

# The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



*The Resurrection.*

***For Every Heart a Home***

**March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at 10:30am  
Easter Celebration**

**Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie**

**Liturgist: Marilyn Coats-Thomas**

**Cantor: Cathy Coppolino**

**Coffee Hour Hosts: Marilyn & Brian Coats-Thomas**

*Welcome to worship! If you are visiting or here for the first time and would like to stay in touch with us, please consider filling in one of the contact cards that you will find alongside the hymnals. These can be placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher.*



**Preludes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

**Handbell Introit**

*Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing*

**Call to Worship**

Pastor: Christ, our passover, is sacrificed for us

**All: Therefore, let us keep the feast**

Pastor: Christ is Risen

**All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Processional Hymn 232**

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

**Prayer of Approach to God and Confession**

Liturgist

**Kyrie Eleison**

<b>Martin sings:</b>	Kyrie Eleison
<b>Congregation &amp; Cantor:</b>	Kyrie Eleison
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## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

## **Exploring the Easter Garden**

### **Interactive Song**      *Jesus is Alive and it Makes Me Happy*

*Jesus is alive and it makes me happy  
Jesus is alive let's celebrate  
Jesus is alive and it makes me happy  
Let's dance and give him praise!*

Clap, clap, clap, clap, clap with me  
Clap, clap, clap, clap, clap with me  
Clap, clap, clap, clap, clap with me  
Now everybody freeze!

Hop, hop, hop, hop, hop with me  
Hop, hop, hop, hop, hop with me  
Hop, hop, hop, hop, hop with me  
Now everybody freeze!

1,2,3, SING!

*Jesus is alive and it makes me happy  
Jesus is alive let's celebrate  
Jesus is alive and it makes me happy  
Let's dance and give him praise!*

Twist, twist, twist, twist, twist with me  
Twist, twist, twist, twist, twist with me  
Twist, twist, twist, twist, twist with me  
Now everybody freeze!

Stomp, stomp, stomp, stomp, stomp with me  
Stomp, stomp, stomp, stomp, stomp with me  
Stomp, stomp, stomp, stomp, stomp with me  
Now everybody freeze!

1, 2, 3 SING!

*Jesus is alive and it makes me happy  
Jesus is alive let's celebrate  
Jesus is alive and it makes me happy  
Let's dance and give him praise!*

Now have a seat and freeze!

***Children are invited for fun Easter activities with the Church School***

**Reading**

Song of Solomon 2:10-13

Liturgist

My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away, for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers

appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

**\* Hymn (Psalm 118)**      *This Day Was Made by the Lord*  
by Christopher Walker

***(All) Refrain***

*This day was made by the Lord,  
let us rejoice, let us be glad.*

*This day was made by the Lord,  
let us rejoice in salvation!*

***(Choir) Verse 1***

I thank you, your love is eternal,  
you have given me life.

You have given me life.

I will proclaim the wonders you do! ***Refrain (all)***

***(Choir) Verse 2***

Your hand raised me up in triumph,  
you have given me life.

You have given me life.

I will proclaim the wonders you do! ***Refrain (all)***

***(Choir) Verse 3***

The stone which the builders rejected  
is the cornerstone,

is the cornerstone.

I will proclaim the wonders you do! ***Refrain (all)***

***(Choir) Verse 4***

You opened the gates of heaven,  
you have given me life.

You have given me life.

I will proclaim the wonders you do! ***Refrain (all)***

***(Choir) Verse 5***

You are my strength and my Savior,  
you have given me life.

You have given me life.

I will proclaim the wonders you do! ***Refrain (all)***

**Reading**

Luke 24:13-35

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since

these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## **Choir Anthem**

*Light of a Clear Blue Morning*, by Dolly Parton

*It's been a long dark night, and I've been waiting for the morning.*

*It's been a long hard fight, but I see a brand new day a-dawning.*

*I've been looking for the sunshine 'cause I ain't seen it in so long.*

*Everything's gonna work out fine.*

*Everything's gonna be alright, it's gonna be okay.*

*I can see the light of a clear blue morning.*

*I can see the light of a brand new day.  
I can see the light of a clear blue morning.  
Everything's gonna be alright, it's gonna be okay.  
I can see the light, see the light . . .  
brand new day.*

## **Sermon**

*Perpetual Spring?*

**Offering**, during which we hear *See What a Morning* by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty sung by Cathy and Brianna Coppolino

*If you are visiting or would like to make an extra offering on top of your usual contribution to the church, you can use your smart phone to scan this QR code to make a donation by credit card (3% surcharge) or by debit card (no surcharge). Cash and check donations are always acceptable!*

GENERAL OFFERING



## **Doxology**

## **Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession** during which we sing Hymn 750 *Goodness is Stronger than Evil* [sung once at the beginning of the prayers, once during, and once at the end]

*Goodness is stronger than evil;  
Love is stronger than hate;  
Light is stronger than darkness;  
Life is stronger than death.  
Victory is ours, victory is ours  
Through him who loved us. (words by Archbishop Desmond Tutu)*

## **\*Hymn 238**

*Thine is the Glory*



**\*Benediction and Celtic Amen**  
*Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)*

**Postlude**

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**\*Those who are able, please stand.**

**Livestreaming of Worship.** Today's service is broadcast live online. You can watch the service again later via our website homepage if you wish to. Huge thanks to our entire technical team.

### **Announcements**

**Pastor Martin will be on retreat from April 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>.** If you require emergency pastoral assistance during this period, please contact Pastor Kee on his cell at (617) 955-6452.

**The church office is closed** Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of the holiday.

**PresbyReaders** next meeting will be Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at Carolyn and Al Rocco's home. We will be discussing James McBride's, *The Color of Water*.

**PCAT Men's Group** will share their next meal out on Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> at *Dante's* in Leonia at 7pm. Sign up with Jim Crook [rjamescrook@gmail.com](mailto:rjamescrook@gmail.com) or Pastor Martin [pastorpcat@gmail.com](mailto:pastorpcat@gmail.com)

**Pancake Breakfast** don't miss this annual fund-raising treat! Sunday April 14th from 9am in Jim Henry Hall. Donations are invited for the Deacon's Fund.

**Do you enjoy coffee hour following worship?** Would you consider hosting? It's easy! Just bring in your choice of goodies (cookies, donuts, muffins), some fruit, and juice. That's it! Chris Schwab takes care of all the set up; coffee and tea and milk are all provided. Please help us to continue this social time following worship. Call the church office at (201) 567-0111 if you can help from time to time.

**NEW WELCOME TEAM being developed – we would love to have many of you join this new effort to make Sunday mornings even richer.**

We are planning a return to a team approach like we had prior to Covid. If you are interested in being a part of this effort, please contact Nancy in the church office, speak with Martin or contact Brian Coats-Thomas via email ([cgbrian.thomas@gmail.com](mailto:cgbrian.thomas@gmail.com)). Thank you for thinking about this opportunity – it will not require a significant time commitment but allows you to support what we do every Sunday morning.

## **Regular Groups at PCAT**

**PCAT provides meeting space for the *Tenafly Morning Glory Group of Alcoholics Anonymous***, which convenes every Saturday morning at 10.30am in Jim Henry Hall. The Open Speaker meeting is OPEN to anyone who believes they may have a problem with alcohol or who is interested in learning more about the AA program of recovery.

**Adventures in Faith:** Wednesdays at 12noon in the church house. Contact Pastor Martin

**PresbyReaders:** Meets monthly on Sunday afternoons. Contact Mary Jane Eimer.

**Bell Choir:** Contact Jim Millar

**Choir:** Sundays 9am in the chapel. Contact Jim Millar

**Church School:** Every Sunday 10:30am. Contact Sherrie Reilley

**Childcare:** Every Sunday at 10:30am. Contact Sherrie Reilley

**Cro-Knitters:** Tuesdays 2-4pm in the lounge. Contact Mickey Sechrist

**English as a Second Language (ESL):** Is meeting on Tuesdays at 10am in the church house.

Contact Jun Motai

**Mommy/Daddy and Me group:** Saturday mornings from 9.30-11am. Contact Christina Chan

**Women and Men's Groups:** meet periodically.



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SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH  
9AM - 10:30AM

# Pancake Breakfast

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are welcomed

