



Worship
August 7, 2022

Rev. Peter Wilkinson

* If you are able, please stand



We invite you to use this portal as a way to let us know you are here and for any joys or concerns you want to share with us.

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Wilkinson

Welcome, friends, to this holy day.

We come to offer thanks; we come to sing and pray.

Welcome, friends, to this time set apart,

A time to remember those we love, and time to remember the holy promises of God.

Welcome, friends, to this table of remembrance and joy,

The table where we are fed, the feast we share with many.

Welcome, friends, and let us worship God.

* HYMN #503 Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

1. Lord, we have come at Your own invitation,
Chosen by You, to be counted Your friends;
Yours is the strength that sustains dedication,
Ours a commitment we know never ends.

2. Here, at Your table, confirm our intention,
Give it Your seal of forgiveness and grace;
Teach us to serve without pride or pretension,
Lord, in Your kingdom, whatever our place.

3. When, at Your table, each time of returning,
Vows are renewed and our courage restored:
May we increasingly glory in learning
All that it means to accept You as Lord.

CALL TO CONFESSION

It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us make our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Please take this time for personal confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the Good News: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Let us proclaim the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(If you are participating today through Facebook, please register your peace for each other now)
Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
we also should forgive one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-34

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves. ³⁰For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged. ³²But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world. ³³So then, my brothers and sisters, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. ³⁴If you are hungry, eat at home, so that when you come together, it will not be for your condemnation. About the other things I will give instructions when I come.

The word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

SERMON

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From: The Shorter Catechism

Q. 97. What is required for the worthy receiving of the Lord's Supper?

A. It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's Supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

Virtual and in-person giving opportunities:

- 1) Online at our Easytithe site -
<https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/centralmontclair>
- 2) Place offerings in the trays at the doors.



Offering Prayer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
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.**

Words of Institution
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

**Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of
your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

* **HYMN #647** Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son

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* **CHARGE/BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

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"As disciples of Jesus Christ and good stewards of God's Grace, we are a caring, inclusive congregation that strives to grow in Christian faith, proclaim the Good News, and provide service in ministry to each other, our diverse community, and the world."

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August Birthdays

10 Tom Goulder
11 Ernest Mitchell
12 Amy White
13 Evelyn Ann Ordemann
18 Joel Waisanen
23 Ellie Fitzgerald
 Max Marone
24 Peter Dancy
27 Henry Eveleth
29 Silas Hall
 Brian Cattell
 Lilith Claire Marone
30 Elizabeth Burkland
31 Caroline Schestag

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