

July 21st, 2024

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

Adagio

Alessandro Marcello

Lighting of the Candle

*Call to Worship

Leader: Neighbors and newcomers, families and strangers,

People: we gather in this place built by God's steadfast love.

Leader: Strugglers and stragglers, pilgrims almost at the end of the journey,

People: each of us seeks to follow Jesus, the compassionate One.

Leader: Builders of bridges in fractured communities, those who stand on either side of walls of fear,

People: the Spirit of faithfulness calls us to live as one people – God's people!

***Hymn** #667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

Call to Confession

Leader: Let us pray together, asking God's mercy and wisdom for our own failure to lend ourselves to a great cause for which we frequently pray:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God of Peace, how often we long for peace without considering your call upon all people to be the starting places for that peace. It will never be magically gifted to us, and yet we wait for it passively. We demand peace without considering that we still use violent language, and permit ourselves a bit of hatred believing it's excusable if we are on the "right" side. We have defined winning as triumph over enemies, neglecting to realize that the heaven we

hope will solve everything will only be heaven for us if we can figure out how to reconcile for all eternity with those whom we chose to divide ourselves against in this life. Give us a better sense of what peace requires, Prince of Peace. Forgive our demands for the peace in which we have not truly believed. Help us to be able to claim peace more fully. Amen.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Let us remember that God is a God of Peace. God is not at war with us as sinners. God is not judging in anger from a heavenly throne. God is on our side, faithful to the covenant promise “I will be your God, and you will be my people”. Working with those who consent, God creates in us a new life of grace and love, a life that grows in enlightenment and peace, a life no longer trapped by the harmful ways that tear us from each other. The blessing is yours if you freely give yourself in faith to the gracious workings of God.

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson: Psalm 133

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Passing the Peace

***Hymn** #372

O for a World

Second Scripture Lesson Romans 12:16-19

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

Sermon “Life Lessons from the Olympics: Peace and Unity”

**Offering
Offertory**

The Lord’s My Shepherd

arr. Gordon Jacob

***Doxology**



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** #340 This Is My Song

Benediction

Postlude

You Shall Go Out With Joy!

Douglas E. Wagner

*The flowers today are dedicated in loving memory of
Cynthia Pietsch by her sister, Linda Zucaro*

Worship Leaders

Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gruening
Organist:	Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth
Music Ministry:	Debbie Vorhees
Liturgist:	Bob Suarez
Ushers:	Diane Suarez
	Cari Suarez
Zoom Hosts:	John Palframan
	Rich Vodhanel
Social Hour:	Nancy & Rich Vodhanel

667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

O for a World

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987
MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839
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This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

22	JUL, MON	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
23	JUL, TUE	● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
		● 5 – 7pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
24	JUL, WED	● 8 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Bible Study (TR)
25	JUL, THU	● 4:45 – 5:45pm	Yoga Small Group - (FH)
		● 7 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani choir practice (FH)
27	JUL, SAT	● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
28	JUL, SUN	● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	"No Joe Show" (SR)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)
		● 6 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Worship (FH)