

# July 9, 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**      The Gift of Love      setting by John Carter

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning  
to waken the earth.

**People: For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees of the field  
shall clap their hands.**

Leader: for you the kings of the earth shall bow, the poor and the  
persecuted shall shout for joy.

**People: Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as the  
morning, sure as the sunrise.**

Leader: Great is your name.

**People: Great is your love.**

**\*Hymn #726**      Will You Come and Follow Me      *music page 4*

### Call to Confession

Leader: Sometimes our faults are not in our actions, but in ways of  
thinking that prevent us from fulfilling our purpose as God's people.  
Let us confess today the false thoughts that cut off what could be  
possible in our pursuit of God's will.

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God of Compassion, we struggle in light of the outrageousness of  
your love. We want to write our own narrower definition because  
yours is too broad. We willingly love aspects of God and certain  
neighbors, but to love all of you and all of them is beyond our  
human capabilities. Or perhaps the sin is that we think so little of  
ourselves and our capabilities to grow in your love. We don't**

**believe we can, and so we protest your command! Help us, therefore, to believe that we can do what you created us to do. Remove from our minds the voice that protests that Godly love is too hard, and replace it with your voice that says “you are perfectly designed to love”.**

### **Moment of Silent Reflection**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

#### **First Scripture Lesson:** 1 Samuel 16:14-23

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 #753** Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

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#### **Second Scripture Lesson** Matthew 20:1-16

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

**Sermon** Outrageous Love: Loving People Hard to Love

#### **Offering**

**Offertory** My Tribute

André Crouch  
Jeni Weber and Sean Starke

#### **\*Doxology**

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn**

Christ, Your Words of Love Confound Us

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**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Here I am Lord

setting by John Carter

**Worship Leaders**

**Pastor:**

**Rev. Katja Gruening**

**Director of Music Ministries:**

**Marcello Velame**

**Liturgist:**

**Kirsten Schanck**

**Music Ministry:**

**Jeni Weber**

**Sean Starke**

**Ushers:**

**Cari Suarez**

**Diane Suarez**

**Rich Vodhanel**

**Zoom Hosts:**

**John Palframan**

**Jim Wright**

**Social Hour:**

**Michele Mackay**

**Diane Suarez**

What's going on here?

A little community art project!

Take 5 minutes after worship, during "No Joe" fellowship in July to add a fish to our collection.

Pick a fabric pattern, pick a fish size, trace it, cut it out to represent yourself.

What's it for?

Find out in August!



# 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

## The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)  
F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?  
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)  
Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> Am7 B<sup>b</sup> Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

# 753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

## Prayer of St. Francis

D Bm A7 D Em A7

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

D Bm G Em A7

there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where  
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where  
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

Em A7 Em7 A7

there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and  
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and  
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

Em A7 D 1 2, 4 (Fine)

where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.  
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

G Em D Bm

3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so

Em A7 D A7 D D7

much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

G Em F#m Bm

un-der-stood as to un-der-stand, to be

E E7 A E A A7

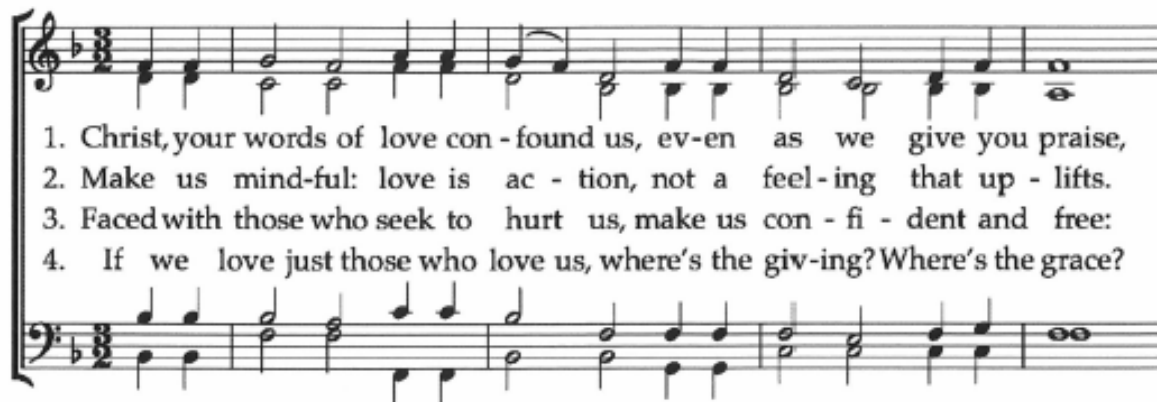
loved as to love with all my soul.

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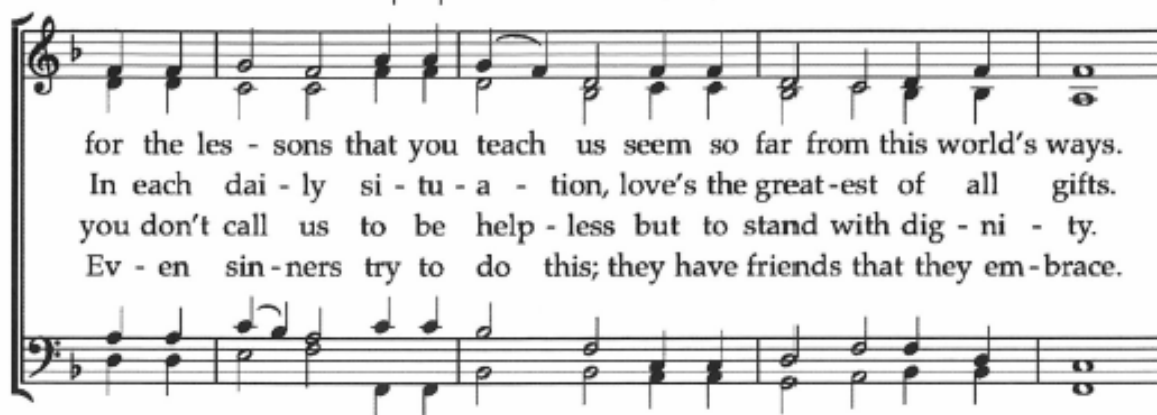
# Christ, Your Words of Love Confound Us

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2019

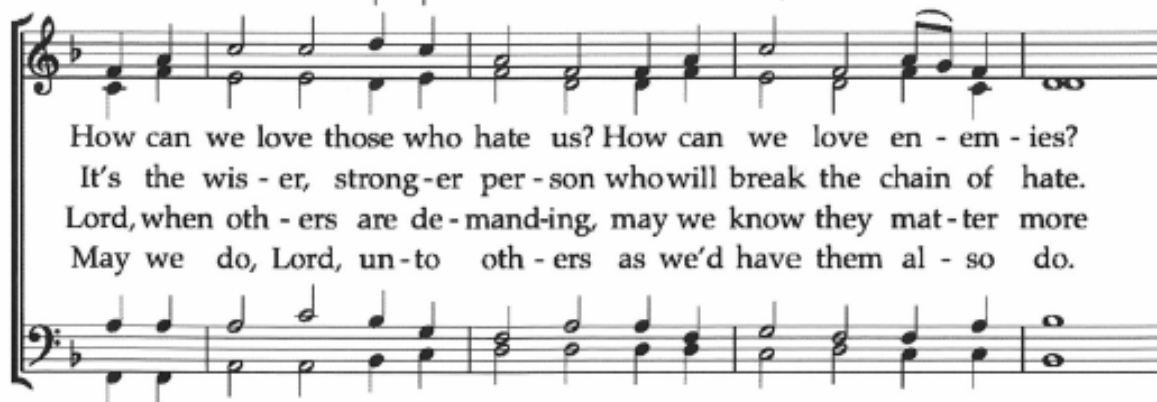
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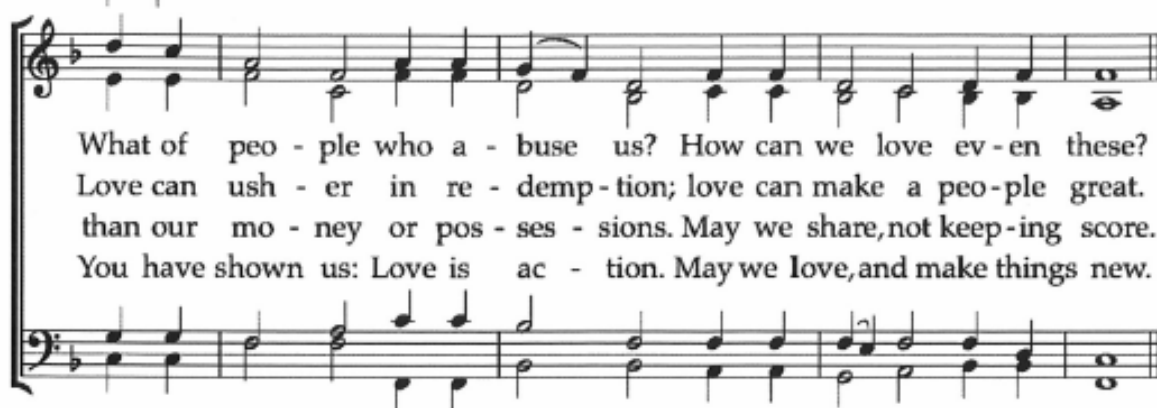
1. Christ, your words of love con - found us, ev - en as we give you praise,  
2. Make us mind - ful: love is ac - tion, not a feel - ing that up - lifts.  
3. Faced with those who seek to hurt us, make us con - fi - dent and free:  
4. If we love just those who love us, where's the giv - ing? Where's the grace?



for the les - sons that you teach us seem so far from this world's ways.  
In each dai - ly si - tu - a - tion, love's the great - est of all gifts.  
you don't call us to be help - less but to stand with dig - ni - ty.  
Ev - en sin - ners try to do this; they have friends that they em - brace.



How can we love those who hate us? How can we love en - em - ies?  
It's the wis - er, strong - er per - son who will break the chain of hate.  
Lord, when oth - ers are de - mand - ing, may we know they mat - ter more  
May we do, Lord, un - to oth - ers as we'd have them al - so do.



What of peo - ple who a - buse us? How can we love ev - en these?  
Love can ush - er in re - demp - tion; love can make a peo - ple great.  
than our mo - ney or pos - ses - sions. May we share, not keep - ing score.  
You have shown us: Love is ac - tion. May we love, and make things new.



**Do you enjoy a nice stroll on a beautiful evening?**

Pastor Katja invites you to come walk with her - 4th Wednesdays in the summer: June 28th, July 26th, and August 23rd.

Meet at Parking Lot B in Sandy Hook at 7pm. Parking is free in the beach lots after 6pm.

Fresh air, views, a bit of movement, and whatever you want to talk about!

We'll stick to the walking path unless everyone wants to walk on the sand.

We'll aim for a half-hour walk, and those who want to keep going or stay for sunset can keep going!

**Meeting Schedule Week of July 10h**

10	JUL, MON	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga - Gentle Floor Yoga(FH)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
11	JUL, TUE	● 9 – 10:30am	Zoom Bible Study
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga - Chair Yoga Fitness(FH)
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
		● 5 – 7pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
		● 7 – 8:30pm	Dorcas ( offsite)
12	JUL, WED	● 9:15 – 10:15am	Yoga Small Group - (FH)
		● 7:30 – 9:30pm	P&A Meeting (ZOOM)
13	JUL, THU	● 11am – 4pm	Bridge Group (FH)
15	JUL, SAT	● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
16	JUL, SUN	● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (SR)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)