

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 29th, 2022

# Welcome to Hilltop Church

The First Presbyterian Church  
of Mendham, New Jersey

“Proclaiming Christ’s Presence and  
Continuing Christ’s Work since 1738”

Let those who love  
the LORD hate evil,  
for he guards the lives  
of his faithful ones and  
delivers them from  
the hand of the wicked.

-Psalm 97:10



PsalmsQuotes.com

## MINISTERS

*All the Members of Hilltop Church*

## OUR MISSION

The purpose of the First Presbyterian Church, Mendham, NJ is to acknowledge and proclaim the presence and power of God and to continue the work of Jesus Christ by loving God, God’s world, each other and ourselves.  
We are committed to the growth of faith,  
the spreading of the good news,  
and the mission of caring for those near and far.  
We fulfill these commitments through prayers, study, sharing,  
teaching and serving.

ASSEMBLING IN GOD'S NAME AND LIFTING OUR VOICES

Prelude

“Largo”

Dvorak

**Psalm 97 (CEB)**

The Lord rules! Let the earth rejoice!  
Let all the islands celebrate!  
<sup>2</sup> Clouds and thick darkness surround God.  
God's throne is built on righteousness and justice.  
<sup>3</sup> Fire proceeds before the Lord,  
burning up God's enemies on every side.  
<sup>4</sup> Lightning lights up the world;  
the earth sees it and trembles!  
<sup>5</sup> The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,  
before the Lord of the whole world!  
<sup>6</sup> Heaven has proclaimed God's righteousness,  
and all nations have seen God's glory.  
<sup>7</sup> All those who worship images,  
those who are proud of idols,  
are put to shame.  
All gods bow down to the Lord!  
<sup>8</sup> Zion has heard and celebrates,  
the towns of Judah rejoice,  
because of your acts of justice, Lord,  
<sup>9</sup> because you, Lord, are the Most High  
over all the earth,  
because you are so superior to all other gods.  
<sup>10</sup> Those of you who love the Lord, hate evil!  
God guards the lives of faithful ones,  
delivering them from the power of the wicked.  
<sup>11</sup> Light is planted like seed for the righteous person;  
joy too for those whose heart is right.  
<sup>12</sup> Rejoice in the Lord, righteous ones!  
Give thanks to God's holy name!

**Welcome, Announcements**

**Moment for Mission**

Camp Johnsonburg

**Responsive Call to Worship**

When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,

**God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust.**

When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,

**Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble service.**

When we stand at the edge of our failing strength and waning endurance,

**God says, “Do not tremble or be dismayed, the Lord your  
God goes with you wherever you go.**

**\*Hymn#307 “God of Grace and God of Glory”**

*1 God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.*

*2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.*

*3 Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

*4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.*

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

CONFESSING OUR SIN, RECEIVING CHRIST'S ASSURANCE  
AND EXTENDING CHRIST'S PEACE

**Call to Confession & Unison Prayer of Confession**

O God, you have promised to lead us to the promised land, yet we fall away when times are challenging. We want to remain steadfast, but our fear of the difficulties ahead cause us to run and hide. Forgive us, Lord, by reminding us that no matter where our journey leads us, you go with us wherever we go. (*Silent Reflection...*)

**-Silent Personal Prayer-**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Elder: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gloria Patri #581 "Glory Be to the Father"**

**\*Extending Christ's Peace**

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

**And also with you.**

As Jesus shared His peace with us let us share His peace with one another.

**Special Music**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

**Prayer for Illumination**

Eternal God, your Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and enlightens us to hear your Word fresh every day. Now, speak to us once again your sacred story given to us through the Holy Scriptures. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**1st Reading**

**Isaiah 41:1-10** Listen to me in silence, O coastlands; let the peoples renew their strength; let them approach, then let them speak; let us together draw near for judgment. <sup>2</sup>Who has roused a victor from the east, summoned him to his service? He delivers up nations to him, and tramples kings under foot; he makes them like dust with his sword, like driven stubble with his bow. <sup>3</sup>He pursues them and passes on safely, scarcely touching the path with his feet. <sup>4</sup>Who has performed and done this, calling the generations from the beginning? I, the LORD, am first, and will be with the last. <sup>5</sup>The coastlands have seen and are afraid, the ends of the earth tremble; they have drawn near and come. <sup>6</sup>Each one helps the other, saying to one another, "Take courage!" <sup>7</sup>The artisan encourages the goldsmith, and the one who smooths with the hammer encourages the one who strikes the anvil, saying of the soldering, "It is good"; and they fasten it with nails so that it cannot be moved. <sup>8</sup>But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; <sup>9</sup>you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, "You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off"; <sup>10</sup>do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

**2nd Reading**

**Joshua 1:1-3,8-9** After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, <sup>2</sup>"My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. <sup>3</sup>Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. <sup>8</sup>This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. <sup>9</sup>I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

Reverend Dr. Merideth Mueller-Bolton

**"Strong and Courageous"**

## Moment for Quiet Reflection

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND PRAYER

### Invitation to the Offering

### Anthem

### \*Doxology

### \*Prayer of Dedication

### Pastoral Prayer and 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.

### \*Hymn #69 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

*I I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.*

*All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.*

*I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.*

*Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

**Refrain:** *Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.*

*I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

*2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them.*

*They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.*

*I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)*

*3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.*

*I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide*

*till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)*

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

### \*Benediction

### Postlude

### "The Liberty Bell"

John Philip Sousa

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*(Many people at Hilltop prefer to be seated to listen to the Postlude.  
If you need to leave, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

#### SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

**Greeting you at the front door** are Linda and Ken Braddock.

**The Church Officer of the Day** this morning is Elder Fiona Stewart.

**Our Usher Coordinator** is David Kerr.

**Operating our Sound System** is Bob Willis.

**The flowers on the table** are given the glory of God by the Grzanka and Kear Families in loving memory of Catherine Grzanka

#### PRAYING TOGETHER AT HILLTOP:

**If you wish to speak to the Pastor** Reverend Dr. Merideth Mueller-Bolton you can email her at [pastormerideth@gmail.com](mailto:pastormerideth@gmail.com) or call her cell phone at (609) 303-0500.

**If you are aware of anyone who is hospitalized** or is in need of special care, please contact our Stephen Ministers Lissa Anderson (973)543-1702 or Liz Siminoff (973)543-0019

**Area of Ministry:** Nurture, Education and Discipleship

**Local Mission:** Family Promise

**National Mission:** Intercultural Ministries

**International Mission:** Presbyterian Missionaries

*\*(Indicates the Congregation will please stand as you are able.)*



## COMING UP AT HILLTOP...

### FELLOWSHIP TODAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Please join us for informal fellowship at the Black Horse Pub following worship today. The event is organized by Adult Ed and all are welcome. Stop in for a quick hello, or join us for a bite to eat!

### LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

Lunch with Friends is Wednesday, June 8th. Start with coffee, fruit and snacks 11:00 am and lunch at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed to bring food, set-up, serve and clean up - contact Paula Raimondo with any questions or to volunteer. She can be reached at 973-285-5044. We always look forward to new guests and helpers.

### DEACON NEWS -



**June 11th** - The Deacons' Estate and Treasure Sale (yes, we have renamed it) is scheduled for Saturday, June 11th from 8am-3pm and we invite everyone to come and make it a success by either donating saleable items or helping work at the sale! Donations of household items, gently used/clean clothing, sporting goods, toys, etc. can be dropped off in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, June 9th from 2-5pm and on Friday, June 10th from 2-7 pm. Other arrangements can be made if those times do not work for you. No electronic items will be accepted this year. Large furniture/upholstered items on a limited basis only. This year we are also encouraging visitors to consider bringing their own plastic/canvas bags when shopping given that plastic bags will no longer be available in our grocery stores as of May 4th. No need to price your items. We have received some wonderful donations from local estate sales in recent weeks so we hope you will come out and enjoy a little shopping with us on June 11th. Please do not hesitate to contact Megan Nervi at [megnervi@gmail.com](mailto:megnervi@gmail.com) or 908-868-7431 with any questions.

THIS WEEK AT HILLTOP \_\_\_\_\_

**Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> Holiday The Church Office is Closed**

**Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:45 am Women's Bible Study

**Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> The Church Office is Closed on Fridays**

8:30 p.m. AA in the Steelman Room

**Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am Men's Bible Study

**Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary

11:15 am Deacon Church Picnic

NEXT SUNDAY:

**June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Rev. Dr. Merideth Mueller-Bolton to Preach**

***Please watch your email and church website  
for updates on virtual and in-person worship.***

**To worship with us online at 10 am (or anytime  
after) please visit the homepage of our website  
for the link and bulletin:**

[https://www.hilltopchurch.org/t\\_homepage.asp](https://www.hilltopchurch.org/t_homepage.asp)

**Subscribe to our channel here: [https://www.youtube.com/c/  
HilltopChurchMendham](https://www.youtube.com/c/HilltopChurchMendham)**

### **Need a Name Tag?**

The Membership & Outreach Committee will soon be placing an order for magnetic name tags. If you are a member of Hilltop Church and do not yet have a magnetic name tag, or need a replacement, please send an email to [john.blumers@gmail.com](mailto:john.blumers@gmail.com). Your email should include "Name Tag" as its subject and the spelling of your name as you would like it to appear on your name tag.

#### SERVING CHRIST AND YOU AT HILLTOP

Rev. Dr. Merideth Mueller-Bolton - Interim Pastor/ Head of Staff

James Wynne - Director of Music Ministries

Cathy Malman - Director of Children's and Family Educational Ministries

Tori Legacki- Director of Hilltop Christian Nursery School

Cliff Lee - Clerk of Session Brian Elliott - Treasurer

Dane Manchester & Walter Perkins - Assistant Treasurers

Megan Nervi Moderator of the Board of Deacons

Liz Siminoff & Lissa Anderson- Stephen Leaders

Bob Willis - Organ Curator

Danielle Doyle - Office Manager

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