THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 29, 2021 10:00 a.m.

> Inch by inch, row by row, gonna make this garden grow. All it takes is a rake and a hoe and a piece of fertile ground.

Inch by inch, row by row, someone bless these seeds I sow. Someone warm them from below, 'til the rain comes tumbling down.

> ~ David Mallett Garden Song

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 29, 2021 10:00 a.m.

The beginning of the opening voluntary is a call to silent, personal meditation. Please silence all electronic devices as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

Thank you for continuing to wear a face mask to support our children and those with health concerns.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in C minor

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

INTROIT

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADER'S HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down, thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 15)

Leader:

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

People:

Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,

and speak the truth from their heart;

Leader:

who do not slander with their tongue,

and do no evil to their friends,

nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

People:

in whose eyes the wicked are despised,

but who honor those who fear the Lord;

Leader:

who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

People:

who do not lend money at interest,

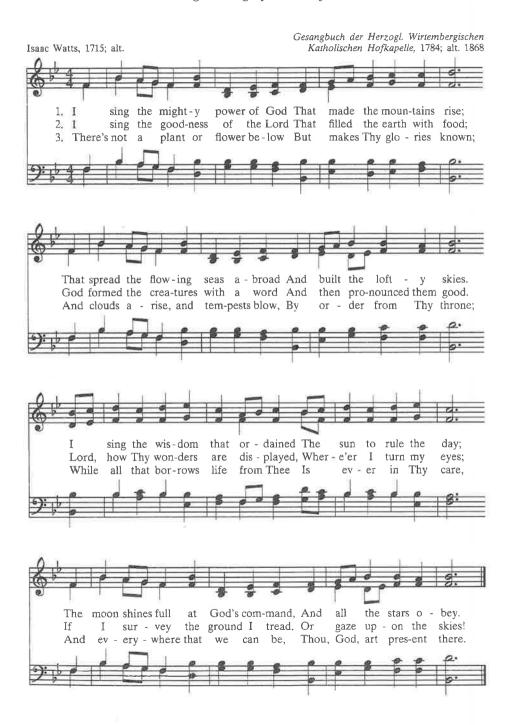
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Leader:

Those who do these things—

People:

shall never be moved.



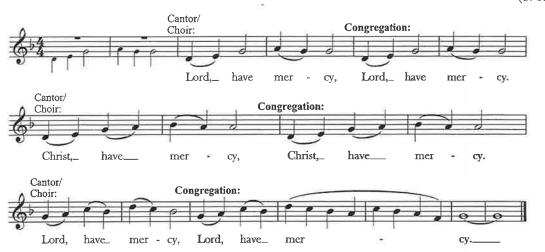
PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and turned from our neighbors. We have denied bearing the troubles of others. We have ignored the pain of the world.

O God, in your great mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

Kile Smith (b. 1956)



PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

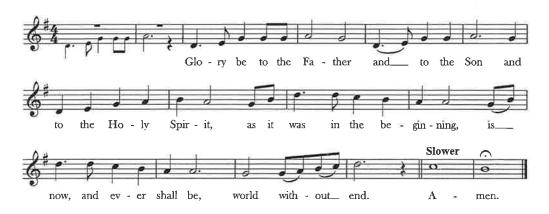
Leader:

Friends, believe the good news.

People:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI Smith



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Draw us close, merciful God, as your word is read and proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately

forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Leader:

Holy wisdom, holy word.

People:

Thanks be to God.

PSALTER Psalm 15 PLAINSONG

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

In his sight the wicked is rejected, but he honors those who fear the Lord.

He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word.

He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

Children through fifth grade may process to the Chapel to meet for the Gathering.

HYMN (seated) TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way, Through this and every coming day, That in your Spirit strong and true, Our lives may be our gift to you.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Leader:

Holy wisdom, holy word.

People:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Word Implanted, Deed Cultivated"

John Wilkinson



The text was commissioned in 1987 by Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, where it has continued to be used each Sunday as the offertory response. The triune activity of God as Creator (line 1), Savior (line 2), and Sustainer (line 7) enables and inspires our thanks and praise.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

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

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.

OFFERING

Offering plates are available at each sanctuary door, where you may share your offering, as you enter or depart. You may continue to send pledges and other gifts to the church office, or give online. Thank you for your support.

OFFERTORY SOLO

Nightstone

Arnold Rosner (1945-2013)

My beloved spoke and said to me, "Rise up, my love, my fair one, come away. For lo, the winter is past; the rains are over and gone. The flowers appear in the earth; the time of singing is come."

*DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader:

The Lord be with you.

People:

And also with you.

Leader:

Let us pray.

All:

Eternal God, author and giver of all good things, as you have planted in our hearts the love of your name, so increase in us all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works. Bless our gifts and our giving,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Congregation standing

LEADING WORSHIP: John Wilkinson, Pastor; Taylor Slaughter, Liturgist

MUSIC: Katy Avery, soloist; Ken Lovett, organist

GREETERS: Elder: Kate Houstoun; Deacon: Cynthia Hillsley

USHERS: Joan Demme and Kevin Raphael

FLOWER GUILD: Diane Cornely and Grace Stewart

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Levi and Henry Yinger, grandsons of Sue and Dick Brown.

WELCOME TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL!

Whether you are a first-time guest, regular visitor, or long-time member, we are grateful for your presence. We invite you to join us again and to experience the vibrant life of this faith community.

Please silence all electronic devices as worship begins.

- Resources are available to support your worship experience, including hearing devices and large print bulletins. Speak with an usher for assistance.
- If you are a visitor and would like to meet a pastor, tour the church or learn more about us, please speak with an usher.
- All are welcome to Coffee Hour immediately following worship outside on the front lawn or in Widener Hall depending upon the weather.
- If you are interested in exploring church membership, please contact John Wilkinson at the church office or at jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org.
- If you need a ride to church, please call the church office.
- If you need care or support in any way, please contact one of the pastors or call the church office.
- Nursery for infants and children through age 2 is available before worship in the Strouse Building; children age 3 and older should accompany parents to worship and join in the Children's Moment, after which they will be dismissed for the Church School Gathering.
- In case of an emergency, there are three exit doors behind you in the narthex. If you are sitting near the front of the sanctuary, use the door near the lectern.
- In case of a medical need, please alert an usher—first aid supplies and a wheelchair are available.
- Sunday worship is live-streamed at <u>www.chestnuthillpres.org</u>. These services are recorded for later viewing.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH August 29, 2021

HAITI RELIEF

We have watched with deep concern the impact of the Haitian earthquake, and continue to keep the people of Haiti in our prayers. One way to share support is through a donation to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. We will receive checks made to PCCH with "Haiti" in the memo line for the next several weeks. Bring them to worship with you or mail them to the church office. If you give online, note your gift as a "special contribution" and then indicate "Haiti."

To learn more about our denomination's response, visit: https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/after-a-massive-earthquake-and-a-tropical-storm-haiti-continues-to-face-serious-challenges/

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

If you would be interested in driving someone to church who isn't able to drive themselves, please let us know. Several of our members are in search of rides as they seek to rejoin our community of faith on Sunday mornings. Contact Evelyn Carpenter (215-247-8855 ecarpenter@chestnuthillpres.org) or Brian Russo (908-403-3857 brusso@chestnuthillpres.org) if you are willing to assist us in this ministry. We will pair you with a member who lives near your home or on your drive to church.

BIBLE STUDY RETURNS

Our regular, in-person Bible study will return this fall, augmented by an evening online opportunity. We will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. at the church, following all protocols. These gatherings will explore the lectionary passages for the coming weeks.

Mark your calendars for the fall:

- September 8 and 22
- October 13 and 27
- November 10

Watch your inboxes for an announcement about weekday evening Bible study online—most likely monthly on a Wednesday evening.

THE CROSSING RETURNS TO PCCH—Saturday, September 11, 7:00 p.m.

The Grammy-winning choral group The Crossing returns to its PCCH home for the first concert of their 2021-2022 season, Saturday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. If you've never heard this group, or if you've been (like us!) long awaiting their return to an indoor performance, join a PCCH group in attending this concert! For more information about the concert or to purchase tickets, visit: https://thecrossing.ticketleap.com/returning/ and let's meet up at the concert! If you're interested in joining a group for a pre-concert meal (time and location TBD), let the Church Life team know (pcchchurchlife@gmail.com) and we'll coordinate.

PCCH HOMECOMING PICNIC—September 12—Sign Up to Help!

The 2021 PCCH Homecoming Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 12 following worship. We need your help to make this event a success. Please consider signing up for a task in the link listed below or on the bulletin board outside the church office. Sign up at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4FAFA82CA1FE3-pcch1. Thank you to those who have already signed up!

FORUM ON THE HILL

The Forum on the Hill provides opportunities for the community to engage with speakers who present on current topics. Join the conversations!

Presented at 12:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month, in person for a limited number of people in Widener Hall, and live streamed online here: https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/education/forum-on-the-hill/

*Due to Covid Protocols we are not serving refreshments at this time. Bottled water and grab and go snacks will be provided. A \$5 donation is requested. **Registration required to attend in person**, 215-247-4654.

September 16

Jeff Marazzo, CEO Spark Therapeutics

Creating the Path for Gene Therapies

Learn about the growth of Spark Therapeutics from a research center within the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia to a fully integrated, commercial gene therapy company that is challenging the inevitability of genetic disease by discovering, developing and delivering potential treatments in ways unimaginable—until now.

Jeff will speak about how under his leadership Spark received regulatory approval for the first gene therapy for a genetic disease in both the U.S. and EU, launched the first gene therapy for a genetic disease in the U.S., and established human proof-of-concept of Spark's gene therapy platform in both the retina and liver. In more than eight years, he built an organization of more than 600 employees, was named a top-ten Science Magazine Top Employer in 2019 and 2020, was listed on the Philadelphia Business Journal's Best Places to Work, and was awarded the Prix Galien for Best Biotechnology Product in 2019.

October 14

Serving Our Neighbors During the Pandemic and Beyond Featuring:

- Rachel Falkove, Executive Director, Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network
- Tara Monihan, Director of Programs, Face to Face Germantown
- Eileen Jones, Executive Director, Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry

November 11

Sr. Catherine Nerney, Chestnut Hill College

Forgiveness and Reconciliation: The Great Work of Love in a Wounded World

JOHN WILKINSON INSTALLATION SERVICE—September 18, 2:00 p.m.

All are invited to the installation service for John Wilkinson on Saturday, September 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the PCCH Sanctuary. This service will welcome our congregation plus representatives of the Presbytery. Watch your mail for an invitation and stay tuned for details.

CHURCH-WIDE BOOK STUDY

The Adult Education Committee is commending "Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019" as a book to read for the upcoming program year. Edited by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain, this work is an anthology, written by eighty authors from different fields—novelists, historians, sociologists, political scientists, activists, lawyers, and ten poets; each takes a 5 year period for their brief chapter. The chapters are divided into ten, 40-year sections, and each section is capped by a poem.

We will explore this book in our monthly Second Hour sessions beginning in October and then in other ways across the year. Get it now and start reading—we look forward to a meaningful encounter with this significant work.

LIVE-STREAM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

As our worship live-stream begins, we are seeking several volunteers to assist with its production. No previous technical experience is needed; you will simply push preset buttons. Ample training will be provided. If you are interested in learning more and joining the team, please contact Daniel Spratlan at danielspratlan@gmail.com.

FOOD DONATIONS RECEIVED EVERY SUNDAY AND ALL WEEK

As food insecurity grows, PCCH will continue to receive shelf stable food donations to support several mission partners. You may bring items to the church every Sunday and during the week. Thank you for your support.

WEST KENSINGTON GOLF OUTING

Our mission partner, West Kensington Ministry, is holding its third annual benefit golf outing on Monday, September 27 at Jeffersonville Golf Club. This promises to be a fun day to support an important urban ministry partner in our city. To register, go to www.westkensingtonministry.com and click on the green "golfer registration" button. For more information, contact Jeff Podraza or John Wilkinson.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CHURCH SCHOOL

During today's worship service, children will remain with their families to hear the Children's Moment from their pews. Then we'll dismiss and head to the Chapel where we will keep our masks on and maintain physical distancing. Please feel free to have your child dress

comfortably as we may move some of our instruction outdoors onto the lawn, and please remember to send a clearly labeled water bottle each week. (If you're visiting and didn't bring a water bottle or simply forgot, no worries. We have cups and water for your child.) We are excited to be able to gather again!

Children are always welcome in our sanctuary. Should you choose to take your child to our nursery, please ask an usher to direct you to that space. Nursery care is available for children ages two and under and is staffed by two fully-vaccinated, fully background-checked, masked caregivers.

THE CENTER ON THE HILL

The Center on the Hill is OPEN for **in-person activities this Summer!** When in person at the Center we are following all recommended guidelines and precautions. New online content, such as virtual tours, fitness videos, art lessons, recorded presentations and more, is still posted Monday—Thursday at 12:00 noon on our programs page here: https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs/

Upcoming classes and events:

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for all activities and classes at the Center. Call 215-247-4654 or email msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org to register.

SKETCHING AND WATERCOLOR

Mondays or Tuesdays, join at any time, 9:30—11:30 a.m., \$32 per month

Enjoy sketching and watercolor painting in a relaxed class. A variety of mediums will be demonstrated and still life's and photographs will be used. This drawing and watercolor painting class is for people of all abilities. Instructor Alex Forbes has been teaching classes in the Chestnut Hill area for the past twenty-six years

MAH JONGG OPEN PLAY

Tuesdays, ongoing, join at any time, 12:30-2:30 p.m., \$2.00

This is an opportunity to simply enjoy others' company and play the game of Mah Jongg. Not for beginners: participants should be familiar enough with the game to play without formal instruction. Over the past years, a small group of people have been meeting to play and would like to expand the number of players.

BRIDGE OPEN PLAY

Wednesdays, ongoing, join any time, 11:30 a.m.—3:00p.m., \$2.00

This is an opportunity to simply enjoy others' company and play the game of Party Bridge. Not for beginners: participants should be familiar enough with the game to play without formal instruction.

GOLDEN YOGA

SUNDAY, August 29

Wednesdays, start at any time, 3:00—4:00 p.m., \$10 per class, \$35 for 4 Classes, \$85 for 10 classes

Golden Yoga is a classical yoga, adapted by the SKY Foundation, to accommodate those who have difficulty getting up and down from the floor. The practices include stretching, breathing, relaxation, and meditation techniques—all done while sitting in a chair or standing. Barbara Levitt has practiced and taught Classical Yoga for more than forty-five years.

OIGONG (HEALING MOVEMENTS)

Mondays, ongoing, 2:00—3:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 9:00—10:00 a.m., \$40 per four classes; \$12 walk-ins per class

Come and experience the gentle, healing movements of the ancient Chinese art of Qigong (chee - gung). It is the practice of moving Chi, life energy, through the body for good health and well-being. These easy movements can be done in a standing or seated position. Enjoy the peaceful, calming feelings brought about by this wonderful art. *Michael McCormack has taught the healing arts for over twenty years*. *All are welcome*.

PCCH CHURCH OFFICE

The church office summer hours will be Monday—Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. We will resume regular five-day per week 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. hours the day after Labor Day, Tuesday, September 7.

THIS WEEK AT PCCH and COTH

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10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
10:20 am	Church School (Strouse)
11:15 am	Fellowship (Front Lawn)
1:30 pm	IronPigs Baseball Game
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MONDAY, August 30	
9:30 am	Sketching and Watercolor (Room 1&2)
12:00 pm	Bridge Group (Room 5)
1:30 pm	Watercolor and Drawing (Room 1&2)
2:00 pm	Qigong (Widener)
5:00 pm	GirlChoir Rehearsal (Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Philomusica Chorale Rehearsal (Widener)
6:30 pm	Stagecrafters Rehearsal (Harris)

TUESDAY,	August	31
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9:30 amSketching and Watercolor Class (Room 1&2)12:30 pmMah Jongg Open Play (Room 1&2)6:30 pmStagecrafters Rehearsal (Harris)

WEDNESDAY, September 1

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9:00 am	Preschool Faculty Meeting (Chapel)
11:30 am	Bridge Open Play (Room 1&2)
1:00 pm	Diabetes and Nutrition Workshop (Harris)
1:15 pm	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
3:00 pm	Golden Yoga (Widener)
5:00 pm	GirlChoir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm	Stagecrafters Rehearsal (Harris)

THURSDAY, September 2

9:00 am	Preschool Faculty Meeting (Chapel)
9:00 am	Qigong Class (Widener)
9:30 am	Watercolor Painting Group (Room 1&2)
10:00 am	Thursday Bridge Group (Room 5)
11:00 am	Outdoor Gardeners (Widener)
1:30 pm	Mah Jongg Group 1 (Room 1&2)
6:00 pm	Girlchoir Rehearsal (Chapel)
6:30 pm	Stagecrafters Rehearsal (Harris)
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts (Room 1&2)

FRIDAY, September 3

9:00 am	Preschool Faculty Meeting (Chapel)
12:30 pm	Folk Dancing (Widener)

SATURDAY, September 4

9:00 am—9:00 pm	Crossing Rehearsal/Filming (Sanctuary	1)
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NEXT SUNDAY AT PCCH

SUNDAY, September 5	
10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
10:20 am	Church School (Strouse)
11:00 am	Fellowship (Front Lawn)

THE SESSION

John Wilkinson, Moderator Katherine Connelly, Clerk

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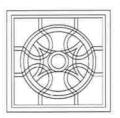
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