



HUDSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Those who are able are welcome to stand.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 18:6

Lay Reader, Tim Thomas

Leader: In my distress I called upon the LORD;

People: to my God I cried for help.

Leader: From his temple he heard my voice,

People: and my cry to him reached his ears.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** The God of Abraham Praise

Hymn No. 23

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy Father, We approach Your majestic throne acknowledging our continual need of Your grace. We confess that we are prone to be consumed by the anxieties of this earthly life, walking by sight rather than by faith. We have failed to rest in the fullness of Your sovereign provision and the spiritual riches secured for us in Christ Jesus. Forgive us, O Lord, for our spiritual blindness and lack of trust. By Your Word and Spirit, illuminate our hearts to rightly perceive Your providential care and unyielding protection. These mercies we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Mediator. Amen.

(Please take a moment to silently confess your sins to the Lord)

***PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS** Psalm 103:11–13

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. (ESV)

***GLORIA PATRI**

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.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

(A time to share our Thanksgiving and Requests to the Lord and with our Church family)

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 glory forever. Amen.*

OFFERTORY It is well with my soul arr. B.C. Dockery Nora, Eli, and Dylan McDaniel

***DOXOLOGY**

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** Let Us Break Bread Together Hymn No. 460

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "The Apple of God's Eye" Milann Daugherty
Psalm 17:8 & Proverbs 7:1-2

SERMON "A Time Such As This" Pastor Shawn Carafa
Esther 4:1-17

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All who proclaim Jesus as their Lord and Savior are welcome to the Table)

***CLOSING HYMN** God of Grace and God of Glory Hymn No. 435

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Marche Royal Jean-Baptiste Lully

***FELLOWSHIP** Please join us downstairs in the fellowship hall.

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Esther 4

[1] When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and he cried out with a loud and bitter cry. [2] He went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one was allowed to enter the king's gate clothed in sackcloth. [3] And in every province, wherever the king's command and his decree reached, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and many of them lay in sackcloth and ashes.

[4] When Esther's young women and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed. She sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth, but he would not accept them. [5] Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what this was and why it was. [6] Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, [7] and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. [8] Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther and explain it to her and command her to go to the king to beg his favor and plead with him on behalf of her people. [9] And Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. [10] Then Esther spoke to Hathach and commanded him to go to Mordecai and say, [11] "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—to be put to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter so that he may live. But as for me, I have not been called to come in to the king these thirty days."

[12] And they told Mordecai what Esther had said. [13] Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. [14] For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" [15] Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai, [16] "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish." [17] Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him. (ESV)

NOTES

WEEKLY

SUNDAY

Sunday Studies 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Youth Group 6:30-8pm

MONDAY

AA 7pm

TUESDAY

Women's Bible Study 10am

THURSDAY

Youth Bells 5pm

Adult Bells 6:30pm

AA 7pm

Men's Bible Study 7pm

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Pat Wonderland

330-703-4712

CELEBRATIONS

Another Year of Life

Julia Dimonte Grace Dimonte

Alex Joseph Fred Schwarz

Alayna Borovicka Bill Homjak

Another Year of Life Together

None This Week

NEWS

Church Rummage Sale: October 10 at 9 am.
Helpers needed. Please contact Susan Buerlen
at connect@hudsonpc.org for more info.

Join Our Nursery Team:

Help us create a safe, joyful environment for our babies and toddlers during Sunday worship by joining our rotation schedule and serving approximately once a month. To find out more, please reach out to Kristine Dimonte 440-281-0379

Fall Picnic: Sunday October 18 in the fellowship hall following worship. Burgers and hot dogs provided. Sign up sheet available in the Engagement Corner. Please bring the following to share.

A-J – Dessert

K-Z – Side Dish or Salad

Please bring hot dishes fully cooked. We will keep them warm.

Youth Membership/Faith Foundations Class:

Begins Sunday October 4 at 5:30pm. This monthly class is for youth group aged students who are considering making a public profession of faith and becoming active/confirmed members of Hudson Presbyterian Church, or for those who simply want to gain a better understanding of key doctrines of the Christian Faith by studying scripture and the Westminster Shorter Catechism alongside other teens. Please contact Pastor Shawn to express interest/questions or for more details.