - ry to our Lord and God, for love so



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
crown of thorns ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
went on high to reign; for us he sent the  
deep, so high, so broad: the Trin - i - ty whom



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
sharp he knew, for us, the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
Spir - it here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

## Meeting Schedule Week of September 4th

4	SEP, MON	● All day	OFFICE CLOSED
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
5	SEP, TUE	● 9 – 10:30am	Zoom Bible Study
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
		● 5 – 7pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
6	SEP, WED	● 10am – 3pm	Ariel Club luncheon ( FH)
		● 7 – 8pm	Boy Scout Leaders Meeting (TR)
7	SEP, THU	● 4:45 – 5:45pm	Yoga Small Group - (FH)
9	SEP, SAT	● 8 – 9:30am	Men's Group (offsite)
		● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
10	SEP, SUN	● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (SR)
		● 11am – 12pm	Fellowship Small Group Information/Sign Up (FH)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)