



The Presbyterian Church on the Hill
11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 25, 2019
10:15 a.m.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

As we gather, please spend time in silent reflection in preparation for worship.

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Intermezzo”

Reinhold Gliere

Brian Strohmetz, French Horn soloist

▲ CALL TO WORSHIP

Randy Stolze, liturgist

Come, all you who are struggling.

Come, all you who are crippled by pain and suffering.

Come to worship a God who heals your pain.

Come to worship a God who gives forgiveness.

Let us worship God, who sets us free and gives us new life!

▲ HYMN 386

“Come, Worship God!”

O QUANTA QUALIA

▲ *If you are able, please stand.*

GATHERING PRAYER (unison)

**O God of goodness, you welcome us, forgive us and heal us.
You seek us out from places where we have hidden from you.
You free us from our burdens and promise us refuge.
Help us to put aside today's worries and tomorrow's fears,
that we may worship and trust in your presence today. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our merciful God knows everything about us, and knows us better than we know ourselves. Knowing that God wants us to be fully ourselves, let us join in our prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**We come to you in humility, O God,
weighed down by the power of our burdens.
We want to trust you and experience your love.
Send us your grace and set us free from the burden of sin. Help
us to recognize your love and your grace, which does indeed
set us free. Thank you, God, for forgiveness which is new each
day. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

Continue in silent prayers of confession.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Come to worship a God who gives forgiveness.
Let us worship God, who sets us free and gives us new life!
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

▲ PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.

▲ SUNG RESPONSE - HYMN 581 "Gloria Patri"

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

LIFE ON THE HILL

Please sign the red fellowship pad in your pew, closest the center aisle and provide the information requested. Please pass it down your pew and back again.

SOLO

“Morning Has Broken”

arr. Brant Adams

Brian Strohmetz, French Horn soloist

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children up to age 10 are invited to the chancel steps for a brief message.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” ⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.” ⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

Psalm 71:1-6

¹In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

²In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

³Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

⁴Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

⁵For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

⁶Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother’s womb. My praise is continually of you.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

SERMON

“Disabled, But Not Really”

Pastor Julie

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

▲ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission.

His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.

His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.

His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

▲ PRESENTING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY

“He Leadeth Me”

arr. Brant Adams

▲ DOXOLOGY – HYMN 710 “We Lift Our Voices” OFFERING

We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASTORAL PRAYERS and THE LORD'S PRAYER

If you are in need of pastoral care or a listening ear, please contact Pastor Julie or one of our Stephen Ministry Coordinators Deanne Nirider (281)744-1054 or Rick Degurski (908)309-2378.

**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.**

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

▲ HYMN 547 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” AR HYD Y NOS

▲ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

▲ POSTLUDE

Our worship has ended – now our service begins.

We invite you to join us for refreshments on the front porch after worship.

The Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my husband Robert Kemble Wright by Wilma Wright.

The first basket of flowers is given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Barbara and Stephen Lofthouse on August 30, 2019.

The second basket of flowers is given by Letitia and Ralph Jensen to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Letitia and Albert Acheson.

Serving Today

Worship Preparation: Letitia Jensen

Greeters: Ed and Sharon Fix

Ushers: Team 1: Rick Degurski, Capt., Jon Black, Helen Brandstetter, Jackie Colin, Chris Tobin

Nursery Volunteer: Jamie Montero

Fellowship Hosts: Sharon and Ed Fix

Flower Team: Robin Compoly, Shirley Carle

Trustee Duty: Sharon Fix, Maureen Bonney

Notes from Dr. Jeff

Thanks to French Horn soloist Brian Strohmetz for sharing his talents with us once again. Brian teaches instrumental music in the Toms River school system. Brian, it's always a pleasure having you here at PCOH.

Next Sunday is congregational choir at 9:45 am.

LIFE ON THE HILL

This Week:

Wednesday, August 28, 10am. Nominating Committee

Opportunities to Give, Grow, Serve:

(See sign-up sheets on tables in back of the sanctuary.)



WORSHIP

- **Be a Greeter:** Welcome our members and guests to worship.
- **Be a Liturgist:** Help lead worship by reading prayers and scripture provided by Wednesday the previous week.
- **Fund a flower arrangement:** Give flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Sign-up on bulletin board near church office

EDUCATION

- **Adult Study Group:** Study *Stories Jesus Told: How to Read a Parable* by Greg Carey and enjoy lunch together with this twice monthly group. Begins Thursday, Sept. 26 at 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 pm.
- **Men on Hill:** Join this monthly group to study Andy Stanley's *Irresistible* and enjoy fellowship together. Pre-ordered books labeled on back table in sanctuary. Contact Wally French to order a book.
- **Women's Bible Fellowship** will be meeting every third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm beginning on September 17, 2019.

FELLOWSHIP

- **Host Fellowship Time Host:** Set up, provide, serve and clean up refreshments on the porch.

MISSION

- **Donate food:** Bring non-perishable food items to give to Trinity Church Saturday Soup Kitchen. Bring your extra meals to church to give to The Center in Asbury Park
- **Saturday Soup Kitchen:** Volunteers needed for Saturday, September 7, from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church in Asbury Park. Sign-up sheet on rear table in back of sanctuary.

CHURCH ON THE HILL is a diverse, inclusive community of God's people whose faith is led by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We welcome, love, and empower all persons to become constructive, affirming thinkers, filled with hope, making a difference in the world. Armed with forgiveness and understanding in the knowledge that "God alone is Lord of the conscience" we will move forward in an ever-changing culture and world.

STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

Julie D. Thompson, TRANSITIONAL PASTOR

Dr. Jeff Unger, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST

Jackie Colin, ADMIN. ASSISTANT/OFFICE SUPERVISOR

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Michael Compoly, TREASURER

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Linda Klose, Del Kunert, Deanne Nirider, Anne Pagnoni,
Michael Ryan, Julie Thompson (Moderator), Chris Tobin

Deacons:

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