



*Sunday Worship*  
*May 8, 2022*  
*Draw near to God*  
*for God is waiting for you.*

\* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able

*italic type is spoken by the liturgist* – **bold is spoken by the congregation**

***PRELUDE***

***\*CALL TO WORSHIP***

*We've come to worship God,*

*who loved us before we were yet born, who knows us even better than we know ourselves, whose presence never leaves us, and whose love for us never ceases. This is our God.*

*Let's worship together!*

***\*OPENING PRAYER***

**Come, loving God; come as an enfolding nurturing presence; come as steadfast love to hold us.**

**Come, loving God; come as an enabling strengthening force; come as tough love to let us go.**

**Come, loving God; come as friend and comforter healing our wounds, walking our way; come as wounded healer to make us whole. Amen.**

***\*HYMN #643*** Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us  
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given;  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

***CALL TO CONFESSION***

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENNESS***

**Holy God, hear our prayer. There is pain and there is sorrow, there are broken relationships and broken hearts. Sometimes we are the cause of those things. We have caused pain. We have broken the relationship. Sometimes we are simply a part of them – we are the ones who suffer, we are the ones who are broken. So we ask for your forgiveness, and we ask for your healing. Beyond that, we ask that you would help us turn from our former selves to the persons you have created us to be, full of mercy and grace and love. In Jesus we pray. Amen.**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING***

**... Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Proverbs 31:10-30

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**\*HYMN #324** For All the Faithful Women

1. For all the faithful women who served in days of old, to you shall thanks be given; to all the story told. They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave. To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power to save.
2. We praise your name for Miriam, who sang triumphantly while Pharaoh's vaulted army lay drowned beneath the sea; for Ruth, who left her homeland and ventured forth in faith, who pledged to serve and worship Naomi's God till death.
3. We sing of busy Martha, who toiled with pot and pan while Mary sat in silence to hear the word again. We praise the other Mary, who hastened to the tomb and found her Lord arisen, dispelling doubt and gloom.
4. Lord, hear our praise for Dorcas, who served the sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kindness, her heart an open door. O God, for saints and servants, our fervent prayer we raise, that, faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise.

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Luke 8:1-3

**SERMON** All God's Creatures Have a Place in the Choir – Including Women!

**THE TREE OF LIFE AND THANKSGIVING FOR WOMEN IN OUR LIVES**

**\*HYMN** God of the Women by Carolyn Winfred Gillette

1. God of the women who answered your call, trusting your promises, giving their all, Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth — give us their courage to live in your truth.
2. God of the women who walked Jesus' Way, giving their resources, learning to pray, Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more — may we give freely as they did before.
3. God of the women long put to the test, left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed, Quietly asking: "Who smiled at my birth?" — in Jesus' dying you show us our worth.
4. God of the women who ran from the tomb, prayed with the others in that upper room, Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day — may we so gladly proclaim you today.
5. O God of Phoebe and ministers all, may we be joyful in answering your call. Give us the strength of your Spirit so near that we may share in your ministry here.

**RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God of Great gifts, we give you these gifts today knowing that you are the Father of gifts. You mother us constantly providing for us, caring for us. As we have been abundantly provided for, so we give abundantly to the work that you give us to do, the work of the church, the care for those who are poor. Accept these gifts in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**BLESSING THE BLANKETS**

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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 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 #849** Everyone Who Longs for the Boundless Love of God

1. Everyone who longs for the boundless love of God, everyone who hopes for the coming of God's peace, the Lord God who created all things beautiful and good loves you more than you can ever know.
2. Everyone who worships God and sings glad songs of praise, everyone who follows God's good and holy way, the Lord God who created all things beautiful and good loves you now as one of God's own.
3. God is always watching over you, God is watching you with loving eyes. God is hearing you in all your prayers; God is listening with tender, loving ears. God shines light in every dark and fearful place we go and will answer every little cry that you make, so wherever you may go follow in God's holy way and trust God to take you home.  
*Repeat verse 3.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**



**Church Staff**  
**Susan Fall, Pastor**  
**Leanne Yerkes, Director of Music**  
**Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator**  
**Frank Orzechoski, Treasurer**  
**Mark Lempp, Grounds Keeper**



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS: May 8, 2022**

**This week's carillon is in memory of Ted R. Rockafellow.**

**Vacation Bible School Sign up:** VBS will be held on June 27 – July 1 for preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Online registration is available at <http://vbspro.events/p/c805d3>. This year we are joining with The Anchor Presbyterian Church which is why you will find Anchor's name listed. This registration is for both churches.

**Youth Adventure Camp – July 11 – 15, 2022:** This camp is for those in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Monday – Friday, 9:00-4:00, youth are invited to participate in a weeklong series of adventures. Each day the group will engage in different activities that will take them beyond the church to engage in God's creation through different environment and outdoor experiences - fishing- a day at the shore and kayaking in the Pine Barrens of NJ. Explorers are to bring their own lunch each day. Registration numbers are restricted to 10. Friends are welcome. There is a \$50 registration fee. Scholarships are available. Sign up by calling the church office. This program will be led by Pastor Su who is also looking for volunteers to help with transportation.

### **PASTOR SU'S STUDY LEAVE**

Pastor Su is going to a preaching conference the week of May 16-22. The Festival of Homiletics is like summer camp for preachers. While Pastor Su is away, pastoral emergencies will be handled by the deacons and session members. Please contact Marilyn Cook (484-688-4618) or Maggie Rash (215-534-4451) for pastoral needs.

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL – June 10, 2022 at 6:00 PM -**

There will be hot dogs, baked beans, vegetables and of course, STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE! If you would like to help with preparing the berries, please contact Susan in the church office. Cleaning will take place at the church on June 9 at 9:30 but they can also be cleaned at home and brought to the church.

<b><u>Calendar:</u></b>	<b>May8</b>	10:00am	Worship Service and Sunday school followed by Coffee Hour.
	<b>May 9</b>	1:00pm	Chicken Barbeque mtg.
		7:00pm	Boy Scouts, Bell Choir rehearsal in Church.
	<b>May 11</b>	10:30am	Deacons
		12:00pm	Wednesday Lunch.
		12:30pm	Blanket-Making Group.
		7:00pm	Property mtg.
	<b>May 13 &amp; 14</b>	7:00pm	BSA Camp out.

Elder of the Month: Bill Wark    Deacon of the Month: Dee Tori    Coffee Host: Linda Bowers

***In our thoughts and prayers:***

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Bill Wark, Raymond Tinari,  
Dick Wright, Jim Turner, Peggy Cosner, Mary Reinhardt

