

The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



For Every Heart a Home

**March 22nd, 2026 at 9:30am
5th Sunday in Lent**

Liturgist: Gillian Iappelli
Rev. Chris Lawrence
Musicians: Will Farnham, Nik Rael, Pete McDonald, Fred Mawson
Yuna Kim, Clare Yoon, Anna Lee
Usher: Christina Chan and Roger Maxfield
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. Please join us for coffee hour in the Church House after the service.



Prelude

Welcome, Announcements and Sharing the Peace

Liturgist

Call to Worship

***Song (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**

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.

Reflection

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Prayers

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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**

Be Thou My Vision

1 Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

3 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Band Bridge

2 Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father and I Thy true Son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

4 High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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



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.

Regular Groups at PCAT

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Doodle away . . .

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