May 26th, 2024

Our PCAS Vision: "To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning, and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Order of Worship (*Please rise in body and/or spirit)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Spirit of the Living God

Tim Smith

Lighting of the Candle

*Call to Worship

Leader: God, who flung the stars into the night sky, rejoices over all creation, especially us!

People: Come to us, Laughing God, and gladden our hearts with your goodness and grace.

Leader: Christ, the Word of joy and life, fills all creation with hope, especially us!

People: Come to us, Brother and Savior, and reclaim our hearts as your own.

Leader: The Spirit, who breathes life into emptiness, gives all creation the gift of peace, especially us!

People: Come to us, Spirit of Gentleness, and refresh us with the dew of delight.

*Hymn #49 The God of Abraham Praise

Call to Confession

Leader: Let us pray together, seeking to draw near to God and nearer to the people of God:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of Wisdom and Understanding,

We confess that we are afraid to ask questions - the kind that desire to get to know you better and the kind that show curiosity and interest in the people around us. We are afraid that our questions are impolite, or betray our ignorance. We hold back and find that faces we see frequently are still strangers without names or identities. We hold back and find that we only know you as a sketch when we could know you in brilliant color and detail.

Forgive us, O Lord, and replace our fear with the joy of learning, growing, and understanding you and the neighbors you have gifted us better. Amen.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Here, in this moment and in this place, the Spirit of gentleness moves in our midst. Mercy, hope and joy are the gifts of God to each and every one of us.

People: Filled with God's Spirit, we find we are no longer alone or hesitant. We are forgiven. We forgive one another. Strangers become friends. We are drawn near to the God who draws near to us.

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson: Romans 8:12-17

This is the Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God!

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church and The 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 it 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.

Passing the Peace

***Hymn** #39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Second Scripture Lesson John 3:1-17

This is the Word of the Lord: Thanks Be to God!

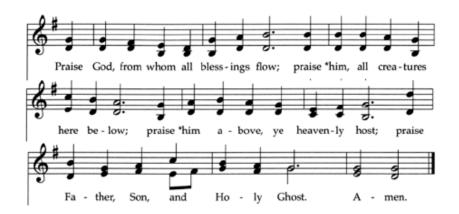
Sermon "Whole Life Makeover"

Offering Offertory

What Wondrous Love Is This

John Hoffman

*Doxology



*Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn** Nicodemus Sought Out Jesus

Benediction

Postlude I Danced In the Morning

Tim Smith

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Katja Gruening
Director of Music Ministries: Marcello Velame
Liturgist: John Hanley
Music Ministry: Chancel Choir
Ushers: Rich Vodhanel

Peter Bruguiere
Joyce Davies

Zoom Hosts: John Palframan

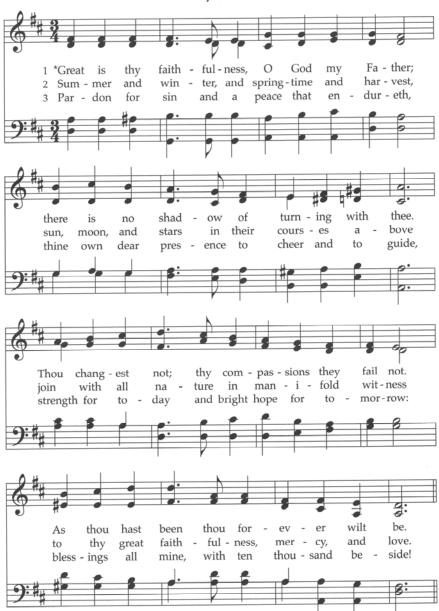
Rich Vodhanel

Social Hour: Deacons



Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Nicodemus Sought Out Jesus

NETTLETON 8.7.8.7 D ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")



Biblical Reference: John 3:1-17

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27 MAY, MON	● 11am – 4pm	Queen of Hearts Duplicate Bridge (FH)
28 мау, тие	 9 - 10:30am 9:30 - 10:30am 11am - 12pm 5 - 7pm 	Zoom Bible Study Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH) Overeaters Anonymous (TR) Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
29 MAY, WED	 4:30 - 5:30pm 7 - 9pm 8 - 9pm 	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH) Boy Scouts (FH) Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Bible Study (TR)
30 мау, тни	6 – 8pm7 – 9pm	Choir pot luck Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani choir practice (FH)
1 JUN, SAT	8 - 9:30am7:30 - 9pm	Men's Group (offsite) AA (TR and FH)
2 JUN, SUN	 8:45 - 9:30am 10 - 11am 10 - 11am 11am - 12pm 3:30 - 4:30pm 5 - 6pm 6 - 9pm 	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Sunday School Sunday Worship (Sanctuary) Coffee Hour (FH) AA (TR) AA (TR) Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Worship (FH)