

**Chatham Community
Bicentennial Worship Service
July 15, 2018
10:30 a.m.**

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Thank you for worshipping with us. We rejoice that you are here today!

Hymn Sing

You are invited to sing the first verse of favorite hymns of your choice.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things.

People: **When we worship, we recognize God's sovereignty over all.**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: **When we worship, we fulfill our need to give thanks and praise for our daily blessings.**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

People: **When we worship, we see our strengths and our weaknesses; we see our lives in a new way.**

ALL: Help us worship today, Lord, in a way that is pleasing to you. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray...

Lord Jesus, we cannot fully grasp the wonder of your coming to earth to reveal the nature and profound love of God for us and all creation in your living and teaching, dying and rising. We are grateful that you know our readiness and capacity to hear and respond to you at each stage of our growth as persons and as church community. We praise you for sending the Spirit of truth to continue in us the work you have begun. As we worship together as one body, help us to be open to the revelation of the Spirit in our midst. Help us to hear the declaration and proclamation you intend for your church this day. Amen.

Opening Hymn (vv. 1, 2)

"Amazing Grace"

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 46

EXPRESSING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer Hymn

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.**

Pastoral Prayer

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The offering this morning will go to feeding Medina County

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**

Prayer of Dedication

GOD'S WORD REVEALED

Hymn of Preparation (vv. 1, 2)

"How Firm A Foundation"

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Message

"A Firm Foundation"

Rev. Keith Bohley

Closing Hymn (vs.1)

"Blessed Assurance"

Benediction and Congregational Response

**May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see God's face, full of grace forever.
May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.**

Postlude



AMAZING GRACE

1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appeared, the hour I first believed!

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
2. In every condition, in sickness, in health,
in poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth,
at home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,
as days may demand, shall thy strength ever be.

BLESSED ASSURANCE

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine; Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

CHORUS This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
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In Service to God and the Church

Pastor Keith Bohley, retired clergy affiliated with Chatham Community Church
Pastor Mark Teal, Black River Church of the Brethren
Pastor Patty Humphress, Chatham Community Church
Kyle Bohley, scripture reader
Karen Geisinger, accompanist