

The Flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Marlene Ely, in loving memory of my husband Ed Ely.

Assisting in Worship Today

Liturgist Betty Pigliacampi
Ushers Glen Engler, Bob Foltz, Lou Johnson, Rich Wamsley

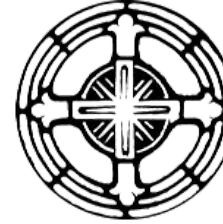
Flower chair for the month of May is Dorothy Ward.

Welcome visitors! We are so glad that you are here and hope you will keep coming back. Here are some things you might want to know:

- On the back of the pew in front of you, you will find a green card that says “Welcome.” Please fill one out and place it in the offering plate this morning. We would like to get better acquainted!
- If you would like to have your prayer request included on the church’s weekly **Prayer Request** email, please fill out one of the Prayer Request forms and place it in the offering plate today.
- The nursery is open and staffed during this service for infants up to age 2.
- **JAM** (Jesus and Me) is a fun-filled time for children ages 3 to 6, who are invited to leave the sanctuary with this morning’s JAM teacher after the Children’s Time.
- **Roots**, a program for children ages 7- high school, is available after the Children’s Time. During Roots, children enjoy a worship time with their peers along with adult leaders. The time may include crafts, conversation, and will include elements of the traditional worship service.
- During the **Postlude**, some in the congregation may choose to sit and listen to the music. But please feel free to get up and move if you need to do so!

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COLLEGE HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Easton, Pennsylvania

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Assemble in God’s Name

The chime signals that worship is about to begin

PRELUDE Rondo–Oliver Shaw (1779-1848)

Greetings and Announcements

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing to God; sing praises to God!

Lift a song to the One who rides on the clouds!

Father of orphans, protector of widows; God in the holy habitation!

God gives the desolate a home and leads prisoners out to prosperity.

Awesome is God in the sanctuary; God gives strength to the people.

Blessed be God! Let us worship God!

***HYMN #265** “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun” (Duke Street)

Vs 1-2: All

Vs 3: Choir

Vs 4-5: All

***OPENING PRAYER**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, Holy One, we recognize and confess our failure to follow in your way. Our hearts grow cold, our attention drifts. We turn away from

what you intend and from neighbors in pain. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior, forgive our sins and stir up your gifts in us. Hear us now as we pray in the silence of our hearts.... (*silent prayer*)

***KYRIE ELEISON** *Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI #581** *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.*

Proclaim God's Word

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

John 17:1-11 (NT, p.111)
Acts 1:6-14 (NT, p.118)

SERMON *Left Behind*

***HYMN #700** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (I'm Gonna Live)

Give Thanks to God

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (From the Belhar Confession)

We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world...To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Easter Anthem"--William Billings (1746-1800)

*The Lord is ris'n indeed! Hallelujah!
Now is Christ risen from the dead,
And become the first-fruits of them that slept. Hallelujah!
And did he rise?
Hear it, ye nations! Hear it, O ye dead!
He rose, he rose!
He burst the bars of death and triumphed o'er the grave.
Then, then I rose.
Then first humanity, triumphant, passed the crystal ports of light,
and seized eternal youth.
Man, all immortal, hail heaven, all lavish of strange gifts to man.
Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.*

***DOXOLOGY #606** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (Old Hundredth)

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, help us to stand on our own two feet. Take our gifts and use them to help our neighbors and heal our world. Through Christ we pray. Amen.



IT'S TIME! VBS REGISTRATION IS HAPPENING NOW!

The Faith Formation Team is excited for Vacation Bible School to be happening this year from Sunday, July 23rd to Thursday, July 27th. We will kick off on Sunday with a family-friendly event (more details later!) and VBS will run from 9am to 12pm Monday-Thursday. We will be following a program from MennoMedia called "Operation Restoration." This VBS invites kids to be menders in God's world. Children will learn to make connections to Bible stories and discover ways to live out their faith in daily life.

VBS will be held outside again this year in Reeder Park. Of course, this is weather dependent so let's pray for sunshine! Providing a safe and fun atmosphere is super important and because of this **we are limiting the number of children that can attend.** Please scan the QR code to register or see the link in the Enews.



All VBS costs have been generously underwritten by the **Pamela Brewer Memorial Fund.** Once you are signed up, additional information will be communicated to you via email.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

Go in God's Name

***HYMN #275** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (Ein' feste Burg)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Prelude on "Duke Street"--Robert J. Powell (b.1932)

*Please rise, in body or spirit

A NOTE ON THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

This morning's organ music and anthem were all written by American composers. William Billings (1746-1800) is widely recognized as the first American choral composer; and the anthem we are singing this morning was popular in early America. To this day it remains the most popular anthem by an 18th century American composer. We will be singing the piece using a colonial American English accent, which can be reconstructed from phonetic writings of Benjamin Franklin. The English accent overseas was changing at the time, and the 18th century British felt the American accent of the time was more "pure". The current British Received Pronunciation ("Kings English") dates back only to the 19th century, so the colonial American accent we are using is older. This is the way Benjamin Franklin (and most British people) talked at the time, and it is probably close to what Billings had in his ear when he wrote the piece. Researching "original pronunciation" of English from past eras is a relatively new topic, and we are one of the first choirs in the area to sing English using this approach.

SUMMER HOURS Please note: starting on June 4 and continuing through August 27, Sunday morning worship will start at **9:30!**

**KOINONIA:
A Series of Gatherings for Seekers**

Are you ready to learn *more* about College Hill Presbyterian Church? To meet some of our congregation's leaders and to hear a little about our distinctives? Are you curious about the meaning of membership in this church?

You are invited to join us for *Koinonia*, a series of gatherings for seekers.

Sunday, May 21, 11:30-12:15

Join members of the membership committee in the lounge following the Sunday service for an informal opportunity to connect, ask questions and meet other people who are new! (This will happen at the same time as the Kids' Luncheon in Reeder Park. Families interested in joining are invited to drop by the lounge during the lunch).

Sunday, June 4 AND Sunday June 11, 10:30-11:30

Stay after church to meet with Pastor Matt, connect with others, learn more about the church and ask any questions you may have! Childcare will be provided.

Sunday, June 18, 10:25

Those who decide to join the church will be welcomed by the congregation during the Sunday service of worship

Got Questions?
Contact Pastor Matt
pastor@collegehillpc.org
610-253-4792

WORSHIP COMMITTEE CORNER

Be part of the worship experience by ushering: as a family, friends, couple, individual. Try it out during the summer!

Once you are an ordained Elder, you are an Elder for life! We are calling on all Elders to share in the worship services as a liturgist and/or communion server.

Contact Judy Steinberg – jmbp@ptd.net or 610-258-1961 to participate in Sunday Worship or if you are interested in joining the worship committee!

FAITH FORMATION



Attention All Graduates!

Are you graduating? Is your child graduating? If so, CHPC would like to acknowledge them in an upcoming Enews and during the June 4th worship service. Please email Emily Swank (faithformers@collegehillpc.org) with the name of your graduate, where they are graduating from, next steps and a picture by May 27th. Thank you!



Strawberry Festival

The Strawberry Festival is coming! The Faith Formation team will need help to run games and the prize table. If you are interested in signing up for a time slot, please use the Sign Up Genius link (shown here and also in Enews) or email Lauren Joujan (kids@collegehillpc.org).
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0949AEA72CA6F85-strawberry>



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 Thursday June 8 2023 from 5 - 8
 ~ A Tradition since 1925 ~



The Deacons are asking for your help - we
 have over 70 slots to fill from baking to serving and more.
(Place in collection or sign up online)

Strawberry Huller (Bring colander and knife): x Thursday 9-11

Cake Baker: x Dessert Cake x Fancy Cake x 1 Doz Cupcakes

- Bring to church from 9 AM - 4 PM day of festival
- Fancy/Cupcakes are used for Musical Cakes

Food Runner (kitchen to tables): x 5 - 6:30 PM x 6:30 - 8 PM

Food Server: x 5 - 6:30 PM x 6:30 - 8 PM

Set Up (Thursday): x 11 AM - 1 PM

Clean Up (Thursday): x 8 PM



More jobs and details are available online:

- Bottom of Church Home Page 'Upcoming Events
- SignUp.com <https://signup.com/go/bvEcytS>

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Questions?:
 Leslie Alfieri (alfierilesie@gmail.com)

Phone or Text: 610-217-2837



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