

August 6th, 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 Let Us Break Bread Together

arr Charles Callahan

Lighting of the Christ Candle

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord

People: Lord, hear my voice!

Leader: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications!

People: O hope in the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

Leader: Let us worship the God who hears us from the depth and delivers.

***Hymn #408**

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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Call to Confession

Leader: Let us come before God seeking renewal through our spiritual practice of confession and forgiveness. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of Endless Mercy,

we have often been swallowed up by our greed and selfishness, desiring that which we do not have, filling our lives with things that do not save us. We have often been swept away by the floods of our own making, polluting your creation, neglecting to be faithful stewards of the earth. We have often attacked one another and led lives of violence, sending missiles instead of accepting refugees, ignoring your commandments.

**Lord have mercy, for we have sinned and fallen short of your glory.
Christ have mercy, for we are broken and need your salvation.
Lord have mercy upon us and hear us as we pray in the name of
our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Moment for Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Jesus promised that there would be even greater things to come than we have as yet known. Grace greater than the grace we have already received. Love more encompassing than we have already experienced. Life more fully redeemed than our present reality.

People: We lean on those promises, and take into our hearts the hope of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Jonah: 1:1-17; 2:1-2, 10

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 #8** Eternal Father, Strong to Save

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Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 12:38-41

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

Sermon “Gone Fishin’: Jonah and the Whale”

Offering

Offertory Gift of Finest Wheat (Based on hymn 523)

arr Charles Callahan

***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:

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 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 mystery 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.

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)

Loving god, you graciously feed us with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who have received your sacrament be strengthened in your service; we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth; we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom. For you have made us your own people by the death and resurrection of your Son, our Lord, and by the life-giving power of your Spirit. Amen.

Hymn #498 Loaves were Broken, Words were Spoken *music page 8*

***Benediction**

Postlude Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (based on hymn 526)
arr John Carter

Worship Leaders

Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gruening
Liturgist:	Kim Davies
Director of Music Ministries	Marcello Velame
Music Ministry:	Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth
Ushers:	Sue Starke
	Andy Wolf
Zoom Hosts:	John Palframan

408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

8 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who did brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, all trav - elers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 wild and rude, and bade its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we
 gave, for fierce con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

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Capo 3: (D)

(Bm)

(G)



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D)

F

(Bm)

Dm



le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their
room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you
gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am
name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G)

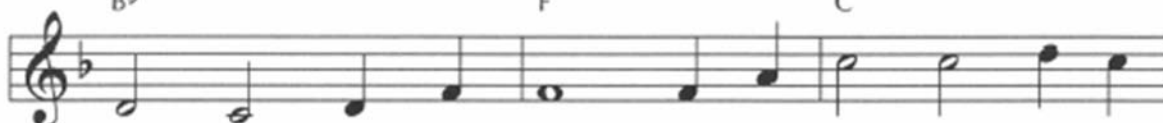
Bb

(D)

F

(A)

C



food for - ev - er - more.
came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken
with you; do not fear!"
tell your love and care.

(Bm)

Dm

(F#m)

Am

(Bm)

Dm

(G)

Bb

(A)

C

(D)

F



for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

(Bm)

Dm

(G)

Bb

(D)

F



gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Women's Fall Retreat

PW has received a generous gift and the PW Board decided to use part of the money to invite all women members to enjoy the Women's Fall Retreat at newly renovated Johnsonburg on **October 27-29**. A Fruitful Life: Abiding in God's Grace through the Seasons is the theme for the weekend which *begins with dinner on Friday and ends with lunch on Sunday*.

Registration will open August 8th **each participant** must go online to register and indicate that they are from PCAS so that the payment can be made by PW and so that we can be housed together. Need help with registration? Call or stop by the Church Office and Diane Suarez will assist.

For now, if you are interested in going, find a roommate and **contact Nancy Vodhanel at nvodhanel@gmail.com or 732-530-7641** to let her know you are planning to go. Johnsonburg needs a list of those who are from PCAS for finances and lodging, so be sure to get your name to Nancy. There is no cost to you since this is being paid for using our generous gift.

You can check out the details of the retreat by clicking on the link at <https://www.campjburg.org/events/womens-fall-retreat/>

For any questions please contact Nancy Vodhanel (info above).

Meeting Schedule Week of August 7th

8	AUG, TUE	● 9:15 – 10:15am	Wisdom Tree Yoga - Chair Yoga Fitness(FH)
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
		● 5 – 7pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
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12	AUG, SAT	● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
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13	AUG, SUN	● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (SR)
		● 11:30am – 12:30pm	Worship Committee (TR)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)