

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 24TH, 2022



Hilltop Church

Mendham, N.J.

Welcome to
Summer Worship
at Hilltop Church

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

Prelude

“Sonata II, Movement II”

Paul Hindemith

Welcome and Announcements

Psalm 85

1 LORD, you were favourable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. 2 You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. 3 You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. 4 Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation towards us. 5 Will you be angry with us for ever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? 6 Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you? 7 Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. 8 Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. 9 Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. 10 Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. 11 Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. 12 The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. 13 Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

***Responsive Call to Worship**

Come to worship the God of our salvation.

God's goodness has called us here.

Seek, and you will find.

With joy, we sing of Christ's steadfast love.

Knock, and the door will be opened for you.

Here, steadfast love and faithfulness meet.

Ask, and it shall be given to you.

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***Hymn #39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;

there is no shadow of turning with thee.

Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.

As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand

hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun,

moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:

blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

***Prayer of Adoration**

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

Call to Confession & Unison Prayer of Confession

How long, O Lord, will you hide your face from us? As our world is ripped apart, we can't help but look past our days and long for the day of your salvation. As our lives are tattered and torn, with regret and fear we yearn for you to restore our fortunes. As we knock on the door and seek your face, open the door to us, for we need your presence to be whole once more. Answer our prayers that we might dwell with joy in your house forever. Amen.

-Silent Personal Prayer-

Assurance of Pardon:

Hear the good news! When you were buried with Christ in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God. By that power we are made clean and set free to live in gratitude and love with zeal.

We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

1st Reading Hosea 1:2-10

2When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD." 3So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

4And the LORD said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. 5On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel." 6She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. 7But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen."

8When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. 9Then the LORD said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God." 10Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' it shall be said to them, 'Children of the living God.'

2nd Reading Luke 11:1-13

1He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." 2He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. 3Give us each day our daily bread. 4And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

5And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' 7And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' 8I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 9"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? 12Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? 13If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

Sermon

“Children of the Living God”

Pastor Scot

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND PRAYER

Moment for Quiet Reflection

***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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

***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 #175**

“Seek Ye First”

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!
- 2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!
- 3 You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!



GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Benediction

Postlude

"Fughetta"

Felix Mendelssohn

*(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 MaryAnn Fox

Our Usher Coordinator is David Kerr.

Operating our Sound System is Bob Willis.

The flowers on the table are given to the Glory of God by John Blumers in honor of the life of his father Hervey Edwin Blumers.

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

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



THIS WEEK AT HILLTOP _____

Monday, July 25th

Tuesday, July 26th

7:00 p.m. Deacons

Wednesday, July 27th

Thursday, July 28th

Friday, July 29th The Church Office is Closed on Fridays

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

Saturday, July 30th

Sunday, July 31st

10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary

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

NEXT SUNDAY:

July 31st, 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

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