

AUGUST 21ST, 2022
Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time



Hilltop Church

Mendham, N.J.

Welcome to
Summer Worship
at Hilltop Church

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

ASSEMBLING IN GOD'S NAME AND LIFTING OUR VOICES

As you gather, take time quietly to sit and prepare your heart to worship God

Prelude

"Bi, A Iosa (Comfort)"

R. Lloyd

Psalm 71:1-6

1 In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

2 In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

3 Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

4 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

5 For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

6 Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

Welcome, Announcements

***Responsive Call to Worship**

Come, O people! Listen for the voice of God.

We have heard God's voice in mighty thunder, in joyful laughter, in faithful questions.

Come, O people! Taste the goodness of God.

We have tasted God's love in broken bread, in shared wine, in living water.

Rejoice, O people! God is here.

Let us rejoice and worship God together!

***Hymn #475 " Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

***Prayer of Adoration**

CONFESSING AND RESPONDING TO FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession & Unison Prayer of Confession

You tell us that where our treasures are, our hearts are sure to be. Forgive us when we treasure the shallow things of this world more than we cherish the depth of your grace; when we choose comfort over faithfulness, power over love, wealth over discipleship, selfishness over service. Forgive us, Holy God, and move us, that through the act of confessing we may recognize our failings and be freed by your grace to try again. Amen.

-Silent Personal Prayer-

Assurance of Pardon:

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

***Extending Christ's Peace**

***Gloria #582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Time with Children

Special Music

"Amazing Grace"

Bish

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10

4Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, 5"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." 6Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." 7But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, 8Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." 9Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. 10See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

2nd Reading Luke 13:10-17

10Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. 11And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. 12When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." 13When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. 14But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." 15But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? 16And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" 17When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"A Place to Stand Straight?"

Pastor Scot

RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

*Hymn #720

"Jesus Calls Us"

Affirmation of Faith - Apostle's Creed *(traditional)*

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 rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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.



Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

The Festival Choir

*Doxology #606

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

*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 #306 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Benediction

Postlude

"Festal March"

Scotson Clark

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

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

Greeting you at the front door is Don Eberhart.
Our Usher Coordinator is David Kerr.
Operating our Sound System is Bob Willis.

PRAYING TOGETHER AT HILLTOP:

If you wish to speak to the Pastor Reverend Scot McCachren you can email him at rev.scot.mcc@gmail.com. For pastoral needs after hours please call (201)400-1834.

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: Buildings & Grounds
Local Mission: Camp Johnsonburg
National Mission: ACT Now
International Mission: Disaster Relief Ministries

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT HILLTOP CHURCH!

We are blessed by your presence with us! Whether today is your first time worshipping at Hilltop or you've been a member for decades, we are glad you are here and pray that the living God will touch your life as you worship with us this morning. +++ **We love having children in worship,** so don't be overly concerned about bothering others. If you do feel you need to take your child out of the sanctuary during the service, we hope you'll return when you feel the time is right. +++ Out of respect for those worshipping near you **please take a moment to turn off cell phones and pagers.**

ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR A NEW CHURCH HOME?

We invite you to learn more about the mission and ministry of Hilltop. We are always looking for new ways to embody Jesus' call to love God and our neighbors in this community and throughout the world. We have a heart for mission and we believe in including children and families in everything we do. We'd love for you to be part of our future, continuing Jesus Christ's earthly ministry of building God's Kingdom.

While you're here, please:

- **Fill out** a visitor card and drop it in the offering plate to let us know you were here and to request a call or visit from the pastor.
- **Pick up a copy of the SPIRE (our church newsletter).** There should be some on the table in the back of the sanctuary.
- **Speak with the pastor** and help us get to know you.



Please join us today for an ice cream social immediately following worship!

THIS WEEK AT HILLTOP

Monday, August 22nd

Tuesday, August 23rd

7:00 p.m. Deacons

Wednesday, August 24th

Thursday, August 25th

Friday, August 26th The Church Office is Closed on Fridays

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

Saturday, August 27th

Sunday, August 28th

10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary

11:15 am Adult Education and Fellowship at the Black Horse Pub

NEXT SUNDAY:

**August 28th, 2022
Pastor Scot 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

Subscribe to our channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/c/HilltopChurchMendham>



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