

The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



For Every Heart a Home

**March 1st, 2026 at 10:30am
2nd Sunday in Lent**

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Liturgist: Marilyn Coats-Thomas

Ushers: Brian Coats-Thomas and Jeanne Lambert

Communion Servers: Jeanne Lambert, Nancy Smith, Christina Chan, Mary Jane Eimer

Coffee Hour: Jeanne Lambert

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 the 10:30am 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, Sharing the Peace and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Minute for Mission

Call to Worship

***Hymn 475**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Prayer of Approach and Confession in Unison

**God is love and we are God's children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because God loved us first.**

Kyrie Eleison

Martin sings:	Kyrie Eleison
Congregation, Choir:	Kyrie Eleison
Martin sings:	Christe Eleison
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Martin sings:	Kyrie Eleison
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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**

Collect for the Day

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Choir Anthem *The Clare Benediction* by John Rutter

Reading Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 Liturgist

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the

righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

***Hymn 45 (Psalm 121)**

I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes

Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

Liturgist

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Sharing our Gifts

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**

**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 Dedication

Liturgist

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The table of bread and wine has been made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who may feel that you have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

***Song** *We Are Coming, Lord, to the Table* (see page 12-13)

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 singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Sanctus and Benedictus (sung by all)

Sanctus & Benedictus

John L. Bell

Vigorously!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow-er and might,
Bless-ed, bless - ed bless-ed, bless-ed is the one,

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heav'n and earth are full, are full of your glo ry. Glo-ry to your name, glo-ry
is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na! Ho -

7
to your name, glo-ry to your name O Lord most high.
-sa na! Ho - san-na in the high - est!

1.2. 3.

(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)

Prayers of Intercession

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.

***Hymn** *Now We Are Nourished* (see page 14)

Benediction and Celtic Amen

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Postlude

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

Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY

**Joint Worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary
with ordination of Elders and Deacons, installation of officers and commissioning
of the Session and Board of Deacons for Service in 2026**

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.

TODAY - The Presby Readers will meet at 4pm at Mary Jane Eimer's home. We will be discussing *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans.

This Lent, Pastor Martin invites you to join him on a reflective journey towards Easter. Each day he will post a reflection on something that gives him wonder/awe at something about his experience of the world. This will be balanced by something that brings a sense of woe - sadness, lament. If you'd like to read Martin's reflections you can find them on his Substack, and you can sign up to receive an email notice of the latest one appearing. They will also be published on the church Facebook page and Instagram account.

<https://substack.com/@martinritchie>

This link can also be found in the weekly email newsletter. If you don't get this, contact the office to sign up.

One Great Hour of Sharing is the PCUSA Lent appeal. Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. This Lenten season, please give generously to *One Great Hour of Sharing*. Please bring your offering (including fish banks – available in the Narthex) on Palm Sunday, March 29th. Remember: Giving a little adds up to a lot. Thank you! Mission Committee Co-chairs, Gillian Iappelli and Mary Jane Eimer

College Student Care Packages. The Church School kiddos are putting together care packages for our college students and would like your help collecting snacks. We'll be sending out 8 packages this year. This is a fun way for us to stay connected. Snacks can be dropped off in the Care Package box found in the narthex from March 1 - March 22.

Ideas for contents of care packages: *Snack size cookies, Lunch size chips, Individual bags of nuts or trail mix, Microwave popcorn, Ramen noodles, Granola bars, Protein bars, Oatmeal (single serving pack or microwave oatmeal cups), Candy, Mac & Cheese (microwave cups)*

Mad Hatter Costume Tea Party for ages 3 years old through 4th grade accompanied by an adult. Join us for some non-sensical fun on Saturday, March 7th at 3pm. Please register with the QR code or call the church office by March 4th. \$5 per child (payable at the door).



St. Patrick's Dinner Saturday March 14th at 6pm in the Church House. Please sign up in the Narthex or RSVP to the church office to help us plan.

Piano Concert. Sunday March 15th 4:30pm in the Sanctuary with outstanding pianist Victoria Schwartzman. Program includes works by Chopin, Beethoven, and Prokofiev. Free Admission!

Carriage House Concert Sunday March 22nd at 5pm in the Chapel. A stunning program for string quartet including Dvorak's No 12 Op 96 'American'. Tickets available using the QR code, priced \$30.



Sanctuary Space is next up on Thursday March 26th at 7pm. Introduction to meditation at 7pm with Jenny Jackson Miller then free time by candlelight with music until 9pm. Experience the gentle power of sharing in this together.

Easter Flowers. This Easter we will once again have an opportunity to order six-inch pots of flowers to help make our worship festive and beautiful. Please use the order forms available here today or call the church office. Deadline will be March 16th.

Regular Groups at PCAT

GROUP	WHEN	CONTACT
AA (Morning Glory)	Saturdays 10:30am JHH	Jay McSherry JayMcSherry@earthlink.net
Adventures in Faith	Wednesday 12pm Church House	Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com
Bell Choir	Tuesdays 4pm Room 203	Jim Millar Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org
Choir	Sundays 9am	Jim Millar Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org
Church School and Childcare	Sundays 10:30am	Sherrie Reilley reilleysherrie@gmail.com
Cro-Knitters	Tuesdays 2pm-4pm Lounge	Joan Roselle (201) 569-3819
English Second Language (ESL)	Tuesdays 10am-12pm Church House	Jun Motai Motaicoaching@gmail.com
Mommy/Daddy/and Me		Christina Chan Shanghai68@gmail.com
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Men's Group		Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com or Jim Crook rjamescrook@gmail.com

We are coming, Lord, to the table

Words & Music: Sierra Leone traditional
Transcription & Arrangement: Greg Scheer

Prayerfully ♩ = 100

We are co - ming, Lord, to the ta - ble.

4b

We are co - ming, Lord, to the ta - ble.

8b

1. With the gift of bread, we are com-ing, Lord.
2. To re - ceive the bread, we are com-ing, Lord.

13b

Oh, sing it o - ver:

With the gift of wine, we are co-ming, Lord.
To re - ceive the wine, we are co-ming, Lord.

19

1. We of - fer you the gift of
 2. We're co - ming to re - ceive the

Oh, we are com - ing, Lord.

23

bread.
 bread.

We of - fer you the gift of
 We're co - ming to re - ceive the

Oh, we are com - ing, Lord.

27

wine.
 wine.

Oh, sing it o - ver.

Oh, we are com - ing, Lord.

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Oh, we are com - ing Lord.

Now We Are Nourished

John L. Bell

Ryu Hyung Sun

Brightly

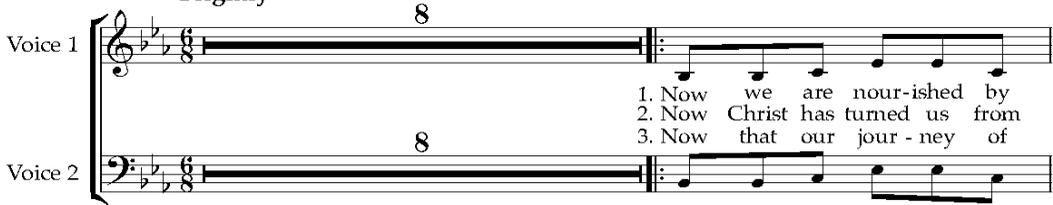
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Voice 1

Voice 2

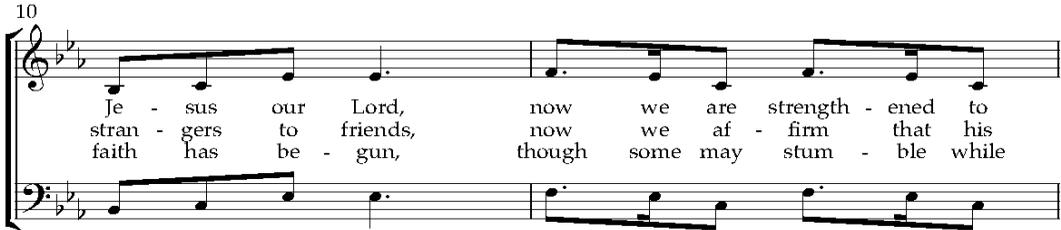
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1. Now we are nour-ished by
2. Now Christ has turned us from
3. Now that our jour-ney of



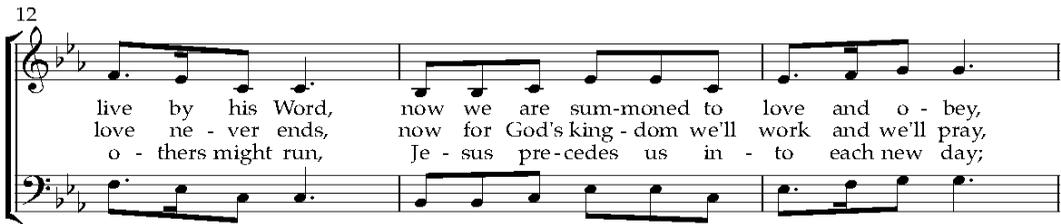
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Je - sus our Lord, now we are strength - ened to
stran - gers to friends, now we af - firm that his
faith has be - gun, though some may stum - ble while



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live by his Word, now we are sum-moned to love and o - bey,
love ne - ver ends, now for God's king - dom we'll work and we'll pray,
o - thers might run, Je - sus pre-cedes us in - to each new day;



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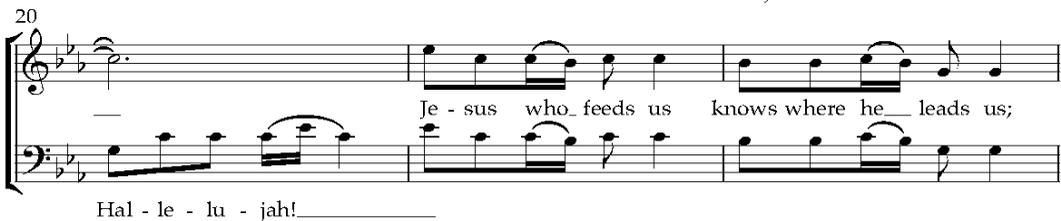
now we will walk in his way. Hal-le-lu - jah! _____ Hal-le-lu - jah! _____
now we will walk in his way.
now we will walk in his way.

Hal-le-lu - jah! _____



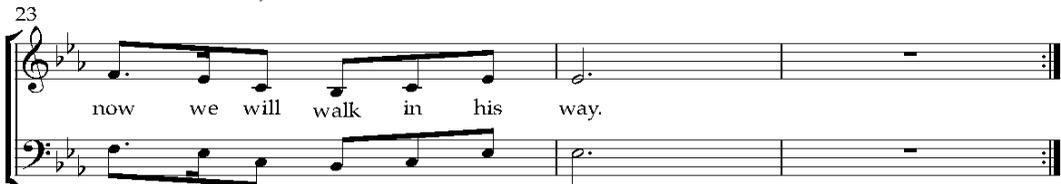
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_____ Je - sus who feeds us knows where he leads us;
Hal - le - lu - jah! _____



23

now we will walk in his way.





YOU'RE INVITED



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Seating is limited! Please Register with QR code
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by March 4th.

for more details see our website
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