

The Flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Shirley Morgenstern in loving memory of Dale Morgenstern.

Assisting in Worship Today

Liturgist Brett Hendrickson
Zoom Producer Jean Anne Shafferman
Ushers Glen Engler, Lou Johnson, Scott Novick, Rich Wamsley

We are pleased to welcome guest musician Lynda Chen!

Flower chair for the month of September is Carolyn Evans.

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:

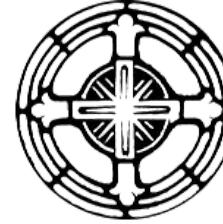
- On the back of the pew in front of you, you will find a green card that says "Welcome." Please fill one out and place it in the offering plate this morning. We would like to get better acquainted!
- If you would like to have your prayer request included on the church's weekly **Prayer Request** email, 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

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Assemble in God's Name

Preservice Music

Greetings and Announcements

PRELUDE "The Call" from *Five Mystical Songs*--Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

George Esparza, tenor and Lynda Chen, piano

*Come, my way, my truth my life; such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth, as ends all strife; such a life, as killeth death.*

*Come, my light, my feast, my strength; such a light, as shows a feast;
Such a feast, as mends in length; such a strength, as makes his guest.*

*Come, my joy, my love, my heart; such a joy, as none can move;
Such a love as none can part; such a heart, as joys in love.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits.

God forgives all of our iniquities.

God heals us and helps us.

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love.

Come, let us worship God!

***HYMN #482** “Baptized in Water” (Bunessan)

***OPENING PRAYER**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, you call us to live as a peculiar people. But we fit in all too well with the world as it is. Forgive us for our complacency, our cold hearts and our failure to follow your ways. Restore us and make us new. Hear us now as we confess 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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Owen Robert McCullough, son of Alexandria Wismer and Thomas McCullough

Presentation

Profession of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into Hell;
The third day He arose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Congregational Welcome

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ’s church to share with us in his ministry for we are all one in Christ.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 50:15-21 (OT. p.48)
Matthew 18:21-35 (NT, p.20)

SERMON

Church is Weird: The All-You-Can-Eat Buffet

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FLOWER DONOR NEEDED - OCTOBER 8

Harriet Dufton is in need of a flower donor for October 8. If you are able to donate, please contact Harriet at hrdufton@gmail.com or (610) 216-9860

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR

We are looking for volunteers to help with coffee hour after the 10:30am church service on Sunday mornings. Duties will include setting up a half an hour before service, at 10:00am, and cleaning up after the service. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to grow as a community and share some social time together. There will be a time set aside for a walk through in the coming weeks. Contact Janene Otten at janesings@yahoo.com or at 917-837-7598 to sign up.

***HYMN #693** “The Gift of Love” (Gift of Love)

Give Thanks to God

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Love Bade Me Welcome” from *Five Mystical Songs*
R. Vaughan Williams
George Esparza, tenor and Lynda Chen, piano

*Love bade me welcome, yet my soul drew back, guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack from my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning if I lack'd anything.*

*“A guest,” I answer'd, “worthy to be here;” Love said, “You shall be he.”
“I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear, I cannot look on thee.”
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply, “Who made the eyes but I?”*

*“Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them; let my shame go where it doth
deserve.”*

*“And know you not,” says Love, “who bore the blame?”
“My dear, then I will serve.”*

*“You must sit down,” says Love, “and taste my meat.”
So I did sit and eat.*

***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**

God, we can not love as you love on our own, and we thank you that you do not ask us to try. Take what we offer and turn it into more than we can imagine. We ask this in Christ’s name. 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.

Go in God’s Name

***HYMN #318** “In Christ There Is No East or West” (St. Peter)

***BENEDICTION**

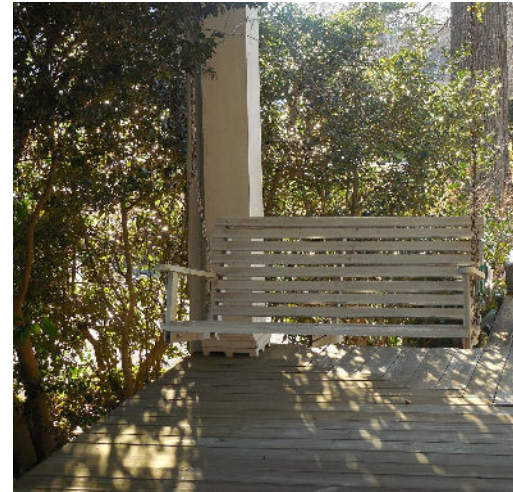
POSTLUDE “O Worship The King” Music attributed to Johann Michael Haydn
arr. by Phillip Keveren

*Please rise, in body or spirit

CONFIRMATION 2023-2024

Confirmation kicks off in September! Pastor Matt has been reaching out to families with students who might want to participate, but it is always possible that someone got overlooked. If you have a student in grades 8 through high school who has never been confirmed into membership at College Hill Presbyterian Church, and if you have not already been in contact with Pastor Matt, please let him know!

WHAT IS THE FRONT PORCH?



The Front Porch is a new worship experience for College Hill Presbyterian Church, open to all people! Join us at 9 AM in the sanctuary on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month (next opportunity is October 1) for simple music, shared prayer and lively conversation about our faith.

No matter who you are, no matter where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome on The Front Porch!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



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Hike at Jacobsburg State Park

October 14th at 1pm

Everyone is welcome to join us at Jacobsburg for a hike in the great outdoors!



Trick or Treat in Reeder Park

October 31st from 6-8pm

The Faith Formation Committee is hosting Trick or Treat in Reeder Park on Halloween. We will set up a table and have candy for the trick or treaters! **We are asking for candy donations!** Please consider donating a bag of candy. There will be a bin outside the sanctuary to put your donated candy in.

We are also looking for people interested in passing out candy and cider from 6pm-8pm on October 31st. You can volunteer for whatever amount of time works for you. Please email Emily Swank (faithformers@collegehillpc.org) if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you!



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November 18th from 5 - 7 pm

Parents Afternoon Out!

December 2nd from 4-7pm

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