



# First Presbyterian

## CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God

June 11, 2023

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

*\*Indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Finale (Sonata No. 6)

Mendelssohn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 33

Rejoice in the Lord, O you who are called to righteousness.

**Praise the Lord with the lyre, make melody with the organ and the piano,  
with voices and hands upraised in praise.**

Sing a new song, and not just the old.

**The eye of the Lord is upon those who stand in awe of God,  
and the Lord delivers them from death and despair.**

**Our souls wait for God to speak to us in word and song, filling us with steadfast love and hope.**

\*HYMN 244 (V.1-4)

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God of the future, as well as the past and the present, we confess that too often we cannot let go and look ahead when you call us to rise up and follow you. We are too comfortable with the way things are and fearful of the unknown that awaits us. Thus we fail not only to grow in the spirit ourselves, but we allow injustices and oppression to hold sway. Like the enemies of Jesus, we cannot see the good within those whom we despise. Forgive us for these and our other sins, as in the silence of this moment we pray.**

*Silent prayer*

**Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

It doesn't matter how big or how small our sins, God's forgiving love in Jesus Christ can cover them all. Trust that, in Christ, we are forgiven. Be at peace with God, with yourself, and with each other.

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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.**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 12:1-9

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

\*HYMN 356 (V.1-3)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

SERMON

Source of Good News

Rev. John Heinsohn

ANTHEM

My All is Thine

Sally DeFord

Donna Van Norman and Rich Linnell, soloists

What gift have I, dear Lord, to give thee?  
What shall I set before thy throne?  
Thou art the giver of every treasure  
I can but offer thee thine own.

Take thou my song and I will praise thee  
Teach me to sing for thy delight  
Let every echo tell of thy glory  
Take thou my song; my song is thine.

Take thou my heart, oh how I love thee  
For thou art just, thou art kind  
Let my devotion bear witness of thee  
Take thou my heart; my heart is thine.

Take thou my soul, for thou hast bought me  
With countless tears, with love divine  
My debt is purchased by thy tender mercy  
Take thou my soul; my soul is thine.

All that I am I freely offer  
Withholding nothing that is mine  
I place my heart, my song, my soul upon the altar  
Oh Savior, take my all; my all is thine.

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and God's ministries through Christ's church.

*Please leave your offering in the box at the front of the sanctuary or make your gifts online or via mail.*

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to witness to Christ's ministry in your world. Amen.**

### \*RESPONSE

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### 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.**

## WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

### \*HYMN 539 (V.1-4)

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Largo

Handel

*The flowers on the communion table are given in thanksgiving for the Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, and all who contribute musically to our worship.*

*We welcome the Rev. John Heinsohn to the pulpit today. Rev. Heinsohn was an associate minister at the Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church of Liberty Corner, NJ for three and a half years before receiving a call to Kingston Presbyterian Church in New Jersey in 1974, and continued as pastor there until his retirement in 2010. He has been a part-time Visitation Minister at the Community Presbyterian Church of Mt. Bethel and Portland since 2013. He and his wife Shirley live in Nazareth, PA, and have four adult children and eight grandchildren.*

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Worship Leaders

Rev. John Heinsohn, Guest Preacher

Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

The Chancel Choir

Darcel Hayes-Bridges, Liturgist

Tech Support: Jacob Van Norman, Bill Bartlett, Rich Linnell, Pat Koefoed

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