# Pultneyville Reformed Church Worship Service

September 4, 2022 ❖ Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing Our Hearts For Worship

Life Of The Congregation/Joys And Concerns

### Our Approach to God

#### Votum

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord our God Creator of heaven and earth.

P: Amen.

Sentences -- Psalm 1:1-5

L: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked.

P: Or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers.

L: Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

P: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season.

L: Their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

P: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

L: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment.

P: Nor those that sin in the congregation of the righteous.

Salutation -- Philemon 1:3

\* Opening Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" Verses 1-2, 6-7

Prayer of Confession -- Liturgy of the Dutch Reformed Church 1566, adapted

Most merciful Father, we humble ourselves before your majesty, which we have offended. We have often transgressed against your law, neglecting what you have commanded us. Nevertheless, merciful Father, knowing that your mercy is infinite, we call upon you with all our hearts to forgive all our sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. Clear our understanding of all blindness and our hearts of all hardness for the sake of the same Jesus Christ who is our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison -- spoken

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Assurance of Pardon -- Lamentations 3:22-23

L: Believe this Gospel and go forth to live in peace.

P: Amen.

Summary of the Law -- Matthew 22:37-40

\* Gloria Patri -- sung

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.

**Traditions** 

#### The Word of God in Proclamation and Sacrament

Prayer of Illumination

Lectionary Lessons:

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 18:1-11

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson: Philemon – verses 10-21

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

\*Gospel Lesson: Luke 14:25-33

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon: "No Pressure"

Prayer For Blessing

\* Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

\* The Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

#### Offering

\* Doxology -- "Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow"

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. — Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland

O Lord, accept the offering we seek to make of ourselves and our money; and grant that we may ever work and pray to build a world of peace and joy and freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Meaning of the Sacrament

Invitation

\* Communion Hymn: "One Bread, One Body"

Communion Prayer

- 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.
- P: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

#### Sanctus

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Mystery of the Faith

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

Communion

### Our Response to God's Grace

#### Thanksgiving after Communion

L: Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at his Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving! Bless the Lord, O my soul,

- P: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
- L: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
- P: and do not forget all his benefits—
- L: who forgives all your iniquity,
- P: who heals all your diseases,
- L: who redeems your life from the Pit,
- P: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.
- L: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
- P: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- L: He does not deal with us according to our sins,
- P: nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- L: For as the heavens are high above the earth,
- P: so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- L: as far as the east is from the west,
- P: so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- L: As a father has compassion for his children,
- P: so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,
- L: who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, and will also give us all things with him.
- P: Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore.
- U: Amen.

From Psalm 103, with additions

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

\* Closing Hymn: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Postlude

Response

- L: And all God's people said:
- P: Glory be to God, Amen and Amen.
- \* Benediction

# Welcome to the Pultneyville Reformed Church "A community of faith seeking to express, in all of life, the mind of Christ"

Everything you need to participate fully in worship is found in the bulletin. Please rise at the places indicated by an (\*) if you are able.

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#### **CONSISTORY**

Elders	Deacons
Amy Burdett (2023)	Chip Bailey (2023)
Alison DeMarree (2024)	Craig DeNagel (2023)
Mark Lagoner (2023)	Chelsea Manahan (2024)
Carolyn Youngs (2024)	Donna Reuter (2024)

#### **OUR MISSIONARIES**

Nathan & Nozomi Brownell	Felipe & Janell de Waard-Silva
Kenneth, Raymond, Luke	Luca, Sofia, Mila
Japan	Romania
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#### **OUR SUNDAY TO SUNDAY CALENDAR**

Sunday – September 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00 Worship

<u>Tuesday – September 6<sup>th</sup></u> 7:00 Oasis Croatia Meeting

<u>Thursday – September 8<sup>th</sup></u> 7:00 Oasis Croatia Prayer Meeting

Saturday – September 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 Caring Hands

Sunday – September 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00 Worship

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Eric Titus Keyboardist: Dr. Morgan Nikolov

Liturgist: John Manahan Elder: Carolyn Youngs

This morning we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The communion offering is designated for the Williamson Come-Unity Center which is a food pantry and soup kitchen.

PRC will be providing snacks on Thursdays for the Scarlet Thread Ministries for the month of September. Please sign up on the clipboard located on the bulletin table if you can provide snacks for 50 kids at 2:00 p.m. on a Thursday in September. Scarlet Thread is always looking for volunteers so stop in on a Thursday afternoon and see what it's all about!

On Sunday, September 18th we will return to the sanctuary for our worship services which will begin at 10:00.

When we begin to worship in the sanctuary again on September 18<sup>th</sup>, we will also begin having our coffee hours again. If you would like to be put on the schedule as a coffee host, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin table or on the bulletin board in Trinity Hall.

If you have a special occasion that you would like to commemorate by putting flowers on the pulpit for a Sunday worship service, then please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin table or on the bulletin board in Trinity Hall.

The Fall Adult Education Series will be six sessions beginning Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> starting around 11:15 (following service) in the Agape Room. Eric will continue with focusing in on the activity of the Protestant Church (Reformed and Lutheran) during the Weimar Republic of German (1919-1930), The period prior to the National Socialists seizure of power. He will focus especially on Karl Barth's (1886-1968) early theological responses to this alliance between the Church and a political party. The name of the course will be: An Un-holy Alliance: Lessons the Church Should Learn.

The next Artisan Gate Theater Concert, located at 6191 Bennett Street, Williamson, is this Saturday, September 10th at 7pm. The concert features Rich Serody, a singer songwriter who will share his original "Jesus Centered" music. Doors open at 6:30 for café and desserts, with the concert beginning at 7pm.

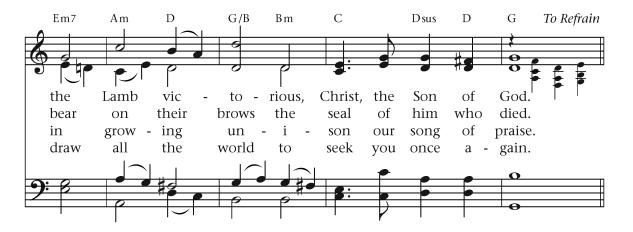
The deadline for the October issue of our newsletter, PRC Connections is Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Please email your submissions to Editor Sara Scileppi to scileppi@aol.com.

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# **Lift High the Cross**



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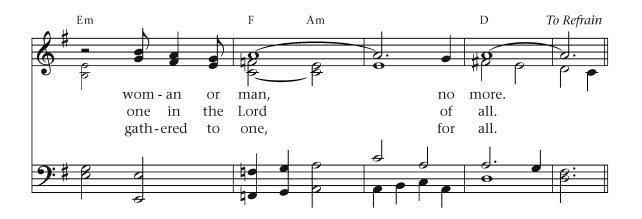


- 5 Let every race and every language tell of him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*
- 6 Set up your throne, that earth's despair may cease beneath the shadow of its healing peace. *Refrain*
- 7 So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*



### One Bread, One Body





# 737 Have Thine Own Way, Lord

