

The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



For Every Heart a Home

**March 22nd, 2026 at 10:30am
5th Sunday in Lent**

Liturgist: Mary Jane Eimer
Rev. Chris Lawrence
Ushers: Christina Chan and Diane Allen
Coffee Hour: Diane Allen

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.



Prelude

Welcome, Sharing the Peace and Announcements

Liturgist

Call to Worship

***Hymn 450**

Be Thou My Vision

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Liturgist

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**

Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Liturgist

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

***Hymn (Psalm 107)** *Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries* (see page 8-9)

Reading

John 11:1-45

Liturgist

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to

him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Choir Anthem

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether by Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; For when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully, we will serve thee faithfully.

Sermon

Rev. Chris Lawrence

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



Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Rev. Chris Lawrence

***Hymn 366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

***Benediction and Celtic Sung Amen**

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Postlude

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

Announcements

**NEXT SUNDAY March 29th Palm Sunday
Joint Worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary**

(everyone is invited to bring some kind of greenery to wave like a palm branch! Meet in the Church House for a 10:30am start or go to the Sanctuary, if that is better for you)

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.

Pastor Martin is on vacation from the afternoon of March 15th until the evening of March 23rd. During this time for any pastoral emergencies, please contact Rev. Dr. Kee Boem So on his cell phone (617) 955-6452.

TONIGHT - Carriage House Concert 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.



One Great Hour of Sharing is the PCUSA Lent appeal. Bring back your fish banks and other forms of donations next Sunday!

Adventures in Faith will meet this Wednesday March 25th at noon as we discuss the next chapter of *How We Can Be Brave* by Mariann Edgar Budde - "Accepting What You Did Not Choose". Bring your lunch if you wish; snacks and drinks are provided.

Sanctuary Space is next up **THIS 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.

Holy Week and Easter Worship: Maundy Thursday supper at 6:30pm and Tenebrae service at 8:30pm; Good Friday Walk of Witness begins at the episcopal church at 1pm; Easter Eve, Saturday April 4th at 8pm The Great Vigil of Easter with lighting of the new fire and baptism of Ihhyun, Ethan and Evan Rhee; Easter Communion Celebration at 10:30am on April 5th.

Maundy Thursday Agape Supper at 6:30pm in Jim Henry Hall. Please sign up in the Narthex today to help with planning.

PCAT Men's Dinner - Save the Date: Tuesday April 7th at 7pm at Café Europe Tenafly.

The Presby Readers next meeting will be Sunday, April 12th at Viki Shima's home at 4pm. We will be discussing *How to Read a Book: A Heartfelt Novel of Redemption and Unlikely Friendships in a Small Town....* By Monica Wood.

107A Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries

Fm E^b Fm

1 Give thanks to God who hears our cries and saves in
 2 If you have ev - er wan - dered where no hu - man
 3 If you have ev - er lived in - side the pris - on
 4 If you drew near the gates of death, too sick to

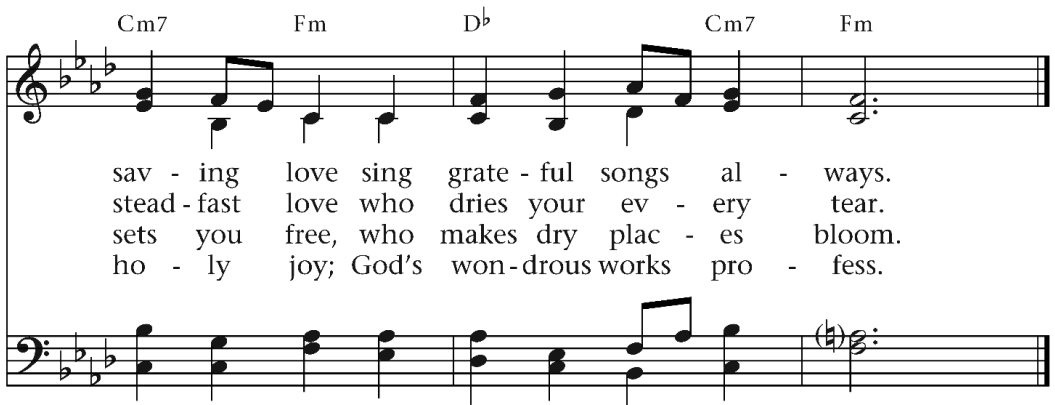
C7 Fm Cm7 Fm

trou - bled days with won - drous works to hu - man - kind that
 help was near, and in your trou - ble cried to God, who
 of your gloom and cried to God, who broke your bonds and
 eat or dress, and cried to God, who heard your voice and

D^b Cm7 Fm

call for high - est praise. Let all who know God's
 res - cued you from fear, then thank the God of
 raised you from your tomb, then praise the One who
 healed all your dis - tress, then sing with sounds of

Cm7 Fm D^b Cm7 Fm



sav - ing love sing grate - ful songs al - ways.
 stead - fast love who dries your ev - ery tear.
 sets you free, who makes dry plac - es bloom.
 ho - ly joy; God's won - drous works pro - fess.

- 5 If you have felt your courage fail
 before a violent sea
 and cried to God, who stilled the storm,
 and made the wild wind flee,
 then in the congregation praise
 the God who heard your plea.
- 6 So praise the One whose love is great,
 whose kindness is well known,
 consider well the healing hand
 and help you have been shown,
 and tell the world what God has done.
 Praise God and God alone!

Alternate harmonization 130E

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Regular Groups at PCAT

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT TENAFLY

APRIL 2 MAUNDY THURSDAY at 6:30pm

Middle Eastern Supper with communion in Jim Henry Hall,
followed by the Service of Tenebrae by candlelight
in the Sanctuary at 8:30pm

APRIL 3 GOOD FRIDAY at 1pm

Ecumenical Walk of Witness beginning at Church of the Atonement,
calling at PCAT at 1:30pm

APRIL 4 EASTER VIGIL at 8pm

Lighting of The New Fire and Baptisms

APRIL 5 EASTER SUNDAY at 10:30am

Easter Communion Celebration with choir, organ and band
followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for children



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