

The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



For Every Heart a Home

**March 16th, 2025 at 9:30am
2nd Sunday in Lent**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Musicians: Nik Rael, Pete McDonald, Fred Mawson
Coffee Hour Host: Noelle Perrin

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. Please join us for coffee hour in the Church House after this service.



Prelude Music as We Gather

Welcome, Announcements and Sharing the Peace

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Call to Worship

***Song** *Come, Now is the Time to Worship* (see page 6)

Gathering Prayer

Reading

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Sandra Kurth

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other, but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon

Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates.

***Hymn (Psalm 130)**

I Will Wait for You

Out of the depths I cry to you
In darkest places I will call
Incline your ear to me anew,
And hear my cry for mercy Lord

Were you to count my sinful ways
How could I come before your throne?
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze
I stand redeemed by grace alone.

***Refrain: I will wait for you, I will wait for you.
On your word I will rely.
I will wait for you, surely wait for You
Til my soul is satisfied.***

So put your hope in God alone
Take courage in his pow'r to save.
Completely and forever won,
by Christ emerging from the grave. ***Refrain***

Now he has come to make a way,
And God Himself has paid the price,
That all who trust in Him today
Find healing in His sacrifice

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Find healing in His sacrifice ***Refrain***

Reflection

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

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**

***Song**

My Lighthouse

1. In my wrestling, and in my doubts,
In my failures, You won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.
2. In the silence, You won't let go,
In the questions, Your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea. Whoa, oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Refrain:

***My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
Shining in the darkness, I will follow you!
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse!
I will trust the promise:
You will carry me safe to shore,
safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.***

3. I won't fear what tomorrow brings.
With each morning, I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea. Whoa-oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea. **Refrain**

Bridge [Band only] Fire before us, You're the brightest,
You will lead us through the storms.
Fire before us, You're the brights,
You will lead us through the storms.
Fire before us, You're the brightest,
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Fire before us, You're the brightest,
You will lead us through the storms. **Refrain**

Sending, Benediction and Celtic Amen
Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Postlude

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

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



Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Words and Music by
BRIAN DOERKSEN

(♩ = 102 to 110)

D D
G

VERSE

5 *mf* D D2 G
D D

Come, now is the time — to wor — ship. —

9 A Em D
F# G2

Come, now is the time — to give — your heart. —

13 D D2 G
D D

Come, just as you are — to wor — ship. —

17 A Em D
F# G2 *Last Time to Coda* ☺

Come, just as you are — be - fore — your God, —

21 1. Optional VERSE Repeat (to meas. 5) 2. To CHORUS

D D
G Bm7 Asus D

come,

come.

24 D
F# D
A **CHORUS** 25 *f* G D D
F# D
A

One day ev - 'ry tongue will con - fess. — You are God. —

27 G D Bm7 A G A

One day ev - 'ry knee — will bow. —

Still the great - est treas - ure re - mains —

30 Bm $\frac{A}{B}$ Bm $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em7

1. Repeat to VERSE (to meas. 5)
Asus

for those who glad - ly choose - You now.

33 2. Repeat to CHORUS (D.S. to meas. 25) 3. SONG ENDING (to VERSE) (to meas. 5)
Asus $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ Asus

Coda

37 D

Come.

39

Come. Come.

Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY:
9:30am in the Sanctuary
10:30am in the Chapel

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.

Jason Hart Piano Concert. March 23rd at 4:30pm in the Sanctuary. Come along to this free concert and enjoy music by Bach, Chopin, Beethoven and music in the style of Ragtime, Jazz and Boogie-Woogie.

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) on Palm Sunday, April 13th. Remember: Giving a little adds up to a lot. Thank you! Mission Committee Co-chairs, Gillian Iappelli and Mary Jane Eimer

Lent Study is each Wednesday at 12noon in the Church House through April 16th. The theme of the Lent Study series will be "Radical Hospitality" using a resource called *Meeting Jesus at the Table*. Everyone is welcome, no preparation required. Bring your lunch, drinks and treats provided.

Chris Lawrence, our Mission partner in East Harlem will be visiting us on Sunday March 30th and will offer a talk and film showing in the Church House after 10:30am worship. Please come along and support him and hear about his work – snacks provided by the Mission Team!

Community Choir and Orchestra. We are throwing open our doors to the world with an invitation to take part in a community choir and orchestra project this spring. **Rehearsals will be on Tuesday evenings from April 1st in the Sanctuary**, leading up to a concert on the evening of Sunday June 1st. Repertoire includes Handel's Zadok the Priest, Schubert's Mass in G and Mozart's Jupiter Symphony. If you are a singer, please get in touch with

Jim to register your interest (dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org) Spread the word - the more the merrier!!

PresbyReaders. Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 13th at 4pm at Viki Shima's home. We will be reading *The Reporter Who Knew Too Much: The Mysterious Death of What's My Line TV Star and Media Icon, Dorothy Kilgallen* by Mark Shaw.

Jason Hart

PIANO
LIVE MUSIC CONCERT

**Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, and music in the style
of Ragtime, Jazz, and Boogie-Woogie**



March 23rd 4:30pm



In the Sanctuary of
The Presbyterian Church
at Tenafly
55 Magnolia Avenue

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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	Fridays 3pm Room 203	Jim Millar Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org
Choir	Sundays 9am Chapel	Jim Millar Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org
Church School and Childcare	Sundays 10:30am	Sherrie Reilley reilleysherrie@gmail.com
Cro-Knitters	Tuesdays 2pm-4pm Lounge	Mickey Sechrist alanmickey@earthlink.net
English Second Language (ESL)	Tuesdays starting 3/25 Church House	Jun Motai Motaicoaching@gmail.com
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Men's Group		Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com or Jim Crook rjamescrook@gmail.com

Tenaflly Community Choir and Orchestra



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REHEARSALS: TUESDAY EVENINGS IN THE SANCTUARY
STARTING APRIL 1ST 7-9PM
55 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, TENAFLY

CONCERT DATE: JUNE 1ST

If you are a singer, age 14 and up, please get in touch
with our Director of Music, Jim Millar
to register your interest or for any questions.
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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

**SATURDAY
MAY 3RD**

COMING ATTRACTION
KUNG FU PANDA

RSVP BY MAY 1ST
(201) 567-0111

SNACKS:
PO'S FAVORITE
NOODLES,
DUMPLINGS,
COOKIES AND
POPCORN

CHILDREN
MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED
BY AN ADULT

FREE
ENTRY

4PM-6PM

AGES 3 YEARS-4TH GRADE

55 MAGNOLIA AVENUE
TENAFLY

Doodle away . . .

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