# Presbyterian Church of Cape Cod



# "I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Psalm 122:1

*The Lord's Day* April, 5, 2020

Rev. Dr. James A. La Belle, Pastor

Morning Worship 10:00 am – Afternoon Study 4:30 pm

*We welcome you* to the Lord's house, to the worship of the living and true God, and into the fellowship

#### LIVE STREAMING @

http://presbyterianchurchofcapecod.com/live-stream/

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM AS OUR GOD Psalm 95:1-3

#### A PSALM OF PRAISE TO GOD

Psalm 107B:1-2,4-5—Praise the Lord, for He Is Good <sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord, for he is good, for his mercies ever sure from eternity have stood, to eternity endure; let his ransomed people raise songs to their Redeemer's praise. <sup>2</sup>From captivity released, from the south and from the north, from the west and from the east, in his love he brought them forth, ransomed out of ev'ry land from the adversary's hand. <sup>4</sup>Then to God the Lord they cried in their trouble, and he saved; be himself became their guide, led them to the rest they craved by a pathway straight and sure, to a city strong, secure. <sup>5</sup>Sons of men, awake to praise God the Lord who reigns above, gracious in his works and ways, wondrous in redeeming love; longing souls he satisfies, hungry hearts with good supplies. Trinity Psalter Hymnal (St. Thomas S.M.)

## **A PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

## THE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH IN GOD

Westminster Confession of Faith II.II

God hath all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of himself; and is alone in and unto himself all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creatures which he hath made, nor deriving any glory from them, but only manifesting his own glory in, by, unto, and upon them. He is the alone foundation of all being, of whom, through whom, and to whom are all things; and hath most sovereign dominion over them, to do by them, for them, or upon them whatsoever himself pleaseth.

### **A PSALM OF RESPONSE**

*Psalm 145A:1,7—I Will Exalt You, O My God and King* <sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O my God and king; I will forever bless your holy name. I will extol you, Lord, forevermore. Day after day, I will your praise commend. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. His greatness none can ever comprehend.

<sup>7</sup>Kind is the Lord in all his wondrous works, righteous and true is He in all his ways. Near is the Lord to all who on him call—All those who call on him in truth for aid. All those who fear him, he will fill their wants; he hears their pleading cry and he will save.

Trinity Psalter Hymnal (Yorkshire 10.10.10.10.10)

THE CONFESSION OF OUR SINS TO GOD Infinitely wise God, your wisdom is unsearchable and infinite; your arm is powerful and mighty; your will is sovereign throughout this universe; your patience and love for fallen sinners like us defy our understanding. Lord, we can do nothing but sin, and each new day demonstrates that we are lovers of darkness, covenant breakers, and full of fear. We have received unfathomable mercy and abundant grace, yet we frequently trample on your beloved Son by cherishing anxious thoughts and living in fear of those around us. Instead of believing that you are a secure refuge in whom we can hide, we imagine a thousand scenarios of pain and loss. Instead of trusting that you are a present help who will defend us, we pursue our own revenge against those who have hurt us. We harbor bitterness toward you in our hearts over our problems, real and imagined, and we punish others in a variety of sinful ways for hurting us: by coldness and silence, by malice and slander, by rehearsing our grievances and nurturing our grudges. O God, forgive us for the overwhelming fear that dwells in our hearts and damages our relationship with you and with others. Holy Spirit, lead us to repentance and save us from despair. Give us grace to see our sin clearly and to come to you renouncing ourselves, hating our sin, and hoping fully in the forgiveness that flows even to us, the chiefs of sinners. Drive the joy or our salvation deep into our hearts, until trusting you feels like the only thing we can do. Give us hearts that seek reconciliation and peace with those who have hurt us, even when doing so is costly and painful to us. Help us to turn away from evil and to repay it with love and kindness; help us to love as we have been loved in Christ. Taking refuge in Jesus' strong name, we pray: amen.

#### A SILENT MOMENT FOR CONFESSING PERSONAL SINS

**GOD'S ASSURANCE THAT WE ARE PARDONED** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned-every one-to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all, making Him to be sin, who knew no sin, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. *–Isaiah 53:6; 2Corinthians 5:21* 

#### SCRIPTURE RELATIVE TO TODAY'S SERMON Philippians 4:4-9

**PASTORAL PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION** Followed by the Lord's Prayer ("Debts")

# THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm 42:11–Don't Be Discouraged Pastor James A. La Belle

#### **RESPONDING IN PRAISE TO GOD'S WORD**

*Psalm 33:5—With Joy Let Us Sing to the Lord* <sup>5</sup>Behold, the Lord's eye is upon all who trust him, who hope in his love, and, in awe, him revere. They trust that from death he will rescue and save them, and keep them all living when famine comes near. The Lord we await is our help and protection, our heart is glad, trusting in his holy name. O Lord, let your covenant love be upon us, as we hold to you and the hope that we claim.

Trinity Psalter Hymnal (Ash Grove 12.11.12.11.D.)

# **OUR LORD'S BENEDICTION**

We extend a **cordial welcome** to the visitors in our service today.

**Sunday Afternoon Study –** 4:30pm Join us this evening via <u>Livestream</u> for a study led by Pastor La Belle: "The Life of Faith", based on William Romaine's *The Life, Walk and Triumph of Faith.* This week we will continue with Lesson 13: Who are the fathers in Israel?

**Prayer Meeting –** 6:00pm Our prayer meeting will be hosted using Zoom. *The prayer meeting will begin at 6PM and end at 7PM*. However, in order to give you all some time to visit and fellowship, you'll be able to join with zoom at 5:30 and you can stay

on, after the prayer meeting, until 7:45. Follow this link to join Zoom Meeting: <u>https://zoom.us/j/693921377</u>. (Meeting ID: 693 921 377).

**Good Friday Service –** 6:00pm Join us this Friday evening via <u>Livestream</u> for a special service to celebrate the work of our Savior.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries this week:

Roberta Glazer Carl Mores Ellis Marcel Tara Johnson Jeanne Mores Isabel Johnson

**Bulletin announcements** should be submitted to Tara Furman by 12 noon on Wednesdays. Please e-mail to pcccsecretary@gmail.com.