



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 12, 2026

7th Sunday after Pentecost

*Large-print bulletins are available at both entrances to the sanctuary.
Activity bags & bulletins for kids are available in the narthex.*

***Indicates those who are able may stand.**



The Chancel flowers today are given by the Bogina family in loving memory of Janet Weatherdon & Thelma Makovsky.



**TODAY'S
HYMNAL**

All hymns today are in the **PURPLE Hymnal**,
Glory to God, unless otherwise noted.



Welcome & Announcements

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

Mike Rugge, Organist

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L—Leader / P—People)

Micah 6; Amos 5

L: With what shall we come before the Lord?

P: Shall we come with burnt-offerings?

L: Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams?

P: Shall we come with festival?

L: Will the Lord take delight in solemn assemblies?

P: O mortals, God has already told us what is good.

L: What does the Lord require of us?

P: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

L: To let justice roll down like waters,

P: And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

*Gathering Hymn

Congregational Selection

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 9:30AM

28 Seventh Avenue, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035

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Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko, Pastor

Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music † Mike Rugge, Organist



We Prepare to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, you call us to lives of service, but we confess that we ignore our neighbors in need. You call us to share our abundance, but we choose our own comfort over generosity to others. You call us to build community, but we are too often gatekeepers, letting in only the ones that make us comfortable. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to be content with enough and inspire us to share what we have – our prosperity, our power and our love – until all your children have life and dignity in beloved community. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

L: People of God, who is in a position to condemn?

P: Only Christ, and Christ prays for us. Christ reaches out with endless love and mercy.

L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

#807 (Red Hymnal)

*Affirmation of Faith:

The Confession of 1967

P: God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family.

L: In reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between brothers and sisters.

P: The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights.

L: Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize their fellow humans, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God.

P: God's reconciliation in Jesus Christ is the ground of the peace, justice, and freedom among nations which all are called to serve and defend.

We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 11:1-9

(OT p.9)

*Hymn: "In This Time of Great Reflection" (insert; hymn note on back)

New Testament Lesson: Acts 2:1-12;43-47

(NT pp.119-120)

Hymn of Preparation: "Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken"

Listen to the Word that God has spoken;
Listen to the One who is close at hand;
Listen to the voice that began creation;
Listen even if you don't understand.

Sermon: "In Pursuit of We"

Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: "It Is Well with My Soul"

by Horatio Spafford

Polly Mitchell & Pam Myers, Vocalists

*Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Alleluia, Alleluia
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication



Please note that all bread provided for the Eucharist is gluten-free.

Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Prayer of Dedication

Words of Institution

Communion

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, send us out from our Lord's table to answer Christ's summons into new life and to follow him with joy and gladness. Set our feet in Christ's holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life and all that we do may show forth his love. We pray this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray together, saying:

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 to Live God's Word

*Closing Hymn: "This Is My Song

#340

Benediction (unison)

May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent one from the other.

L: Our worship together has ended.

P: Now our service begins.

Postlude



PRAYER CONCERNS



Please keep these people in your prayers this week:

• Adin Borden	• Lynn & Tom Spina
• Sally Burrough	• Deborah Blackiston
• Nancy & Bob Celebre	• Lauren DeCorte, Sue Hawco's daughter
• Donna & John Duca	• Marlowe Muni, Kim & Carmen's grandson
• Joe & Marie Guerra	• Steve, friend of Tony Logandro
• Lorrie Heuser	• Meegan Hussain, friend of the Heusers
• Barry Longmire	• Dick Boyle, Candace Lowden's brother-in-law
• Karen Mazak	• Will Baberick, Polly Mitchell's son
• Evelyn Miraglia	• Elijah Scardilli, friends of Hudsons' grandson
• Carmen Muni	• Nancy Ruiz, friend of the Hudsons
• Patti Pawling	• Mark Hart, Wayne Scribner's stepson
• Dottie Rheinbold	• Ginny McVarish, Douglas McVarish's sister
• Michael Sabolcik	

pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17



THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Sunday, July 12	Wednesday, July 15
9:30am - Worship in Sanctuary & on FB	11:00am - Adult Bible Study, Zoom



<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>LiveStream</u>	<u>Counters</u>
Anne Andrews Margie Kent	Abby Burrough Maria Masi	Korey Owens Erin Gallagher	Tony Masi Cathy Zobel

Scripture for Today's Service

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 11:1-9 (NRSV)

The Tower of Babel

¹ Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." ⁵ The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. ⁶ And the Lord said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." ⁸ So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹ Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth, and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

New Testament Lesson: Acts 2:1-12,43-47 (NRSV)

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.* ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.* ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.* ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

Life among the Believers

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

In This Time of Great Reflection

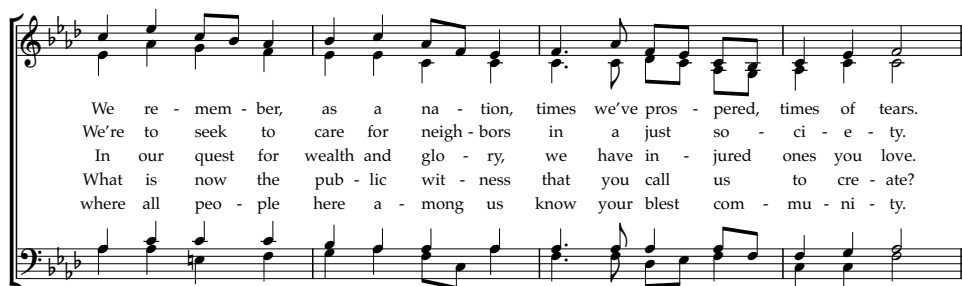
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Restoration

Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835



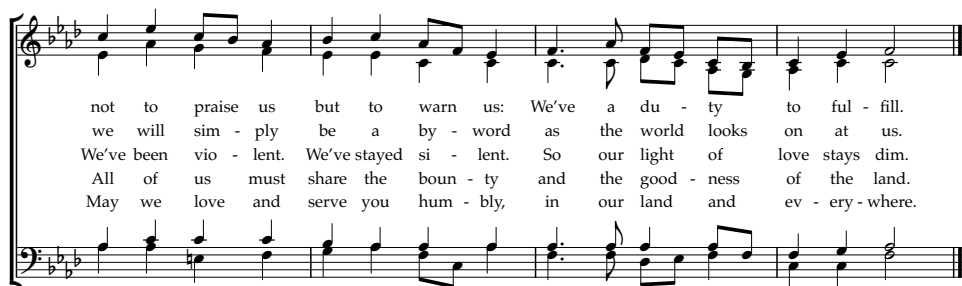
1. In this time of great re - flec - tion on two hun - dred fif - ty years,
 2. Here is what holds us to - geth - er: Mer - cy, love, com - mu - ni - ty.
 3. We re - call our na - tion's sto - ry. Keep us hon - est, God a - bove!
 4. Will we work for ra - cial jus - tice? Will we turn from fear and hate?
 5. In this time, O God, re - store us to the land we're called to be—



We re - mem - ber, as a na - tion, times we've pros - pered, times of tears.
 We're to seek to care for neigh - bors in a just so - ci - e - ty.
 In our quest for wealth and glo - ry, we have in - jured ones you love.
 What is now the pub - lic wit - ness that you call us to cre - ate?
 where all peo - ple here a - mong us know your blest com - mu - ni - ty.



"We shall be," a prea - cher told us, "as a ci - ty on a hill"—
 If we fail to help the nee - dy and to build a land that's just,
 Through en - slave - ment, through dis - place - ment, we have cho - sen ways of sin.
 As we ce - le - brate our coun - try, help us, Lord, to un - der - stand:
 May we seek to be that ci - ty, not with pride but as a prayer.



not to praise us but to warn us: We've a du - ty to ful - fill.
 we will sim - ply be a by - word as the world looks on at us.
 We've been vio - lent. We've stayed si - lent. So our light of love stays dim.
 All of us must share the boun - ty and the good - ness of the land.
 May we love and serve you hum - bly, in our land and ev - ery - where.

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(The Hymn Note can be found on the next page.)

Hymn Note for “In This Time of Great Reflection”

"In This Time of Great Reflection" is a hymn that lifts up the theme of the Puritan John Winthrop's 1630 sermon, "A Model of Christian Charity." Winthrop talked about the Massachusetts Bay Colony as "a city on a hill," referencing Jesus' image from the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:14. In his use of this phrase, Winthrop wasn't giving a sermon about American exceptionalism, as some later historical figures have suggested. As historian Daniel T. Rodgers explains in *As a City on a Hill: The Story of America's Most Famous Lay Sermon*, Winthrop was actually delivering a warning: The eyes of the world would be on Plymouth to see if the colony would morally succeed in being loving, just, humble, good, neighborly, and kind.

This hymn is a prayer that, as we reflect on our nation's 250th anniversary, we will strive to be a morally responsible and community-building people; that we will repent of our sins and become as loving and humble as God is calling us to be. The hymn tune, RESTORATION (most often used for "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy") is a 19th-century American folk tune, as is the alternate tune, HOLY MANNA. Both tunes come from the shape-note folk music tradition.

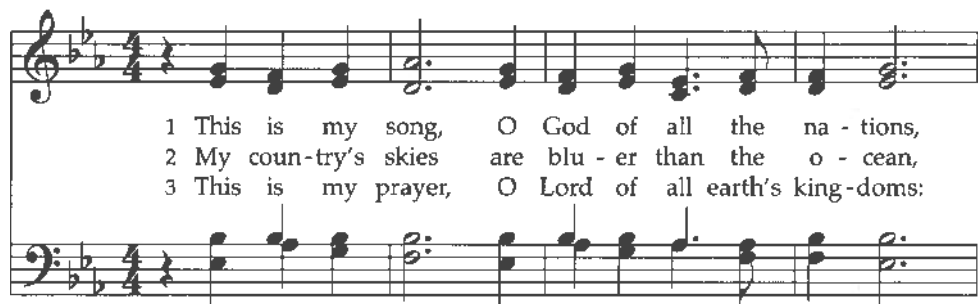
Thank you to three historians who offered helpful insights and feedback in the creation of this hymn; all three have expertise in American history and social movements, and are active in their churches' music programs:

Frederick J. Heuser, the retired executive director of the Presbyterian Historical Society and archivist for Federal/National Council of Churches and Religion News Service; Andrew Robertson, associate professor of history at Lehman College of the City University of New York; and Wendy Wall, associate professor of history at Binghamton University.

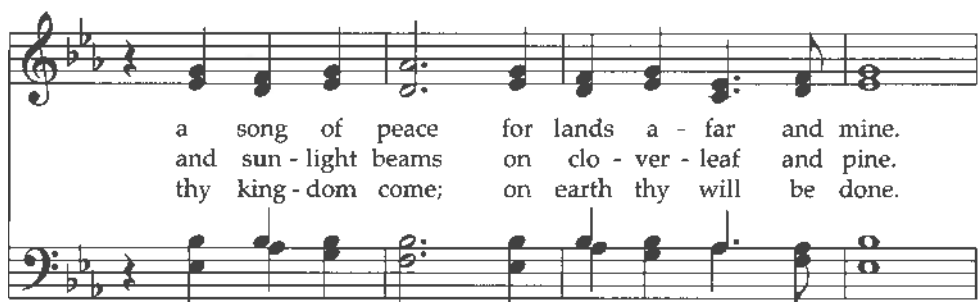
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette has been a pastor in rural, small town, suburban, and city churches; she has also served as a hospice chaplain, a hospital chaplain, and a school bus aide helping children with special needs.

Carolyn is a gifted hymn writer who has written over 550 hymns. All of her hymns, as well as a fuller biography and photo, can be found at www.carolynshymns.com with indices to scriptural references, topics, tunes, and the three-year cycle of the Revised Common Lectionary.

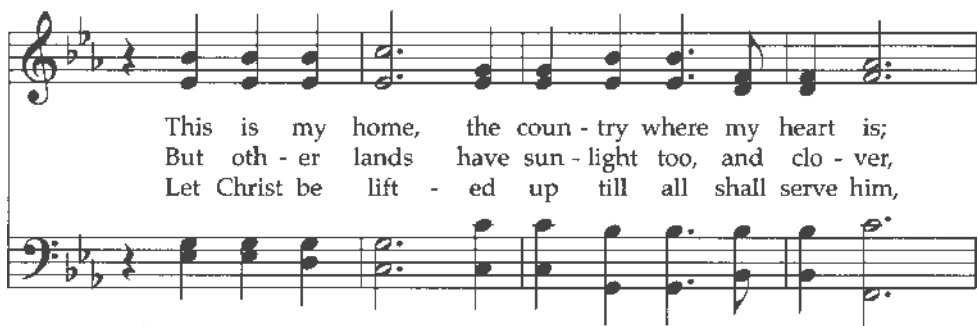
This Is My Song



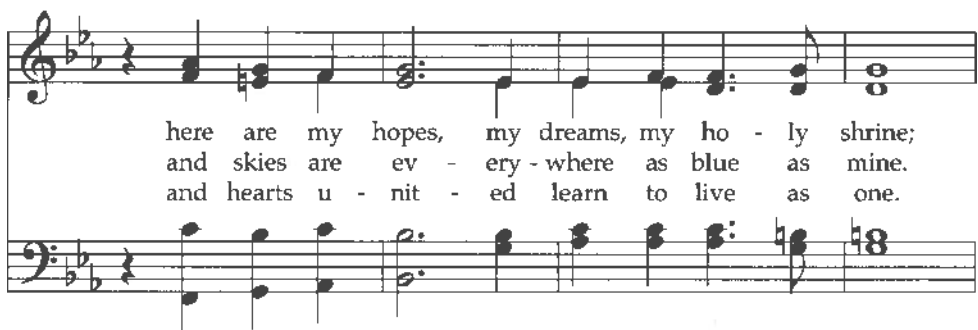
1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

(continued on next page)

("This Is My Song," continued)

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–2, Lloyd Stone; stanza 3, Georgia Harkness, alt.

MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933, alt.

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Church Announcements

**THIS
WEEK
JUL 12**

Looking to Serve? We're Looking for YOU!



Are you looking for a way to serve our congregation and church? FPCHH is looking for one more person to serve on our Board of Deacons. The term is 3 years with the option to renew for a 2nd term. Deacon's duties include serving as an usher typically 2 months of the year and a few Sundays in the summer. Our Deacons also coordinate our church-wide pancake breakfasts, the annual yard sale, and outdoor picnic in the spring. Please contact Al Andrews or Bill Burroughs if you are interested or would like more information about the role.

Summertime School Supplies Collection Going Strong

Our summertime school supplies collection for elementary schools in Haddon Heights, Barrington, Lawnside and Collingswood. Donations should be brought in by **Sunday, August 2**, & can be placed in Room 2 and/or the Missions cabinet in the parlor. Possible items to donate are:

- #2 pencils
- ball point pens (red, blue, black)
- 24-pack crayons
- spiral notebooks
- glue sticks
- 1" and 2" binders
- pocket folders
- Packs of 3x5 index cards
- dry erase markers
- post-it notes
- highlighters
- notebook paper
- composition books
- pencil erasers, cap and pink



Memorial Brick Orders Due July 15

If you would like to remember loved ones who have passed away by placing an engraved paving brick in our Memorial Garden, your order form & payment (checks payable to FPCHH) are due by **THIS Wednesday, July 15**. The paving bricks are \$150 each and will be installed in the garden about 12 weeks after we place our order. Order forms can be found in the church office and the narthex. Please place your completed order form & payment in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office by July 15.

Each brick holds 4 lines of up to 17 characters each. Enter your text using one character per box (all punctuation & spaces are considered one character). All text will be centered. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.



Example:

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For July: Cleaning Supplies (Yes, again!)



June 21
through
Sept. 6

SUMMER WORSHIP

9:30am

We Hold These Truths: A Sacred Conversation A Summer Sermon Series

"In Pursuit of 'We'": July 12 (Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-12, 43-47)

"In Pursuit of 'These Truths'": July 19 (John 18:33-38; Acts 15:1-19)

"In Pursuit of 'Equality'": July 26 (Genesis 1:26-31; James 2:1-8)

"In Pursuit of 'Their Creator'": August 2 (Micah 6:18; Matthew 25:31-46)

"In Pursuit of 'Life'": August 9 (Deuteronomy 30:11-20; John 10:10a-18)

"In Pursuit of 'Liberty'": August 16 (Exodus 3:1-11; Luke 4:16-21)

"In Pursuit of 'Happiness'": August 30 (Psalm 1; Matthew 5:1-11)

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them; a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly we have seen the Fathers of this Republic, when they entered into the Union, have declared that they retained to themselves and their posterity, the right to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly we have seen the Fathers of this Republic, when they entered into the Union, have declared that they retained to themselves and their posterity, the right to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.