

# The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



***For Every Heart a Home***

**May 5th, 2024 at 10:30am  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

# Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

**Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie**

**Liturgist: Carolyn Rocco**

**Cantor: Nancy Smith**

**Coffee Hour Host: Carolyn Rocco**

*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

**Minute for Mission**

Gillian Iappelli

**Call to Worship**

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**\*Hymn 301 v. 1, 3, & 5**

*Let Us Build a House*

**Prayer of Approach and Confession**

Liturgist

## Kyrie Eleison

<b>Martin sings:</b>	Kyrie Eleison
<b>Congregation &amp; Cantor:</b>	Kyrie Eleison
<b>Martin sings:</b>	Christe Eleison
<b>Congregation &amp; Cantor:</b>	Christe Eleison
<b>Martin sings:</b>	Kyrie Eleison
<b>Congregation &amp; Cantor:</b>	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, forever. AMEN**

## Choir Anthem

*The Road Home* by Michael Dennis Browne and  
music arr. by Stephen Paulus

*Tell me where is the road I can call my own, that I left, that I lost, so long ago?  
All these years I have wandered, Oh when will I know there's a way, there's a road  
that will lead me home? Rise up, follow me, come away is the call, with love in  
your heart as the only song; There is no such beauty as where you belong, Rise up,  
follow me, I will lead you home.*

*After wind, after rain, when the dark is done, as I wake from a dream in the gold of  
day, through the air there's a calling from far away, there's a voice I can hear that will  
lead me home. Rise up, follow me, come away is the call, with love in your heart as the  
only song; There is no such beauty as where you belong, Rise up, follow me, I will lead  
you home.*

**Reading**

1 John 5:1-6

Liturgist

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

**\*Hymn** (Psalm 96)

*Sing to the Lord No Threadbare Song (see over)*

**Reading**

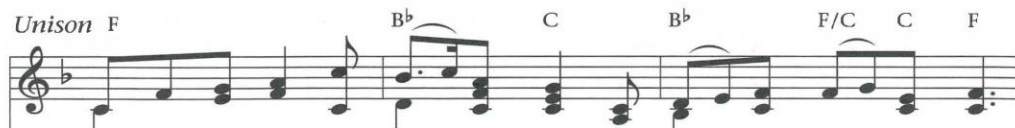
John 15:9-17

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As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

# 96G Sing to the Lord No Threadbare Song

Unison F



1 Sing to the Lord no thread-bare song, no time-worn, tooth-less hymn,  
 2 Let earth's di-verse, me-lo-dic tongues de-clare in tell-ing phrase  
 3 Heav-ens re-joice, and earth be glad! Ex-ult, you roar-ing seas!



no sen-ti-ment-al plat-i-tude, no emp-ty pi-ous whim;  
 the glo-ry of the on-ly God who mer-its thanks and praise.  
 Let fields and plains re-sound with joy that ech-oes from the trees!



but raise a song just off the loom, fresh-wov-en, strong, and dense,  
 All oth-er hopes will dis-ap-point, their brit-tle lus-ter fade,  
 As na-ture sings, let peo-ple join and hu-man dis-cord cease,



as new as God's e-ter-nal now tran-scend-ing time and sense.  
 but sure and strong re-mains the Lord by whom all things were made.  
 for God shall come to rule the world with jus-tice, love, and peace.



**\*Hymn 379**

*We Shall Overcome*

**Sermon**

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**Offering**, during which we hear Nancy Smith sing *Bridge Over Troubled Water*, by Paul Simon

*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**

Liturgist

**Dedication of new Communion Linen in Memory of Hugh McKee**

**Welcome to New Members**

**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** (sung by the choir)

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**

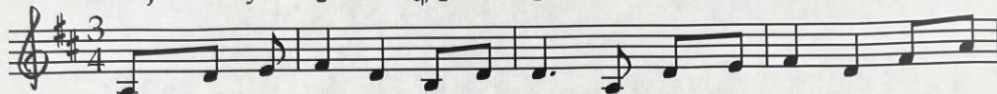
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**\*Those who are able, please stand.**

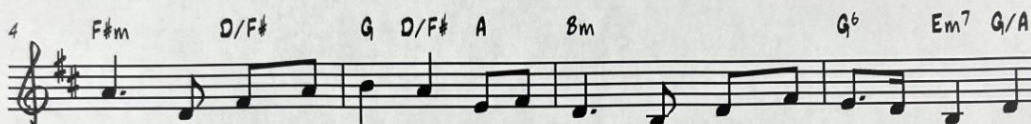
# Praise God my soul!

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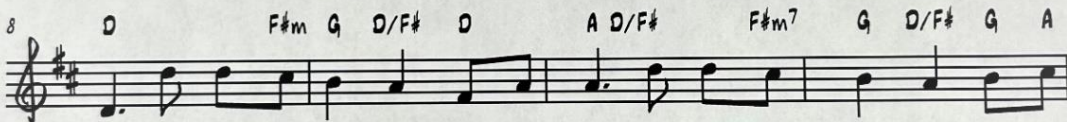
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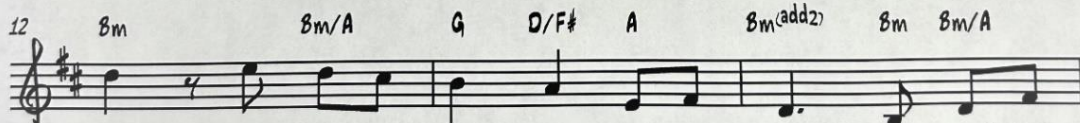
1. Praise God, my soul! with all my heart let me ex - alt his ho - ly  
 2. The Lord is mer - ci - ful and kind, to an - ger, slow, and full of  
 3. But ev - er - last - ing is God's love for those who fear him, and their



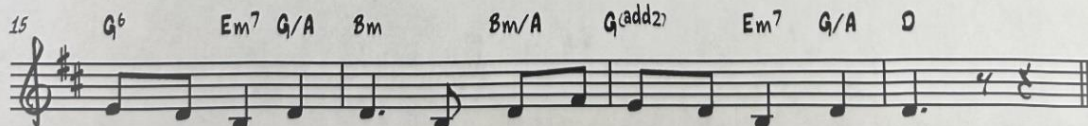
name. For - get not all his be - ne - fits; his praise, my soul, in song pro -  
 grace. He will not con - stant - ly re prove, or in his an - ger hide his  
 seed, for those who keep his cov en - ant, and care - ful - ly his pre cepts



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.

**Cinco de Mayo** family friendly celebration **TONIGHT** at 5:30pm in Jim Henry Hall. Everyone is welcome for a fun evening - \$10 per head, including Mexican dinner. Sign up in the narthex.

**Adventures in Faith.** Our series on the theme of "identity" continues this Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> at noon in the church house and again on May 15<sup>th</sup>. This week Jon Chan will be giving a presentation on his recent study trip to the middle east with Princeton Theological Seminary. Bring along your lunch; drinks and cookies provided. Everyone is welcome.

Next Sunday we invite you to make a donation to **Church World Service for their annual "Blanket Sunday"** fundraiser. This program was created to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing extreme hardship, reminding them that they are not alone. Please make checks payable to Presbyterian Church at Tenafly "PCAT" with Blanket Sunday in the memo line. \$10 buys a blanket to offer comfort.

The **Pentecost** offering helps to provide opportunities for young people to grow and share in their faith in Christ. 40% of this gift stays with our congregation to support ministries with children, youth, and young adults while 25% goes to the Youth Triennium, 25% to support young adult volunteers, and 10% to children at risk. Please give generously if you can.

**Family Movie Night.** Outreach and Faith Nurture are collaborating on a family movie night that is open to all families! We will watch a fun movie,

“Clifford, The Big Red Dog” and enjoy snacks together on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm. Sign up with the office by May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**PCAT Men’s Group.** Next meet up for dinner is on Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Dante’s in Leonia. Contact Jim Crook, [rjamescrook@gmail.com](mailto:rjamescrook@gmail.com) or Martin, [pastorpcat@gmail.com](mailto:pastorpcat@gmail.com) if you would like to come along. Everyone is welcome.

**Retirement of Ray McCarthy, band leader.** After many years of tremendous service to PCAT, Ray is retiring and his last Sunday will be on May 19<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to contribute toward a collection, please send checks payable to PCAT marked “Ray McCarthy” in the memo line or bring cash to the office by Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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.** 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.

**Presby Readers** next meeting will be on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00pm hosted by Viki Shima. We’ll be discussing *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. All are welcome!

**Chamber Music for a Summer Evening** with Jim Millar's *Two Grammys and a Grampa* piano trio - and friends! Café Music by Paul Schoenfeld and music by Piazzolla, Sarasate, Schubert and Debussy. Friday June 7th at 7pm Old Stone Chapel. Free Admission - Retiring Offering for the Arts Outreach Fund.

**A Table for All** is a documentary film about refugees and asylum-seekers and their integration into United States culture through a Brooklyn kitchen. Contact the church office to reserve your seat for June 9th at 4:30pm when we'll view the film and have a discussion with film-maker, Thea Piltzecker.

### **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

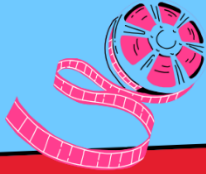
**English as a Second Language (ESL):** Is meeting on Tuesdays at 10am in the church house. Contact Jun Motai

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

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

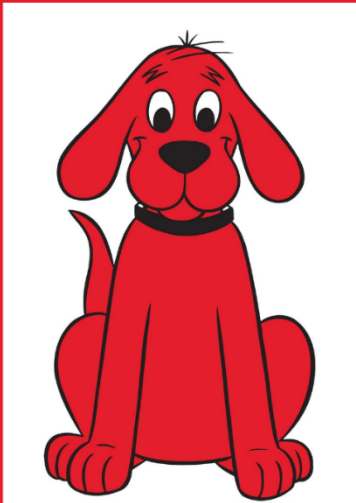
PCAT PRESENTS

# FAMILY MOVIE



## Night

Ages 3 years to 3rd grade  
Must be accompanied by an adult.  
Light snacks provided



**CLIFFORD  
The Big  
Red Dog**

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ENTRY**

**Saturday, May 18TH 4-6PM**

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