



Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church
Sunday, September 12, 2021
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Homecoming Sunday

*Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
And all our substance and our strength receive;
Sustain us by Thy faith and by Thy power,
And give us strength in every trying hour.
Our hope is in no other save in Thee;
Our faith is built upon Thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
That in Thy strength we evermore endure.*

John Calvin, 1551

*Holy God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we bow before You; All on earth Your
scepter claim, all in heaven above adore You. Infinite Your vast domain, everlasting is
Your reign. All apostles join the strain as Your sacred name they hallow; Prophets swell
the glad refrain, and the blessed martyrs follow, and from morn to set of sun,
through the church the song goes on.*

- Attr. Ignaz Franz, c. 1774 (Vss. 1 & 3 of Hymn 460)

** Those who are able are invited to rise in body or spirit.*

PRELUDE

Partita on St. Anne

Paul Manz

Choral / Adagio / Canon / Presto / Pastorale

INTROIT

The Lord is in His Holy Temple

William Skeat

The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him. Amen

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here
below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,

God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust.

When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,

Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble service.

When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst:
the Spirit invites us to sit at the Table of grace
O magnify the Lord with me,
let us exalt God's name together!

***HYMN No. 210**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of our ancestors, you were their help in ages past, and there is no other to whom we can turn. Throughout all our change, you have watched unchanged. Open our eyes to your everlasting presence now, that we may together be still, and know, that you are God. Amen.

ORISON

Kyrie Eleison

Healey Willan

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lead us home, O God, when we wander lost in wildernesses of our own making. Like errant children, we stray from the safety of our heavenly parent. We hear your voice calling, but we go our own way. We remember your teachings, but instead follow the foolish desires and whims of our hearts. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us home, where we will follow your paths and do the work you have for us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE No. 579**

Glory Be to The Father

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.

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

GIFT OF MUSIC

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing, declare ye this and let it be heard: Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth: Alleluia. The Lord hath delivered His people: Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of His name, make his praise to be glorious.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Joshua 4:1-9

SERMON

The Song Goes On ...

Text: Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today. – Exodus 14:13

*HYMN No. 430

Come Sing, O Church in Joy!

Darwall's 148th

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

(Traditional Version, Pg. 14 in the Front of the Hymnal)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN (See Insert)

Forward Through the Ages!

St. Gertrude

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G Major, BWV 541

J.S. Bach

The service of worship concludes after the postlude.

You are invited to remain seated and to be inspired by this act of praise.

If you wish to depart, please do so quietly.

MUSIC NOTE: The text for today's first hymn was written by Isaac Watts and is a metrical version of Psalm 9:0:1-5. It was published in *The Psalms of David* in 1719. About this hymn John Julian wrote, "It is undoubtedly one of his (Watts) finest compositions and his best paraphrase." The of the tune comes from St. Anne's Church, Soho where the composer, William Croft, was organist from 1700-1711. If you were to go to London you could visit St. Anne's which is at 57 Dean Street. It was one of Christopher Wren's churches, but now it is a vest-pocket park, with only the steeple standing at one end, because the church was destroyed by a bomb during the war. The British celebrate their Thanksgiving, what they call their "Harvest Festival," earlier in the fall than we do. Sunday, October 6, 1940, was to be the Harvest Festival and the churches of Great Britain had been decorated on Saturday, October 5th. As was, and is, the custom, fruit and greens and ears of corn and sheafs of wheat had been laid on the altars, including St. Anne's in Soho; ears of corn, especially, for no particular reason, had been the theme of St. Anne's altar that year. That afternoon - October 5, 1940 - was the last of 38 daylight air raids on London within the space of 32 days. And that afternoon, when the decorators of altar had gone home, or into the bomb shelters, or wherever, St. Anne's Church was hit and demolished. The months passed by, and the ruins of St. Anne's were untouched; Londoners were preoccupied with life and limb in the winter of 1940-41. But then Spring came and summer began, and someone noticed that, in the rubble where the altar of St. Anne's Church had been, there was a flourishing patch of corn growing! A symbol of hope even the midst of despair!



WELCOME TO CHERRY HILL CHURCH: Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. In the words of our founding pastor, The Rev. Dr. Frank Irvine, "The doors of this church are as wide as God's love."

OFFERINGS may be placed in the offering plates at each of the sanctuary doors as you depart this morning. Alternatively, contributions may be mailed to the church office. Many members and friends are using our secure and easy on-line giving option! Please visit www.cherryhillchurch.org for more details.

FOLLOWING WORSHIP please join us for our "Rally in the Alley" which will take place directly behind the building. Please join us for a COVID safe, outdoor coffee hour and celebration. You may reach the alley either by exiting through Weir Foyer or the Drexel Street doors by Memorial Parlor. This will be wonderful opportunity for our members and friends to reconnect after the summer (and after almost 18 months in some cases). The Church Growth and Fellowship Committee is hosting. All are welcome!

COVID 19 PROTOCOL UPDATE: The session is requiring that all persons entering the church building be masked. This includes those attending Sunday worship in person wear masks while in the building regardless of vaccination status. Following worship, all are invited to stay and visit with one another outside the Weir Foyer entrance doors. The session is allowing church committees and groups to meet in the building providing that all participants are masked. Until further notice, there will be no indoor dinners or coffee hours. Beginning this morning, the use of hymnals and pew Bibles is permitted. Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation.

HELPING HAND UPDATE: Current needs are peanut butter, cereal, crackers, macaroni and cheese, toilet paper, soap, shampoo, bath soap, and toothpaste. Please remember: The pantry no longer accepts plastic medication bottles. Please do not donate single use items (i.e. packets of oatmeal or pop-tarts) and the pantry does not accept any perishable items (potatoes, fresh fruit, etc.) at any time. **Helping Hand is open on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm.** As always, many thanks for your continued support of the pantry!

MONDAY STUDY GROUP RESUMES TOMORROW! All are invited to join the Monday afternoon study group this fall. We gather at 3:00 pm in chapel parlor. The group will be engaged in an exciting and insightful study of the Ten Commandments for the next ten weeks. Nearly everyone has heard of the Ten Commandments, the list of "thou-shalt-nots" found in the Old Testament. Jesus saw these commandments not as onerous burdens, but as guideposts to help us experience a good and beautiful life. These ten ancient "words" were given to us by a loving God who longed to set safe boundaries, create order out of chaos, help communities live peacefully, and protect us, often from ourselves. In this study, we will explore each of the Ten Commandments and consider what meaning they might have for us today.

For this study, we will be using a new book by bestselling author Adam Hamilton, *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten commandment Today*. In this book of Scripture and inspiration, Rev. Hamilton brings modern eyes to the most important set of ethics in history. He considers the commandments in their historical context, considering the meaning of each commandment in Hebrew, unpacking how Jesus reinterpreted them, and showing how every thou-shalt-not was intended to point to a life-giving "thou shalt." He also explores how the latest research in science and psychology illuminates these commandments, rightly understood, as a way of ordering one's life beautifully in the present day

Copies of the book are available for \$10.00 per copy. This study promises to be an inspiring, thought-provoking experience for anyone seeking to live a meaningful and joyful life. Hope to have you join us!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES NEXT SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP! John Whitfield will be teaching a class on the Gospel of John this fall. In some ways John's Gospel is the most interesting of the four New Testament Gospels, and the most different.

For example, you know that in Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus cleansed the temple at the beginning of Holy Week, the last week of his ministry and indeed, his life. In John the cleansing happened early on, in chapter 2. Why would that be? You know that Matthew and Luke have birth stories of Jesus, from which we get our shepherds, wise men and creche scenes. John has no traditional birth story, but in some ways a much grander origins story for Jesus. John also is the only one of the four Gospels to have a statement of purpose as to why it was written.

There are many other unique things in John's Gospel which we will explore beginning next Sunday at 11:30 am. Come and join us in our own special corner in Fellowship Hall. There is nothing quite like meeting together with other Christians to study God's Word, especially when God shows up. All are invited to join the group on the 19th after worship.

"SEW WHAT" RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 20! "Sew What" is our Monday afternoon sewing group that meets on Monday afternoons from 12:00 Noon until 3:00 pm. in Memorial Parlor. Participants bring whatever projects they are currently working on and enjoy lively conversation and good fellowship.

EXCITING NEWS! A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY FOR CHERRY HILL! It has been five years since the last pictorial directory was put together for our congregation. This fall, the Church Growth and Fellowship Committee has contracted with Universal Church Directories for a new pictorial directory. **Photographs will be taken at the church on Monday, October 25 from 2:00 – 8:00 pm and Tuesday, October 26 from 2:00 – 8:30 pm. We will begin to schedule appointments today after worship!** Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory! More information will be in the September Messenger and in coming weeks. Check your calendar and be ready to schedule your time with the photographer! Our church directory will not be complete without **YOU!**

LET'S "DO" LUNCH! Have you missed being with your church friends during COVID? Would you enjoy good fellowship with good folk? If so, why not join us for lunch on **Thursday, September 23, at 1:00 pm at Rex's Golden Grille (2424 South Telegraph Road).** Depending on interest, this could become a regular event! The more the merrier! If you're planning on attending, please contact the church office – 313-563-4800.

FIRST WEDNESDAY WORSHIP RETURNS OCTOBER 6 AT 7:00 pm Our monthly Wednesday night chapel service returns this fall. All are invited and encouraged to join us for this monthly midweek service. Our October service will feature a hymn-sing under the direction of Charles Miller! Eventually, we hope to resume our monthly potluck dinners prior to the service as well. Be sure to put this special service on your calendar now!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - Sunday, October 3 – 1:00 pm. Cherry Hill's "Blessing of the Animals" service has become an annual fall tradition. This special service commemorates the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi – October 4. St. Francis loved and protected all of God's creatures – great and small. All two- and four-footed, furry and feathery, crated or leashed friends are welcome! If you are unable to bring your pet, please bring a photograph. This brief service of blessing will take place on the front lawn of the church near the Memorial Garden. We will be receiving a free-will offering during coffee hour and at the Blessing of the Animals for the Dearborn Animal Shelter. The shelter cares for over 3,000 animals each year. All donations will be an additional way for us to share our care and concern for our special friends.

CHERRY HILL SCHOOL SUPPLY CLOSET: Two years ago, The Board of Deacons created a school supply closet in our building as a way to reach out and help our neighbors at Bryant Middle School. Some students can't afford to buy their own school supplies and teachers often have to go out and purchase supplies throughout the year with their own money to keep up with the demand. This fall, we would like to restock the supply closet and are in need of donations. We will collect the school supplies listed below and let the teachers at Bryant know that we are here to help as needed. We are asking members and friends to purchase supplies, bring them to the church and place in the box in the foyer. We hope to keep the closet well stocked throughout the school year, so we will publish the list from time to time. If you use Amazon to purchase school supplies, please use smile.amazon.com and mention Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church in Dearborn. Amazon donates to organizations collecting supplies for those in need. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Kathy Kerr.

Items Needed

- Dividers - 1 ½ to 2 inch binders – One, Two, and Three Subject Notebooks
- Wide and College ruled paper - Wide and College lined composition notebooks
- Markers - Colored Pencils - Regular #2 pencils - Erasers - Pencil Sharpeners, Rulers
- Zipper pouches for pens and pencils - Scissors and Calculators

For Little Children

- Pencil Boxes – Pencils - Crayons – Markers – Erasers - Glue Sticks – Scissors

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- Nora Elling 09/15 Matt Lucero 09/17 Connie Record 09/17
- Linda Banks 09/19

PRAYER LIST

Members to Remember (Those Unable to Attend Worship)

Bruce Funston Linda Krolik Annelies Nisbet Evelyn Poti Lewis Sequin

Health Concerns & Support

Maged Radami Linda Wall Bobbie Redmer Shirley Painter Kelly Pemberton
Pastor, Staff, Elders and Deacons of Cherry Hill Church -The Presbytery of Detroit

SERVING THIS MORNING

Preacher	Rev. Mark Phillips
Director of Music & Organist	Charles Miller
Liturgist	Isamay Osborne
Greeters	Jill & John Nicholls, Janet Reickel, Jane & Ray Skoboria
Security	Jim Brown

THIS WEEK AT CHERRY HILL

Sunday, Sept. 12	10:15 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Rally in the Alley
Monday, Sept. 13	3:00 pm	Monday Afternoon Study Group
	6:30 pm	Property Committee
Tuesday, Sept. 14	3:00 pm	Mission Committee
	7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee
Wednesday, Sept. 15	7:00 pm	Worship & Music Committee
Saturday, Sept. 18	1:00 pm	Memorial Service for Don Murphy
Sunday, Sept. 19	10:15 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Adult Sunday School Class

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Church Office Hours are Monday through Thursday 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Friday 8:30 am – 12:00 Noon

Rev. Mark F. Phillips, Minister

Charles Miller, Director of Music & Organist

Kim McDonald, Church Business & Administrative Director

Marcy Osborne, Director of IT & Security

Larry Cereso, Temporary Sexton

CHERRY HILL'S MISSION STATEMENT

**We are committed to discerning and doing God's will through worship, study and mission,
while becoming a more open, supportive community of neighbors.**

Welcoming everyone. Including all.