

May 12th, 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

Minute for Fellowship

Linda Zucaro

Prelude Meditation on "Lord I Want to Be a Christian"

Sandra Eithun

Lighting of the Candle

*Call to Worship

Leader: Show us your ways, O Lord! Lead us in your truth, and teach us.

People: Open our eyes, minds, and hearts to know your will and to follow it.

Leader: Reveal your vision for us, and keep us focused and faithful to what you would have us do.

People: Bring us together to worship and work for your purpose, and move us forward into your future. Amen.

*Hymn #645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Call to Confession

Leader: We live in tension between how things are and how things should be. We confess today that we don't always live faithfully in that tension. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, we understand that it is a sin to be complicit with evil in the world. We also understand that it is a sin to create false peace by isolating from what disturbs us. But we confess to having no idea how to faithfully engage the world around us. Lord, how do we live faithful to Christ when there are wolves among the

sheep, and thorns on the roses? How do we keep loving, showing mercy and extending your peace when there are constant provocations? How do we neither hide from what is distressing, nor go-along to get-along? We do not wish to live in ignorance or do what we hate. Give us the wisdom and courage to walk by faith in the world which is our life and our home. Keep sending Christ to show us the way. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer of Illumination

Leader: Hear the good news: We are not saved by our own efforts, but by God's great love for us. God's love shapes us, nurtures us, and believes in us even when we sin. God's love forgives and opens up new opportunities to live in freedom and peace. Receive God's love, and believe in what it can do for you.

First Scripture Lesson: Psalm 1:1-6

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church

Passing the Peace

***Hymn #829** My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Second Scripture Lesson John 17:6-19

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

Sermon "Living Faithfully in the Tension"

Offering

Offertory Waltz No. 2

Shostakovich/Williams
Jubilee Bells

***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**

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.

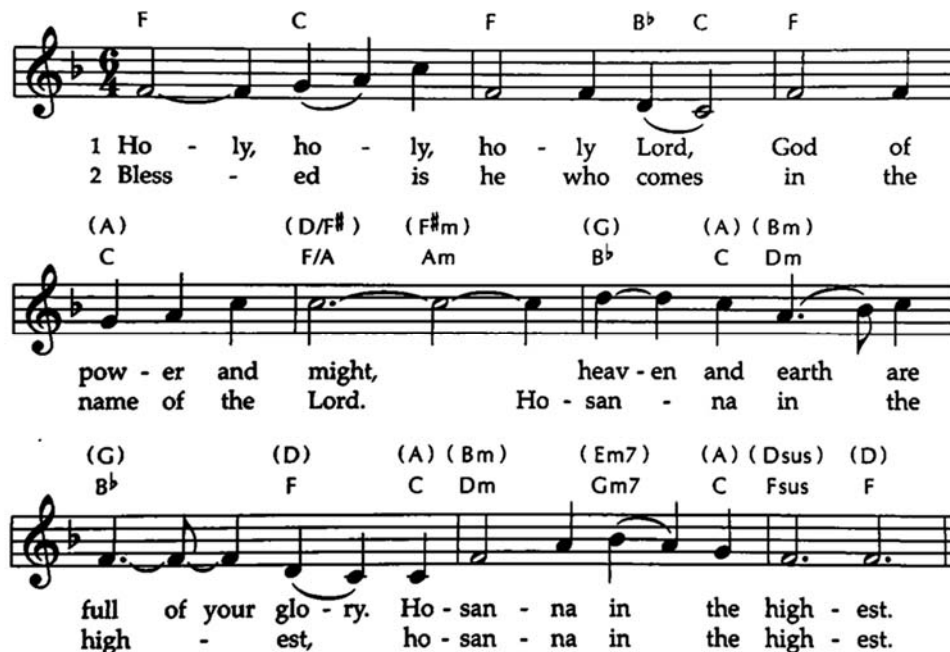
People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

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^b 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^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.

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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.

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)

Risen Lord, you accompany us and give us grace and strength for living faithfully right here, right now, amidst both beauty and brokenness. Send us out prepared to live as your people in this our world. Amen.

***Hymn #846** Fight the Good Fight

Benediction

Postlude Starry, Starry Night

McLean/Mallory
Jubilee Bells

*The flowers today are in celebration of
Heather Palframan's birthday!*

Worship Leaders

Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gruening
Director of Music Ministries:	Marcello Velame
Liturgist:	John Andia
Music Ministry:	Jubilee Bells
Ushers:	Steve Aquilina
	Sue Starke
	Jim Wright
Zoom Hosts:	John Palframan
	Rich Vodhanel
Social Hour:	The Men's Group

**SIGN UP NOW FOR THE POTLUCK WELCOME DINNER
WITH THE IGREJA PRESBITERIANA GETHSEMANE
MAY 19 AT 4:00PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

The long-awaited welcome dinner for our Brazilian friends is finally happening. Come join us for a true potluck dinner to share American and Brazilian cuisine and get to know our Brazilian Presbyterian friends.

Sign up to bring a main dish, salad, side or dessert on the poster in the Church House foyer or on Sign up Genius online or call or email the church office.

Bring your favorite potluck dish and enjoy the mix of American and Brazilian food.

May 19 is Pentecost so what better way to celebrate than with another Presbyterian church?



645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

mur - mur stilled:
 all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 cho - sen band:
 take your part:

My Faith Looks Up to Thee 829

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way; nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Originally a poem of private reflection, this text was offered to the composer when he asked the author if he had written anything that could be set to music for a new hymn and tune collection. This was the first tune written for these words and has proved the most enduring.

Fight the Good Fight

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1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
 God's bound-less mer - cy will pro - vide.
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning "struggle" or "grapple" or "wrestle." The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1-2).

13	MAY, MON	● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
14	MAY, TUE	● 9 – 10:30am	Zoom Bible Study
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
		● 5 – 7pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
		● 7 – 8:30pm	Dorcas (FH and Kitchen)
15	MAY, WED	● 7:30 – 9pm	Session Meeting (O)
		● 8 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Bible Study (TR)
16	MAY, THU	● 4:45 – 5:45pm	Yoga Small Group - (FH)
		● 6 – 7pm	Bells (SR)
		● 7 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani choir practice (FH)
18	MAY, SAT	● 2 – 7pm	Eagle Scout ceremony (FH)
		● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
19	MAY, SUN	● 8:45 – 9:30am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday School
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 4 – 6pm	PCAS & Gethsemani Potluck (FH)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)
		● 6 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Worship (FH)