Order of Worship

We are caring believers who grow, share, and live out our faith in Christ.

August 27, 2023 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "At a Certain Church" John W. Work III

John DiPinto, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Approach to God

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 73

Leader: No doubt about it! God is good—good to good people, good to the good-hearted. But I nearly missed it, missed

seeing His goodness.

People: I was looking the other way, looking up to the people at

the top, envying the wicked who have it made, who have nothing to worry about, not a care in the whole

wide world.

Leader: Until I entered the sanctuary of God. Then I saw the whole

picture: the slippery road You've put them on, with a final

crash in a ditch of delusions.

People: I'm still in Your presence, but You've taken my hand.

You wisely and tenderly lead me, and then You bless me. You're all I want in heaven! You're all I want on

earth!

Leader: Look! Those who left You are falling apart! Deserters,

they'll never be heard from again.

People: But I'm in the very presence of God-oh, how

refreshing it is! I've made Lord God my home. God,

I'm telling the world what You do!

*HYMN "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" #65

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most Holy God, we construct walls of illusions in our lives. We cling to half-truths about who we are, or what has been done to us. We construct myths about ourselves. We don't deal with the full, unadulterated truth about our lives, ourselves. We ask for the courage to look ourselves in the eye, to look at the totality of our lives, and to face up to it all, so that You, Holy Spirit, can really do Your work in us, through Christ. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC "Mighty Clouds of Joy" Buddy Buie and Robert Nix John DiPinto, piano and vocals

The Word of God

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" #581

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE John 8:31-40 p.101 (NT)

SERMON "The Truth Will Set You Free" Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

Our Response to God

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN "I Cannot Tell" #354

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Bless the Lord" (from Godspell) Stephen Schwartz

John DiPinto, organ

*Please stand if you are able.

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PRAYER CONCERNS: Anonymous; Lynn Baker; Judi Keith; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Debra Parma; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian.

THE UNITY PRAYER: Lord, You created truth, and You are the truth. Guide us to know truth when we hear it, learn truth when we are taught it, and pray truthfully so it may be a sweet sound in Your ear.

THE FLOWERS are given by Jean Greenlaw in loving memory of her mother, Edie Greenlaw, and by Joan Hoerauf in loving memory of her son, Eric.

THIS WEEK

Today 11:30 Guild Executive Committee

Sunday, September 3, 2023

10:00 AM Worship

Join us for coffee hour in Founder's Hall every Sunday following worship.

SNACK PACK EVENT: Thank you to the over 30 adults and children who assembled 1,000 Snack Packs for children that rely on free or reduced-price school meals and don't get adequate nutrition on the weekend. Also, thank you to those who have donated to this project! Thus far, we have collected \$3,415 which is over half of the cost! You may still donate by leaving cash or a check made out to "CCHP" in the office.

PLEASE REMEMBER to continue bringing your non-perishable food items for the Norwood Food Pantry. Their needs right now are salad dressing, strawberry jelly, salt, pepper, pudding, Jello, breadcrumbs, and cookies. Thank you to Les and Jill Cox who deliver these items for us.

FOUR USHERS/GREETERS are needed every week. Two people arrive at 9:45 and greet and two more people take the offering. Please sign up in the narthex.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS: We are staffing the nursery for our youngest children, ages five and under. All children are in the sanctuary until after the Children's Message. At that time, parents may take the youngest to the nursery. Please sign up in the narthex.

LOOKING AHEAD ALL-DAY RETREATS

Women's Retreat, Sat. September 23 & Men's Retreat, Sat. October 7 Both will be held at the Wood's home in Lavalette, NJ. Carpooling will be available. Watch for timing and details.

FALL WORK DAY: Saturday morning, September 30

We hope you can attend to work on projects around the church, inside and out. Please text or call Keith Michels 201-218-2441 or Barry Wood, 201-937-6219 if you plan to participate.

125TH **ANNIVERSARY of CCHP** – Sunday, November 19, 2023. Worship Service and Celebration Brunch. Please give us any photos from past years for our bulletin board and slide show. Leave them in the office or if digital, email to cchp@verizon.net.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17 is going to be a very special day here. We will be worshipping outside and The Ramsey Wind Symphony will play during the service. We will begin our fall discipleship campaign, *Lessons from Liverpool* on that day (each theme for the weeks of the campaign will be illustrated by a Beatles song; the themes will be drawn from the emphases of each of the four Gospels).

SUNDAY SCHOOL starts that day, and we will have a Kickoff Barbecue after the service. We hope you will bring a friend, family member or perhaps a new neighbor on that day. A lot of folks have moved into the area over the summer – it would be great if we could let some of those folks know about our church by bringing them to worship. We trust that worshipping outside will create a more accessible atmosphere for the service.

PART OF OUR FALL DISCIPLESHIP CAMPAIGN, Lesson from Liverpool, will be small groups that will run during the week following September 17 through the last week in October/1st week in November. The focus of our groups will be to explore the themes and emphases of each of the Gospels. We'll be using excellent videos from the Bible Project, as well as questions and discussion, to do so. You have your choice of three small groups. One meets Sundays after worship in the Johnson Chapel. Grab a cup of coffee and then head off to the group. Another gathers through Zoom at 7:15 on Wednesdays. Let the office know you want to participate and we'll get you the link (cchp@verizon.net, 201-768-2457). The last gets together on Thursday mornings at 10 AM in the Chapel. Being a part of a small group is one of the best ways there is to grow your faith. We hope you'll be part of one of these.