



**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL  
PHILADELPHIA**

What does love look like?  
It has the hands to help others.  
It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy.  
It has the eyes to see misery and want.  
It has the ears to hear human sighs and sorrows.  
That is what love looks like.

~ Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

May 9, 2021

10:00 a.m.

**INTROIT**

Noel Rawsthorne  
(1929-2019)

O sing unto the Lord a new song.  
Let the congregation of saints praise him.  
Let them praise his name in the dance.  
Let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.  
Let the saints be joyful in glory:  
O sing unto the Lord a new song.

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 98)

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song,  
for God has done marvelous things.

**People: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**People: With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before God.**

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.

**People: Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy  
at the presence of God.**

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

HYMN

# Come, My Way

George Herbert, 1593-1633  
First Tune

Alexander Brent Smith, c. 1925

COME, MY WAY, 7.7.7.7

*Slow*

1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way, as gives us breath;—  
2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light, as shows a feast;—

1. such a truth, as ends all strife; such a life, \_\_\_\_\_ as kill-eth death.  
2. such a feast, as mends in length; such a strength, \_\_\_\_\_ as makes his guest.

3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move;

*Organ*

3. such a love, as none can part; such a heart, \_\_\_\_\_ as joys in love.

## WELCOME

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Loving God, as we draw close to you, come and bring your understanding and reveal your truth. Open our minds, hearts and souls to all that your word of life offers us. May we hear your voice and be renewed by your vision. In the name of the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

### EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALTER

Psalm 98:1-6

Peter Hallock  
(1924-2014)

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm  
has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made known his victory;  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.

## GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*Love Story*

John Wilkinson

## ANTHEM

Thomas Tallis  
(1505-1585)

A new commandment give I unto you, saith the Lord,  
that ye love together, as I have loved you,  
that e'en so ye love one another.  
By this shall every man know  
that ye are my disciples,  
if ye have love one to another.

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from "A Brief Statement of Faith,"  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.  
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

# Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Charles Wesley, 1747

Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery  
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy  
 4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less

earth come down, Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing,  
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in Thee in - her - it,  
 life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er,  
 let us be; Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion

All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, Thou art all com -  
 Let us find the prom - ised rest; Take a - way the love of  
 Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways  
 Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee; Changed from glo - ry in - to

pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
 sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as  
 bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove; Pray, and praise Thee  
 glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our

Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Verset: Fantasy for Organ  
Op. 19, Nr. 5*

Alexandre Guilmant  
(1837-1911)

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

**LITURGIST:** Ali Watson

**MUSIC:** Members of the Gallery Choir, Daniel Spratlan, conductor; Ken Lovett, organist

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### **Church Staff**

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## **THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

### **MAY SECOND HOUR OPPORTUNITIES**

May 16

- Discussion of “Caste” by Isabel Wilkerson, led by Beth Vaccaro and John Wilkinson

May 23

- Conclusion of “Abraham” by Bruce Feiler. Here is the link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82831275348?pwd=NitsRFVuYkkveHZndTFpN3dEVDJOQT09>

### **SPRING BIBLE STUDY**

*Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. on May 12 and May 26*

Join us for Bible study this Spring. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89619850858?pwd=VmdRcHQ4Wm5nRHZxVjY2V3lTcFR0Zz09>

### **ALL-AGES NATURE WALK AT THE SCHUYLKILL CENTER**

*Saturday, May 15, 10:00 a.m.*

Close to 30 PCCHers attended the first event at the Schuylkill Center in April; don't miss out this time as we enjoy time together outdoors and see what changes nature has brought to the Center grounds! Bring your family and join your friends for this all-ages, all-church event on Saturday, May 15. We will meet at the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, 8480 Hagy's Mill Road. This is an all ages event—the Schuylkill Center will be offering Nature Explorer Kits for families along with a self-guided tour. The sign-up pages have more details; please sign up at <https://forms.gle/tbgjwFNxgp4H5k3Y6> to let us know you're coming, and to give us your contact info in case we need to communicate updates. Email [PCCHchurchlife@gmail.com](mailto:PCCHchurchlife@gmail.com) with questions. Please remember to wear a mask!

### **MELODY AND COMEDY— SAVE THE DATE**

*Friday, June 18, 7:00 p.m.*

Melody and Comedy is back and will be taking place in the Big Tent! Join us for a fun night of music, skits, and fellowship. All ticket proceeds will benefit our Music and Arts program. If you are interested in performing, please contact Julie Snyder at [jsbishop717@gmail.com](mailto:jsbishop717@gmail.com) or Beth Vaccaro at [bethnellvaccaro@gmail.com](mailto:bethnellvaccaro@gmail.com).

### **NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

As we move toward live streaming our Sunday worship services, several volunteer opportunities have been created. No previous technical experience is needed and ample training will be provided. If you are interested in learning more and joining the team, please contact Daniel Spratlan at [danielspratlan@gmail.com](mailto:danielspratlan@gmail.com).

### **SUNDAY AFTERNOON WORSHIP SERVICES**

Each Sunday this spring, we will hold an afternoon worship service at 4:00 p.m. in the tent. The service will feature a sermon, prayers and choral music, lasting approximately 45 minutes. With the advent of spring, join fellow church members for this time to gather—please wear a mask and maintain social distancing protocols.

## **TENT SET-UP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are in need of 1-2 people each week to help with light set-up for our weekly 4:00 pm worship service, tables and chairs. Arrival time of around 3:30 p.m. with easy instructions. If you are able to help, please email Evelyn Carpenter at [ecarpenter@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:ecarpenter@chestnuthillpres.org). Thank you for your support.

## **FOOD DONATIONS RECEIVED ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS**

Throughout the course of our Sunday 4:00 p.m. worship services in the tent, we will receive food donations for our mission partners, including Face to Face, PIHN and Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry. Especially needed are shelf-stable food items. You may also continue Shop Rite gift cards, or simply make a monetary donation. Thank you for your support.

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

### **CHURCH SCHOOL**

*Church School Online – [www.chestnuthillpres.org](http://www.chestnuthillpres.org)*

*Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on Vimeo*

Our weekly recorded church school videos now include a welcome song, a worship set-up, and a Bible story with Austin, as well as a yoga component with Amy Raphael! The yoga poses reinforce the Bible story the children have heard—just one more way to help these faith stories “stick” in our children’s minds and hearts.

If you haven’t already, please take a moment to follow our Church School Vimeo page. Following us helps others to find our page online (The more followers we have, the more Vimeo will promote our site.), and it will ensure that new videos come to your inbox when they are posted. Here’s the link: <https://vimeo.com/user122846953>

### **JOYFUL NOISE REHEARSAL**

*No rehearsal today due to Mother’s Day holiday.*

### **JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP**

*No regular youth group today due to Mother’s Day holiday.*

*You are welcome to join Brian at 4:00 p.m. today for worship under the tent.*

## **THE CHURCH IN COMMUNITY**

### **SPEAKER SERIES ON THE HILL**

*Thursday, May 13, 12:30—1:30 p.m.*

Presented both **online** (<https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/education/speaker-series-hill/>) and to a **limited in person** audience (15 people max) in Widener Hall. Please RSVP at 215-247-4654 if you plan to attend in person. *Due to covid-19 guidelines and precautions we will not be serving desserts and beverages at this series for those viewing in person. A \$5.00 donation is requested.*

**Speaker: Drew Brown**

**Topic:** *Philadelphia's consolidation of 1854 and how it led to us drinking the Schuylkill River*

On a single day in 1854, Philadelphia was transformed from a County with twenty-nine separate and unique municipalities into a Consolidated County composed of one, new, all-encompassing City of Philadelphia that we know today. In a presentation illustrated with historic photographs

and original, hand-drawn engineering sketches from the Historical Collection of the City of Philadelphia Water Department, you will recognize scenes that you may never have connected to the water system, starting with Chestnut Hill's Water Tower, not just a monument but an essential component of water delivery in Chestnut Hill beginning in 1849.

*Drew Brown speaks regularly about the City of Philadelphia Water Department's current and historic operations. He is a civil/environmental engineer with more than forty years of experience with the Water Department. Not a native of Philadelphia, he says that the Water Department's history has been a fascinating framework for exploring the City's people and their neighborhoods. He lives in Chestnut Hill with his wife and two of his three adult children.*

### **FACE TO FACE NEEDS PBJS!**

*Bring to the church on Thursday, May 20, by 5:00 p.m.*

Face To Face needs sandwiches and lunch bag items to hand out on Fridays to help food-insecure clients over the weekends. Prepare peanut and jelly sandwiches (*hint 1: apply PB to both sides of bread, to prevent soginess; hint 2: sandwiches can be made in advance and frozen!*) Please bring your individually wrapped sandwiches to church **by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday May 20**. Face to Face also needs individual snack items: fruit cups or applesauce, oranges, granola bars, water bottles, packets of nuts. Your donation of these, as well as paper lunch bags, would be greatly appreciated. You are welcome to write notes to include in the assembled lunch bags. Helping hands are also needed to assemble the lunch bags on Thursday and to transport them on Friday morning. To volunteer, please contact Beth Vaccaro ([bethnellvaccaro@gmail.com](mailto:bethnellvaccaro@gmail.com)) or Suzan Willcox ([sewillcox@comcast.net](mailto:sewillcox@comcast.net)).

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT WEST KENSINGTON**

*Saturday, May 22, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.*

Our partners at West Kensington Ministry are hosting a neighborhood clothing distribution event on Saturday, May 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at their church home, 2140 North Hancock Street in Philadelphia. We are looking for **two volunteers** to join our team. Please reach out to Jeff Podraza at [jeffpodraza@gmail.com](mailto:jeffpodraza@gmail.com) to volunteer, or if you have questions!

## **THE CENTER ON THE HILL**

The Center on the Hill is NOW OPEN for **in-person activities** (*both inside and outside*), as well as a variety of classes you can **participate in live online!** When in person at the Center we will be following all recommended guidelines and precautions. New online content, such as virtual tours, fitness videos, art lessons, recorded presentations and more, will still be posted Monday—Thursday at 12:00 noon on our programs page here:

<https://www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs/> The schedule for upcoming in-person and online events can be found there too.

### **Upcoming online classes and events:**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for both **in person** and **online participation** on Zoom by computer, tablet or dial in by phone. *Instructions and link to join for online events, sent after you register.* Call 215-247-4654 or email [msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org](mailto:msaavedra@chestnuthillpres.org) to register.

## **GOLDEN YOGA**

*Wednesdays, start any time, 3:00—4:00 p.m., \$10.00 per class, \$35.00 for 4 classes, \$85.00 for 8 classes. Class is held in the tent.*

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.*

## **BASIC APPLE (IOS) DEVICE—TIPS AND TECHNIQUES**

*Thursday May 13, 2:00—3:30 p.m., \$12.00*

*This class is **in person** for a limited number of participants.*

In this session, we'll cover the essentials to learn how to effectively use the basic functions and Apps on iPhones and iPads. We'll also spend time on the Camera and Photos Apps. You'll want to know your Apple password to be able to take full advantage of your device features. *Our facilitator for both Apple classes is Peggy Leiby. Peggy has been a techie since the 1970s.*

## **MOVIE MUSICAL CABARET**

*Tuesday, May 18, 1:00—2:00 p.m., Starring Rachel DeMasi*

*Presented Live on Zoom for participation **online**, and streamed for a limited number of people **in person** at the Center.*

In this 'Movie Musical Show', there will be a compilation of wonderfully timeless songs that were made famous in various films ranging from the 1930-1990's. With help from the official list of the American Film Institute's *The 25 Greatest Movie Musicals of All Time*, Rachel handpicked some of her favorites to share with you. Before each song you will find out which movie the songs were in, when they were produced, and even a fun fact or two about the song or film. So, sit back, relax and take a sunny drive through Tinsel Town!