ORDER OF WORSHIP

Reformation Sunday
A Service by the Congregation of Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church
October 25, 2020

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Loving God, you not only welcome us, you receive us into yourself. Give us courage to be so open to others, to let them become so dear to us, that we might share not only your gospel but also our lives, through Christ, who makes room for us all. Amen.

Prelude *Ein Feste Burg* Charles Callahan
Sara Hoey, Organ

INTROIT *Love the Lord Your God* Jonathan Yount, Soloist

WELCOME AND POURING OF WATER Rev. Eileen Lindner

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Elder Min Curtis

CALL TO WORSHIP Elder Min Curtis
Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout
all generations.
In you, we come home—
to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved.
We dwell in you.
Before the mountains were born, before you delivered
the whole world,
from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.
In you, we are home—
we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice.
We dwell in you.

HYMN *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also.
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Lord, we confess:
we do not live as those worthy
to be entrusted with the good news of your grace;
we relate to others callously
as though we do not trust that gospel ourselves;
we seek to please and manipulate,
using flattery to gain praise and distinction;
we use condescension as a mask
to cover insecurity or a need for power.
Our motives are mixed, impure.
Lord, reassure and cleanse us,
in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE (x3)
Love the lord your God
With all your heart.
Love the Lord your God
With all your soul.
Love the Lord your God
With all your mind.
Love the Lord your God
With all your are.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON *1 Thessalonians 2:1-8*
You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles

of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 22:34-40*

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

This is the Gospel of Christ!
Praise to you, O Christ!

HOMILY *"Because You Have Become Very Dear to Us"* Rev. Eileen Lindner

HYMN OF MEDITATION *Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed*

Wonder of wonders, here revealed;
God's covenant with us is sealed.
And long before we know or pray,
God's love enfolds us every day.

Have in this sacrament we see
God's grace unbound, for all, for me!
May we respond with joyful praise
in loving service all our days.

This child of God though young or old,
we welcome now into Chris's fold,
to know with us God's loving care,
and all our joys and sorrows share.

THE RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS AND
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR
Oliver Nicholas Pape
Born February 10, 2020 at Ocean Medical Center, Brick, NJ
Son of Nicholas and Amanda Pape
God-son of Patrick Pape and Ashley Gahr

Receiving Nick and Amanda Pape into Membership by Reaffirmation of Faith

* The Profession of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*
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 Pontious 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

The Thanksgiving Over the Water
The Act of Baptizing
The Prayer of Dedication
The Welcome Litany
Elder: Oliver Nicholas, you are now received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church. Through baptism, God has made you a member of the household of God, to share with us in the Priesthood of Christ.
Amanda and Nicholas, by professing your faith publicly, you have expressed your intention to grow in the covenant God made with you in baptism as members of this church.

I charge you, the people of Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church, to nurture and to love this family, and to assist them to be faithful disciples.

People: **With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you, Oliver, Amanda and Nicholas, into Christ's church; for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.**

ANTHEM *Perhaps Love* John Denver
Jonathan Yount, soloist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 *Take My Life*

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE	*Toccata on "Old Hundredth"*	Charles Callahan Sara Hoey, Organist