

September 22nd, 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 God Renew Us By Your Spirit setting by Dale Wood

Lighting of the Candle

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We have walked with you, O God,
from many parts of the world to this time and place.

**People: And we will walk with you, O God,
into the world to serve all people.**

Leader: We leave behind our old securities;
we leave behind our reliance on worldly goods.

**People: And we will walk with you, O God,
into the world to live with all people.**

Leader: We leave behind all which holds us back;
we leave behind all which keeps us from following you.

**People: And we will walk with you, O God,
into the world to work with all people.**

Leader: We leave behind the fears which bind us;
we leave behind the hurts which damage us.

**People: And we will walk with you, O God,
into the peace you offer to all people.**

***Hymn #310 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord**

Call to Confession

Leader: We desire and hope for a world transformed by God's grace and love, but we have to confess that we want that to happen for us more so than with us. We pray today to speak with God about that obstacle and see how we can overcome it.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

We are torn, Sovereign God, between the kingdom of this world and the kingdom you invite us into. We find it hard to invest ourselves fully in a life of Christian discipleship. We seek the benefits of your kingdom when they serve us - when we need forgiveness, when we need healing, when we need reassurance, but when you ask us to serve so that others too might benefit, we find it hard to commit. The demands of the kingdom of this world are great and immediate, and we confess, most often our priority. We believe in your vision. We pray for the courage to follow through. Amen.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." (Mark 1:14-15). What an opportunity! The time is fulfilled, right now the door is open to live in a world of good news! Believe and act and be part of that good news. Nothing you have done that is not part of God's vision for the world will follow you as you follow Jesus into his kingdom and into God's holy work. Everyone is invited. The door is open.

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson: Mark 1: 14-15 (page 35 NT)

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 #370** This is My Father’s World

Second Scripture Lesson Mark 4: 30-32 (page 38 NT)
This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon “Meet Jesus Again: His Message”

Offering
Offertory What a Friend We Have in Jesus setting by Shelly Houser

***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 #265** Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun

***Benediction**

Postlude Be Thou My Vision Setting by David Lasky

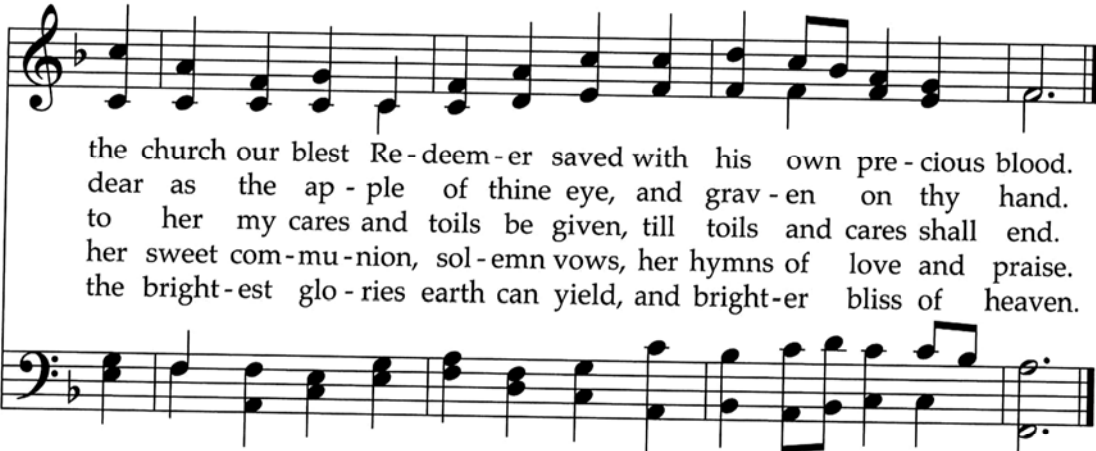
Worship Leaders

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| Pastor: | Rev. Katja Gruening |
| Director of Music Ministries: | Marcello Velame |
| Liturgist: | Sue Starke |
| Ushers: | Peter Bruguere |
| | Rich Vodhanel |
| Zoom Hosts: | John Palframan |
| | Jim Wright |
| Social Hour: | Deacons |

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord 310



1 I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,
2 I love thy church, O God. Her walls be - fore thee stand,
3 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers as - cend;
4 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways:
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given



the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

One of the oldest American hymn texts in continuous use, this paraphrase of Psalm 137 was created by a president of Yale University while compiling a popular revision of Watts's *Psalms of David*. The arranger of the tune was the clerk of a Presbyterian church in London.

TEXT: Timothy Dwight, 1800
MUSIC: *The Universal Psalmist*, 1763; adapt. Aaron Williams, 1770

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This Is My Father's World 370

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for - get that

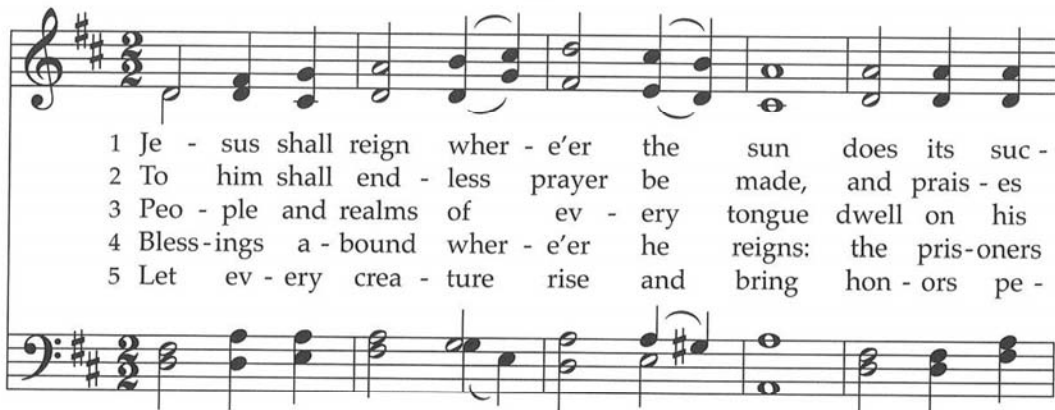
na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat - tle is not done: Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

When pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, the author of this text referred to his morning walks as "going out to see my Father's world." The tune created for these words is based on an English melody the composer learned from his mother when he was a boy.

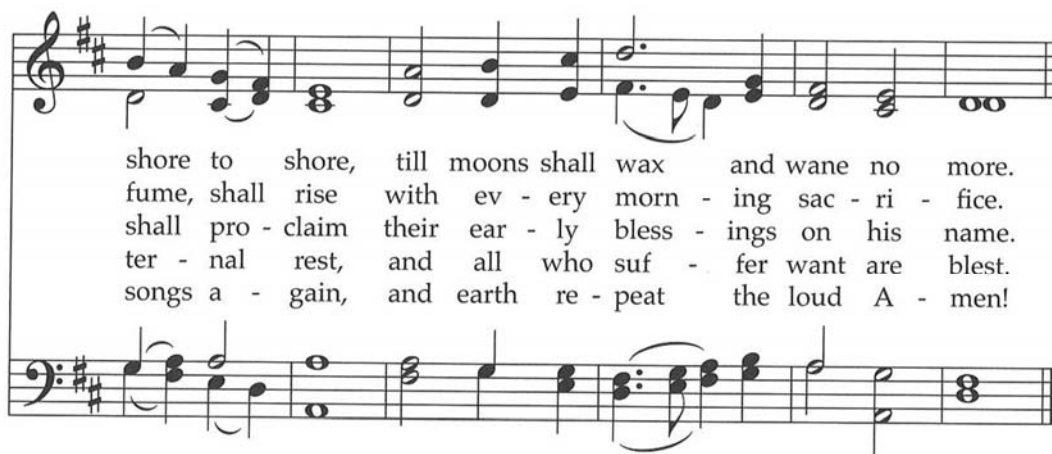
265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5-19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

Gravestone Cleaning Day!

The Monmouth Country chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution will be cleaning historical grave markers in our cemetery and in Christ Church's cemetery on Saturday, Oct. 5th, 10am-12pm.

They cleaned some last fall, and are coming back to do some more! They would welcome your help!

They provide instructions on how to clean the historical markers so as to not damage them, and provide the supplies.

Leave at noon if you wish, or bring a bag lunch, and join them to eat picnic style in the cemetery.

Let the church office know if you want to help, so they can plan to have enough supplies. If you know any youth in need of community service hours - please share the opportunity!

Coffee Hour Volunteers Need!

The Fellowship committee is looking for volunteers to host coffee hour on the following Sundays:

- September 29th
- October 27th
- December 29th

Paper products, coffee, tea, milk, half & half, water, and juice are provided. You just need to provide the treats. Maybe ask a friend and pair up! Thank you! Please let the office know if you can volunteer.

44th RED BANK CROP WALK
SUNDAY OCTOBER 20th
Registration: 1:00pm
Walk: 2:00pm
RED BANK REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Forty four years! What a tradition. And our church has participated every year. Some parts of the walk have changed with time, but the goal of helping the hungry at home and around the world has not.

One change - Christ Church Shrewsbury and St. John's Little Silver have set up their own online teams. We still plan to look for our neighbors at the walk.

Second change – Some of us walking that day plan to walk 3 miles instead of the full 5 miles, including me who used to “run” the walk.

Third Change - We are also doing more of our fundraising online. Below is the link to our Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury fighting hunger online team. You can use this link to sign up as a walker or as a sponsor.

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/three-churches-pcas-christ-church-st-johns-together-fighting-hunger>

Not ready for giving online. You can send a check to the church office with CWS/Crop on the memo line. I will make sure your check goes to the Crop Walk treasure.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A BETTER WORLD!

23	SEP, MON	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Youth Bells (SR)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
24	SEP, TUE	● 9 – 10:30am	Zoom Bible Study
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
		● 5 – 7pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
25	SEP, WED	● 8 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Bible Study (TR)
26	SEP, THU	● 4:45 – 5:45pm	Yoga Small Group - (FH)
		● 6 – 7pm	Jubilee Bells (SR)
		● 7 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani choir practice (FH)
		● 7:30 – 9pm	Boy Scout Leader Mtg (FH)
28	SEP, SAT	● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
29	SEP, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)
		● 6 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Worship (FH)