

The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



For Every Heart a Home

**April 7th, 2024 at 10:30am
2nd Sunday of Easter**

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Liturgist: Jeanne Lambert

Cantor: Nancy Smith

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 or you can use this QR code. These can be placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher. Church School for children happens during our worship service. Ask one of the ushers for directions if you would like to take your child through to join in.



All are welcome at the Lord's table. The gluten free bread and grape juice will be served together during the distribution. Please wait to eat and drink together on the Pastor's cue. He will say "the body of Christ", then we eat. "The blood of Christ", and then we drink.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

Call to Worship

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***Hymn 246**

Christ is Alive!

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Liturgist

Kyrie Eleison

Martin sings:

Kyrie Eleison

Congregation & Cantor:

Kyrie Eleison

Martin sings:	Christe Eleison
Congregation & Cantor:	Christe Eleison
Martin sings:	Kyrie Eleison
Congregation & Cantor:	Kyrie Eleison

Declaration of Forgiveness

Liturgist

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, the power
and the glory for ever. AMEN**

Reading

Acts 4:32-35

Liturgist

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

***Hymn 398** (Psalm 133)

How Very Good and Pleasant

Reading

John 20:19-31

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When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and

stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Choir Anthem

On That Great, Great Mornin’!

Sermon

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Offering, during which we hear Nancy Smith sing *Colors of the Wind* from *Pocahontas* by Alan Menken and Stephen Schwartz

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

Sharing the Peace

Invitation to Communion

***Song** *We Are Coming, Lord, to the Table*

We are coming, Lord, to the table. We are coming, Lord, to the table.
With the gift of bread, we are coming, Lord.
With the gift of wine, we are coming, Lord.

Oh, we are coming, Lord. Oh, we are coming, Lord.
Oh, we are coming, Lord. Oh, we are coming Lord.

We are coming, Lord, to the table. We are coming, Lord, to the table.
To receive the bread, we are coming, Lord.
To receive the wine, we are coming, Lord.

Oh, we are coming, Lord. Oh, we are coming, Lord.
Oh, we are coming, Lord. Oh, we are coming Lord.

(Remain Standing)

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness.
Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow
and leads the exiles home. In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled, debts
forgiven and strangers made welcome. Your Spirit frees us to live as sons
and daughters in our Father's house.

We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his
obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven saying the hymn of your unending glory:

Sanctus and Benedictus (unison)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full
of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna, in the highest.**

(the congregation sits)

Telling the Story

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father,
for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.
Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness
spanned the gulf our sins had made.
Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory,
that life and light might reign.
Before he was given up to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night in which the sons of Egypt died,
your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life.
At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you.

This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.

We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;

and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts

and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

(unison) Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by your life-giving power, they may be for us spiritual food and drink, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom. Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

(Pastor) Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

Amen.

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God

Have mercy on us

Jesus bearer of our sins

Have mercy upon us

Jesus redeemer of the world

Grant us your peace.

Sharing the Bread and Wine

(The Elders will serve the bread and wine to you in your seats. Please wait to eat and drink all together)

Post-Communion Prayer (Unison)

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Song** (Psalm 103) *Praise God My Soul!* (see over)

Charge, Benediction and Celtic Amen

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

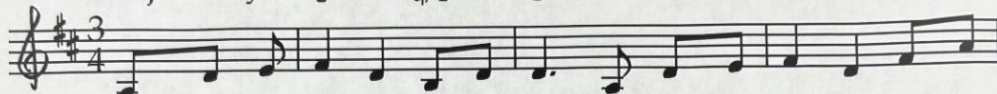
Postlude

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

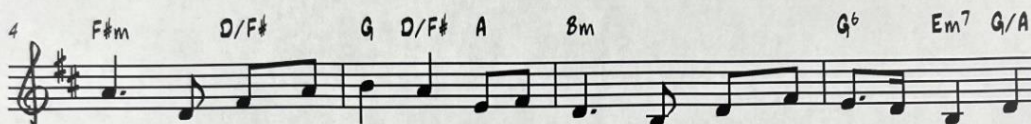
Praise God my soul!

Vikki Cook

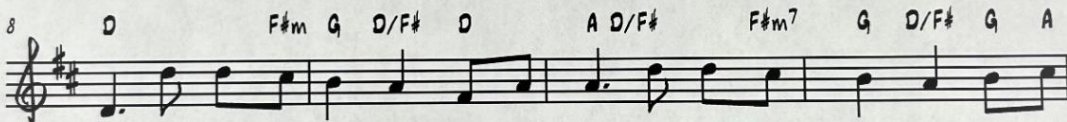
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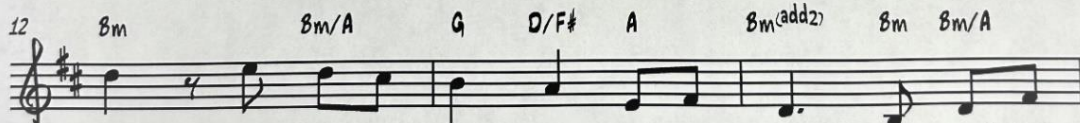
1. Praise God, my soul! with all my heart let me ex - alt his ho - ly
 2. The Lord is mer - ci - ful and kind, to an - ger, slow, and full of
 3. But ev - er - last - ing is God's love for those who fear him, and their



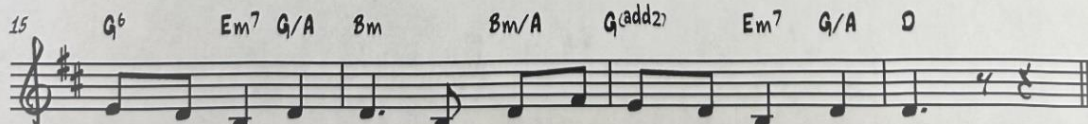
name. For - get not all his be - ne - fits; his praise, my soul, in song pro -
 grace. He will not con - stant - ly re prove, or in his an - ger hide his
 seed, for those who keep his cov en - ant, and care - ful - ly his pre cepts



claim. He sa - tis - fies your deep de - sires from his un - end - ing stores of
 face. Just as a fa - ther loves his child, so God loves those who fear his
 heed. O praise the Lord, you heav'n - ly hosts, his ser - vants who per - form his



good, so that, just like the ea - gle's strength, your youth - ful
 name. For he re - mem - bers we are dust, and well he
 word. Praise God, his works through - out the world, And you, my



vi - gor is re - newed. Your youth - ful vi - gor is re - newed.
 knows our fee - ble frame. And well he knows our fee - ble frame.
 soul, O praise the Lord! And you my soul, O praise the Lord!

Announcements

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.

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

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

PCAT Men's Group will share their next meal out on Wednesday April 10th at *Dante's* in Leonia at 7pm. Sign up with Jim Crook rjamescrook@gmail.com or Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com

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. Our ideas for this new approach include:

- Establish 4 or 5 teams that will rotate across the weeks on a regular cycle
- Each team to have 5-6 individuals with one volunteer serving as the captain of the team
- Team responsibilities will be similar to our current process ... welcome members and guests as they arrive, distribute bulletins, collect the offering and support other logistical matters as required
- 3 team members will be required at each service – meaning the captain will coordinate which of the 5 or 6 team members are on duty for a particular Sunday (this will allow for personal schedule issues during the year)

- Request those on duty to arrive 30 minutes before the service since some do arrive early – especially visitors.

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). 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.

Doodle Away ...

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