# The Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square



July 27th, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Taste and see that the Lord is good! Psalm 34:8

# For Reflection

"[Exodus] tells the story of God's greatest act of redemption before the cross of Christ. And, for that reason, it's a vital part of the story of God that fills the whole Bible. Indeed, it provides pictures and patterns in the saving work of God, for the life of God's people that go on echoing right through the rest of the Bible, right up to the book of Revelation."—Christopher Wright



### Welcome

### **Prelude**

Call to Worship: Psalm 86:8-10

### Leader:

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

### People:

For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

1. O God our help in ages past

Our hope for years to come

Our shelter from the stormy blast

And our eternal home

2. Under the shadow of Thy throne

Still may we dwell secure

Sufficient is Thine arm alone

And our defense is sure

3. Before the hills in order stood

Or earth received her frame

From everlasting Thou art God

To endless years the same

4. A thousand ages in Thy sight

Are like an evening gone

Short as the watch that ends the night

Before the rising sun

5. Our God our help in ages past

Our hope for years to come

Be Thou our guard while life shall last

And our eternal home



### Call to Confession

# **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# **Silent Confession**

**Congregational Response:** "The Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases" (remain seated)

The steadfast love
of the Lord never ceases
His mercies never come to an end
They are new every morning
New every morning
Great is thy faithfulness O Lord
Great is thy faithfulness



# Act 3: Redemption God covers us with Grace

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 43:1b-4a

Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

### Thanks be to God!

# Greet One Another and Pass the Peace of Christ

### The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come

# Storykeepers Prayer

Leader: What is our hope for these children?

People: That they would know the love of Jesus Christ, trust in his promise, and walk in his ways all their days.

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1 Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying, "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.2The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.3The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name.

4"Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.5The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone.6Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power, your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.7In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.8At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

Sermon: The Song of Our Salvation

Notes:

One point to share:

# Hymn: "Shepherd of Souls"

- Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
   Your chosen pilgrim flock
   With manna in the wilderness,
   With water from the rock.
- 2. We would not live by bread alone,But by your word of grace,In strength of which we travel onTo our abiding place.
- 3. Be known to us in breaking bread,But do not then depart;Savior, abide with us, and spreadYour table in our heart.
- 4. Lord, sup with us in love divine;Your body and your blood,That living bread, that heav'nly wine,Be our immortal food.



# Act 4: Renewal: God communes with us

# The Lord's Supper

In this meal, the Lord calls us to himself.

For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

He is not distant; he is not far off.

He is with us always, to the end of the age.

# **Prayers for Those Not Taking Communion**

Prayer for Faith: God, in my places of pain, give me your song; in my places of darkness, give me your light; in my places of unbelief, give me faith. Help my unbelief and help me see. Amen.

Prayer Amid Habitual Sin: God, if I have given myself over to sin, making a home for it, please kick the door down and clean my heart. Please forgive me for ways I've sinned against you, others and myself. Free me. I want life, freedom, and the joy of victory. Only through Jesus is this possible. Amen.

Prayer of Belief: Lord Jesus Christ, I accept that I am weaker and more sinful than I dare to admit, but through you I am loved more than I ever dared hope. Thank you for dying for me, taking my place and offering me forgiveness. You've been raised from the dead, so I turn to you, my Redeemer. Amen.

# Post Communion Prayer (All)

Our dear Christ, we put our trust in you. Your grace is greater than our sinfulness and your mercy is greater than our brokenness. You call us out of exile to yourself, nourish us through the wilderness of this world by your presence, and guide us safely into your everlasting presence. Help us to see that our hope—all of our hope—is in you. Amen.

# **Prayer of Intercession**

# Offering

# Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

# In the Life of the Church

- **The Garage Career Compass**: Please consider signing up to drive a student for the Garage Center's Summer Youth Program. Contact Murphy Bolton (302-354-0407) if you are interested.
- **KACS Donations:** Thank you for continuing to donate items in the designated basket in the parlor.

**Hymn:** "House of the Lord"

1. We worship the God who was

We worship the God who is

We worship the God who evermore will be We sing to the God who always makes a

He opened the prison doors

He parted the raging sea

My God He holds the victory yeah

2. We sing to the God who heals

We sing to the God who saves

way

'Cause He hung up on that cross

Then He rose up from that grave

My God's still rolling stones away

Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord

There's joy in the house of the Lord today

And we won't be quiet

We shout out Your praise

There's joy in the house of the Lord

Our God is surely in this place

And we won't be quiet

We shout out Your praise

Bridge

We were the beggars

Now we're royalty

We were the prisoners

Now we're running free

We are forgiven accepted

Redeemed by His grace

Let the house of the Lord sing praise

### Benediction

Prayer Ministry is available in the sanctuary after the service.

Please join us for refreshments in the parlor!

### **Growth Groups**

If you're not currently a part of a growth group, but have interest in learning more, feel free to reach out to the growth group leaders mentioned below.

### All are welcome!

- Sandy Meyer's Growth Group plans to meet at the church during the Summer on August 21st, at 10 a.m. We will be discussing various topics during those sessions, and if participants wish to continue with lunch together after the sessions, that too is an option.
- Barbara Handy's Growth Group will not be meeting for the summer. We will start meeting again in September in the church library. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. We will continue our study of "Not Ashamed," Paul's letter to the Roman's by W. Robert Godfrey. Contact Joanne Taylor if you would like to join us at 610-444-0272.
- Mackenzie Mojica's Growth Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 p.m. in the youth room. Childcare is provided.
- Liz Lawson's Growth Group will meet this summer on August 14th at 1 p.m. at Liz Lawson's home. Contact Liz at 610-724-2742 if you'd like to join.

### **Come Pray With Us!**

There are two 15-minute online congregational prayer times each week. Please join in on one or both! No registration needed. We meet at 6:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and at 11:45 a.m. on Fridays. Some participants pray out loud, others silently. The following zoom log on details are the same for both meetings:

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