



**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL
PHILADELPHIA**

Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do your will. Bless our land with honest industry, sound learning, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way.

Make us who come from many nations with many different languages a united people.

Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land.

When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*~Book of Common Worship
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

July 5, 2020

10:00 a.m.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 145)

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: **The Lord is good to all,
with compassion over all creation.**

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

People: **You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

INVOCATION

HYMN

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA CMD

Katharine Lee Bates, 1893

Samuel Augustus Ward, 1882

1. O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, For am-ber waves of grain,
2. O beau-ti-ful for pil-grim feet, Whose stern, im-pas-sioned stress
3. O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved In lib-er-at-ing strife,
4. O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream That sees be-yond the years

For pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties A-bove the fruit-ed plain!
A thor-ough-fare for free-dom beat A-cross the wil-der-ness!
Who more than self their coun-try loved, And mer-cy more than life!
Thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, Un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed His grace on thee,
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw,
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed His grace on thee

And crown thy good with *broth-er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea!
Con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, Thy lib-er-ty in law!
Till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness And ev-ery gain di-vine!
And crown thy good with *broth-er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea!

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALTER

Psalm 145:8-14

PLAINSONG

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Lord is loving to everyone
and his compassion is over all his works.

All your works praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power;

That the peoples may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and merciful in all his deeds.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon,’ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Grace and Freedom II”

John Wilkinson

ANTHEM (Duet)

Rejoice Greatly
(from *Messiah*)

G. F. Handel
(1685-1759)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion,
shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, thy King cometh unto thee;
He is the righteous Saviour,
And He shall speak peace unto the heathen.

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.

HYMN (see next page)*This is My Song*

FINLANDIA

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**In Memoriam**

Steven Foldes
July 27, 1925—June 18, 2020

HYMN

This is my song

Lloyd Stone. 1934

Music: *Finlandia*, 11.10.11.10.11.10; arranged from Jean Sibelius's symphonic poem *Finlandia*, 1899, for *The Hymnal*, 1933

1 This is my song, O God of all the na-tions, a song of peace for
2 My coun-try's skies are blu-er than the o-cean, and sun-light beams on

lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the coun-try where my heart is;
clo- ver-leaf and pine; but oth- er lands have sun-light too, and clo- ver,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine; but oth - er hearts in
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O

oth- er lands are beat- ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
God of all the na-tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

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THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PCCH VIRTUAL ART GALLERY

It's finally here! The PCCH Virtual Gallery inaugural exhibition is 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/> and a link will be posted on our Facebook page. Take a stroll through the gallery and enjoy!

ALL are invited to submit for upcoming gallery shows, which will feature a different theme. You may submit an image of something you have already created or make something new—anything you feel that fits the theme. We are looking for all manner of work created by you, our PCCH community and friends. Please send us images of your fine art, illustrations, photographs, sculptures, or crafts. We also welcome and encourage you to submit poetry or other thoughts—your words or those of others that are meaningful to you. (See below for information

on how to submit.) Please share your art and your heart with your PCCH community—don't hide your light under a bushel!

For our next exhibition, starting August 1, the theme is "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!

Please submit your work to us at pcchvirtualgallery@gmail.com by July 24th. Your images should be in a .jpg file format with a resolution of 72 dpi (dots per inch.) Again, we are asking you to send text to accompany your images—it can be as simple as the title of the work, the medium, date created, and your name, BUT we'd love to be able to include even more of your words/thoughts—a poem, a song, an artist's statement, or an explanation of your process or technique. Send your text in a Word file, if possible, but it's fine to include it in the body of your email. If you have any questions about what or how to submit, please email us at pcchvirtualgallery@gmail.com. We will have a new theme every month, so be sure to check in often!

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

“JUST MERCY,” “LETTER FROM A BIRMINGHAM JAIL,” AND NEXT STEPS

Thanks to all who joined in our book/movie discussion of “Just Mercy.” We will look to a second discussion for those who were unable to join us.

In addition...

If you are interested in participating in a small group that will read Martin Luther King, Jr.'s “Letter from a Birmingham Jail,” please let John Wilkinson know, at jwilkinson@chestnuthillpres.org. Once we have a group established, we will set dates for gathering, probably 2-3 sessions.

The next book on our reading list will be “Between the World and Me” by Ta-Nahesi Coates, a powerful work taking the form of a letter from a Black father to his son. Read the book this summer and look for discussion opportunities in September.

SEEKING MYSTERY READERS FOR KIDS' WEEKLY ZOOM GATHERING

Each week PCCH's children are gathering online for a Bible story, mini church school lesson, and fellowship. The children have been enjoying hearing from Austin and from a several mystery readers—church members who hop on the Zoom call to read Bible stories to them—and engaging in special activities. If you are interested in being a mystery reader, or if there is a way you can offer a fun game or activity related to our Bible story over Zoom, please email Austin Shelley at ashelley@chestnuthillpres.org for more information.

CENTER ON THE HILL

Community Resources you may need during this time are being updated regularly and can be found at www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/community-resources/. In addition, NEW online programming such as interactive games, virtual tours, fitness workouts, art classes, lectures and much more are being created and posted Monday-Friday at Noon on our programs page: www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs/ **Newly added this week:** 25 minutes of strength training for older adults; the basics of how to sketch with pencil; learn about how food waste contributes to climate change; visit the live web cams at the Georgia Aquarium; get lost in our city with excellent virtual tours from VisitPhilly.com; a creative activity to do with loose buttons you might have at home; and new rounds of our Trivia Game, “I Should Have Known That...!” Visit our pages often to stay active and stay connected.

Special Recurring Event: Center on the Hill is offering a **Nutrition Workshop for Managing Diabetes and Weight:** Wednesdays July 8, 22 and 29 at 12:00 p.m. All are welcome to take part in this series of interactive discussions, where participants receive personalized attention and learn what it takes to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Ambler Nutrition's certified diabetes and nutrition educator Kirsten Puskar, CDE, will help you understand managing your nutrition to stay healthy. The Link and information on how to join the workshop on ZOOM is posted on our Programs page HERE: www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs/

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 so she can add you to our distribution list.

And of course you can always check out our website 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.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

Friday – Children’s Zoom gathering, alternating between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon,
contact Austin Shelley for information and an invitation.

Visit our website www.chestnuthillpres.org and our Facebook page regularly for updates and events. Let us know if you have prayer concerns.