

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL  
PHILADELPHIA**



*Laura James, Jesus Feeds the 5000, 1996*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**August 2, 2020**

**10:00 a.m.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Isaiah 55)

Leader: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

**People: Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.**

Leader: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

**People: Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.**

Leader: Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

**All: Let us worship God!**

**INVOCATION**

HYMN

### Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

SURREY, 8.8.8.8.88

Henry Carey, 1723

1. Come, O thou trav-el - er un-known whom still I hold but can - not see;  
2. I need not tell thee who I am, my mis - er - y and sin de - clare;  
3. Yield to me now, for I am weak, but con - fi - dent in self - de - spair;  
4. 'Tis love! 'tis love, thou diedst for me; I hear thy whis - per in my heart;

1. my com - pa - ny be - fore is gone, and I am left a - lone with thee;  
2. thy - self hast called me by my name, look on thy hands and read it there;  
3. speak to my heart, in bless - ings speak; be con - quered by my in - stant prayer;  
4. the morn - ing breaks, the shad - ows flee, pure u - ni - ver - sal love thou art!

1. with thee all night I mean to stay and wres - tle till the break of day.  
2. but who, I ask thee, who art thou? Tell me thy name and tell me now.  
3. speak or thou nev - er hence shalt move, and tell me if thy name is love.  
4. To me, to all, thy mer - cies move; thy na - ture and thy name is love.

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Wrestle with us, O God of Israel, and yield your blessing. As we encounter your word this day, feed us as you once fed the multitudes. Incline our ears to listen so that we might live. Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALTER

Psalm 17:1-7, 16

PLAINSONG

Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;  
give heed to my cry;  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

Let my vindication come forth from your presence;  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.

Weigh my heart, summon me by night,  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

I give no offense with my mouth as others do;  
I have heeded the words of your lips.

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law;  
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.

Show me your marvelous loving-kindness,  
O savior of those who take refuge at your right hand  
from those who rise up against them.

But at my vindication I shall see your face;  
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

## GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

"Fish and Limps"

Austin Crenshaw Shelley

## ANTHEM

*Be Thou Faithful Unto Death*  
from "*St. Paul*"

Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809-1847)

Be thou faithful unto death,  
and I will give to thee a crown of life.  
Be not afraid, my help is nigh.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER** (unison)

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.

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Brian Russo, Associate Pastor; Austin Crenshaw Shelley, Associate Pastor; John Wilkinson, Pastor

**LITURGIST:** Kate Houston

**MUSIC:** Steven Williamson, soloist; Ken Lovett, organist

**Church Staff**

John Wilkinson, *Pastor*

Brian D. Russo, *Associate Pastor for Youth and Senior Adults*

Austin Crenshaw Shelley, *Associate Pastor for Christian Education*

Daniel Spratlan, *Director of Music*

Ken Lovett, *Organist/Associate Director of Music*

Esther Cole, *Church Administrator*

Carla James, *Director, Preschool*

Mariangela Saavedra, *Director, Center on the Hill*

Leslie A. Lefer, *Communications Coordinator*

Evelyn F. Carpenter, *Administrative Assistant*

Felix Delgado, *Sexton*

Owintier Charles, *Sunday Sexton*

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## THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



### ***Weekend of Sharing***

#### ***No-Contact Donation Drop-Off***

>Saturday, August 15,  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

>Sunday, August 16,  
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### ***Service of Evening Prayer (Outdoor, Social-Distanced)***

>Sunday, August 16, 5:00 p.m.  
RSVP at the church office,  
215.247.8855 or  
ecarpenter@chestnuthillpres.org

### ***Join us...***

#### ***We will be collecting for the following...***

(Details on reverse side)

>Backpacks for Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network (PIHN)

>School supplies for Community Partnership School

>Pantry supplies for Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry and PIHN

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#### ***On-site Volunteer Opportunities...***

(Details on reverse side)

>West Kensington Ministry

>Face to Face Germantown

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#### ***Red Cross Blood Drive at PCCH***

>Sunday, August 9, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

>Wednesday, August 19, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sign up on the Red Cross website to donate blood. If you would like to volunteer to help at the drive (four volunteers are needed each day), please contact Liz Podraza at [lizpodraza@gmail.com](mailto:lizpodraza@gmail.com).

### ***Weekend of Sharing: The Details...***

- Saturday, August 15, 2020, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon
- Sunday, August 16, 2020, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Service of Evening Prayer, Sunday, August 16, 5:00 p.m. (RSVP at the church office)

No-contact drop-off at the church. If you are unable to drop off items and would like to arrange a pickup, contact Melissa Montgomery at 610-506-0898 or at melissamon70@yahoo.com.

To make a monetary donation, you can use the Give Now button on our website, or send a check to the church, made out to PCCH with the name of the mission partner in the memo line.

If you would like to help at the church drop-off or with supply pick-up, please contact Melissa.

***Backpacks for Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network.*** Please fill one (or more) child-sized backpacks with school supplies. These backpacks are distributed to children within PIHN's program to assist those dealing with transitional homelessness.

***School supplies for Community Partnership School.*** An independent school in North Philadelphia committed to providing a high-quality education to children and their families from surrounding neighborhoods.

Supplies: Hand sanitizer (any size container); cleaning wipes; individual packages of crayons, markers, colored pencils, No. 2 pencils, scissors, glue sticks, composition notebooks. Donated funds will be used to purchase microphones for the faculty. If we return to remote learning, we will be purchasing Wi-Fi hotspots for families without Internet access.

***Pantry supplies for Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry and PIHN.*** Shelf-stable pantry items (no glass please!) including hearty soups, pasta, rice, canned meat and fish, and vegetables. PIHN is also in need of feminine hygiene products for women and teens.

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### ***On-Site Volunteer Opportunities with Our Mission Partners***

If you have time this summer, and feel comfortable serving in these settings (which are observing social distancing practices), please consider these opportunities:

***West Kensington Ministry.*** WKM has reserved Wednesdays as the day for partner churches to volunteer. This could include unloading trucks, sorting food, or distribution to the neighbors. Reach out to Adan Mairena at [adan.mairena@gmail.com](mailto:adan.mairena@gmail.com).

***Face to Face Germantown.*** Face to Face has begun allowing a limited number of volunteers on site to assist with their food distribution. Volunteers must go through an additional screening prior to volunteering. Opportunities include preparing food in the kitchen, distribution of food or working in the garden. Please visit [www.facetofacegermantown.org](http://www.facetofacegermantown.org) to sign up.



## **SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER**

**Sunday, August 16, 5:00 p.m.**

Gathered on the side yard of the church, we will hold a brief, informal, OUTDOOR service of Evening Prayer on *Sunday, August 16 at 5:00 p.m.* (This follows Day 2 of our Weekend of Sharing.) We will throw open the sanctuary windows and Ken Lovett's organ music will accompany us. We will arrange chairs outside with social distancing guidelines in mind, and we ask you to wear a mask, please. There is no limit to the seating, but to help us in our planning, please let us know you're coming by calling Evelyn Carpenter at the church office or email [ecarpenter@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:ecarpenter@chestnuthillpres.org). While we're not yet ready to resume in-person worship in the sanctuary, join us (as your comfort level allows) for this opportunity to pray together.

## **ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES**

Wednesday – Bible Study, 12:00 noon, Facebook Live

Friday – Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m., Facebook Live

Visit our website [www.chestnuthillpres.org](http://www.chestnuthillpres.org) and our Facebook page regularly for updates and events. Let us know if you have prayer concerns.

## **PCCH BOOK CLUB**

Following the successful experience with “Just Mercy,” our next book we will read and discuss together is “Between the World and Me” by Ta-Nehesi Coates, an extended letter from a father to his son. Read the book this summer; discussion dates will be announced for September.

## **PCCH VIRTUAL ART GALLERY**

You can still visit the inaugural exhibition of our PCCH Virtual Gallery, on view now! Our first works are from practicing artists in our midst. Information and commentary accompany each piece. You can visit the gallery on the church's website at <https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/gallery/pcch-virtual-gallery/>. Take a stroll through the gallery and enjoy!

Our second exhibition will soon be up, but it's not too late to participate. Theme: “Rhythms.” We are in a time of striving to stick to a rhythm in our lives, to keep going in the sameness of our days at home, but also striving for ways to insert some surprise and wonder into those days. Other rhythms are evident in our current world that are a driving force behind seeking peace and justice. Let your own connection to rhythm inspire you! It's not too late for the Rhythms show. Please send us your images THIS WEEK! Your images should be in a .jpg file format with a resolution of 72 dpi (dots per inch). If you have any questions about what or how to submit, please email us at [pcchvirtualgallery@gmail.com](mailto:pcchvirtualgallery@gmail.com).

On behalf of the PCCH Music & Arts Committee, Laura Madeleine and Rebecca Thornburgh

## **ZOOM BIBLE STORY AND CHECK-IN OVER LUNCH FOR PCCH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

We will meet on Zoom for a Bible story and check in over lunch every other Friday through the beginning of September. We'll meet at 12:00 noon. Hope to “see” you any Friday you can join us.

**August 14, August 28 and September 11, 2020**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87351340540?pwd=bHNRZjFvWi9yV0hiRmFncWNpczF6dz09>

Meeting ID: 873 5134 0540

Password: 369074

Be in touch with Austin Shelley if you have questions: [ashelley@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:ashelley@chestnuthillpres.org)

## **CENTER ON THE HILL**

Center on the Hill- NEW online programming such as interactive games, virtual tours, fitness workouts, art classes, activities, lectures and much more are created and posted Monday-Friday at Noon on our programs page here: [www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs/](http://www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs/).

Community Resources are still being updated regularly and can be found here:

[www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/community-resources/](http://www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/community-resources/). **Newly added content this week:** A 5-minute wall workout from Silver Sneakers; virtual art exhibit about the Civil Rights Movement from the High Museum of Art in Atlanta; how to get started scrapbooking; online jigsaw puzzles; watch and learn about the history of Willow Grove Park; nutrition workshop healthy cooking demonstration with Kirsten; new rounds of the interactive trivia game *I Should Have Known That...!*; and new episodes of *Tell Me Something Good!* with special guests. Visit our pages often to stay active and stay connected.

## **SAVE THE DATE: KENTUCKY DERBY WATCH PARTIES**

**Saturday, September 5**

The coronavirus caused the Kentucky Derby to be postponed and our annual church party along with it. The Derby will now be held on Saturday, September 5. The Church Life Committee is organizing a series of remote “watch parties” where smaller groups of people can gather outdoors and socially distance, with appropriate attire, and view the race. We will connect various locations through the miracles of technology. Many details to come, but please let the committee know if you are open to hosting a small gathering OR if you have particular technology skills to help us in our planning.

Contact [PCCHchurchlife@gmail.com](mailto:PCCHchurchlife@gmail.com) for more information, and get your party attire ready!

## **AN INVITATION TO STAY CONNECTED TO PCCH**

PCCH is an active community with many opportunities to stay engaged, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. With that in mind we wanted to make sure you were aware of all the ways you can electronically stay connected and learn what’s going on at PCCH.

Did you know that PCCH now has a YouTube page? We are slowly building our YouTube page content and we’re delighted to house our weekly virtual Cantatas and Chamber Music series there as well as the liturgy to recognize and celebrate recent graduates. Please check out our page <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC24kk0wlA3VaQdn8TN-s5sQ>. (You can also access the YouTube via our website’s homepage. Just scroll down the homepage and it’s on the lower left-hand side.

Another way we try to keep you informed is through our weekly emails. Each week we send out an “On Faith” email on Monday mornings and on Friday afternoon we send out a “Sunday Worship Update and Announcements” email sharing upcoming activities and events. If


you have not been receiving these weekly emails, please contact Leslie Lefer, our Communications Coordinator, at [communications@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:communications@chestnuthillpres.org) so she can add you to our distribution list.

And of course you can always check out our website [www.chestnuthillpres.org](http://www.chestnuthillpres.org). Besides clicking on the “Watch” button on Sunday mornings to enjoy the worship service, take a moment to look around the website to learn about the variety of interactive programming at the Center on the Hill during this time of social distancing. You will also see that our Social Witness Committee is still very busy trying to raise awareness and funds for our partners providing direct relief to our neighbors in need.

And finally don't forget our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/PCChestnutHill>. There you can find out about the latest goings on and watch Wednesday's Bible Study Live at noon, Friday's Morning Prayer Live at 7:30 a.m., and much, much more.

### **UPDATE ON ONLINE GIVING AT PCCH**

PCCH has partnered with the Presbyterian Foundation to securely process your electronic giving, whether through your computer or smartphone. These options can save you—and the church office—time!

If you wish to make a tax-deductible gift, please use this Give Now button  (also on our website) to set up new one-time, or recurring gifts.

The Presbyterian Foundation also offers the GivePlus Church app which is available through the App Store and Google Play. Search for “GivePlus Church” to download the app. GivePlus Church is free to download and there are no fees to make a donation.