

The Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly



For Every Heart a Home

**March 24th, 2024 at 10:30am
Palm Sunday**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Liturgist: Mary Jane Eimer

Cantors: Ann and Carroll Van Cleave

Coffee Hour Host: Christina Chan

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.



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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Call to Worship

*** Song** *Hosanna* by Carl Tuttle (during which the palm procession)

Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest;
Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Lord, we lift up your name,
With hearts full of praise;
Be exalted, O Lord, my God, Hosanna in the highest.

Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings;
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings.
Lord, we lift up Your name,
With hearts full of praise;
Be exalted, O Lord, my God, Hosanna in the highest.

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Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
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With hearts full of praise;
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Palm Sunday Play *The Good News*, by Dori Arnold Persson

Song A reprise of *Hosanna* as the children leave for church school

First Reading Zechariah 9: 9-10 Liturgist

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

*** Hymn (Psalm 118)** *This Day Was Made by the Lord*
by Christopher Walker

(All) Refrain

*This day was made by the Lord,
let us rejoice, let us be glad.
This day was made by the Lord,
let us rejoice in salvation!*

(Choir) Verse 1

I thank you, your love is eternal,
you have given me life.
You have given me life.
I will proclaim the wonders you do! ***Refrain (all)***

(Choir) Verse 2

Your hand raised me up in triumph,

you have given me life.

You have given me life.

I will proclaim the wonders you do! ***Refrain (all)***

(Choir) Verse 5

You are my strength and my Savior,

you have given me life.

You have given me life.

I will proclaim the wonders you do! ***Refrain (all)***

Second Reading

Mark 11:1-11

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When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this: ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ ” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Choir Anthem

Lift Up Your Heads, Jerusalem, by Joseph Martin

Lift up your heads, Jerusalem, lift high the palms of praise. Lift high your glad hosannas. Rejoice! Prepare the way! All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redemer, King; to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. O blessed is He who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Lay down your palms, Jerusalem. Bow down before your King. Present your lives, a sacrifice, rejoice, give thanks and sing. Rejoice, give thanks and sing. Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to God in the highest! Lift up your heads, Jerusalem. Lift high the palms of praise. Lift high your glad hosannas. Rejoice! Prepare the way! Blessed is He who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. O blessed is the One who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord; Praise the Lord!

Sermon

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Sharing our Gifts during which we hear Ann and Carroll Van Cleave sing
Let's Get Together by The Youngbloods

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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**

***Hymn** *Ride On, Ride On* v. 1, 2, 3, & 6 (see over)

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

Postlude

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

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.

Announcements

Mommy/Daddy and Me will not be meeting on Saturday March 30th but instead all are invited to join us for Easter day worship followed by our egg hunt for children and families.

Invite a friend or neighbour at Easter! We would love to fill up the church for our Easter morning 10:30am celebration service. Why not invite someone along? Invitation cards are available in the narthex today.

Ride On, Ride On

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1. Ride on, ride on, the time is right: the
 2. Ride on, ride on, your cri - tics wait, in -
 3. Ride on, ride on, while well a - ware that
 4. Ride on, ride on, though blind with tears, though
 5. Ride on, ride on, the room is let, the

road-side crowds scream with de - light; palm branch-es mark the
 trigue and ru - mor cir - cu - late; new lies a - bound in
 those who shout and wave and stare are mor - tals, who, with
 dumb to speak and deaf to jeers. Your path is clear, though
 wine ma - tured, the saw is whet; and dice your death-throes

pil - grim way where beg - gars squat and chil - dren play.s
 word and jest, and truth be - comes a sus - pect guest.
 com - mon breath, can crave for life and lust for death.
 few can tell their gar - ments pave the road to hell.
 shall at - tend, though faith, not fate, dic - tates your end.

6. Ride on, ride on, God's love demands;
 justice and peace lie in your hands.
 Evil and angel voices rhyme:
 this is the man and this the time.

Holy Week Worship:

Maundy Thursday March 28th at 6:30pm we remember the last supper of Jesus and his friends as we share a simple middle eastern meal of lentil soup, pita bread, salad, date cookies and grilled cheese for those who would like it! The supper begins with a simple communion of pita bread and grape juice. Sign up in the Narthex to help us plan. Guests are welcome!

At 8pm we move to the chapel for the beautiful and poignant service of Tenebrae. We tell the story of Jesus' last week in words and music by candlelight. At the end of the service, you are invited to remain in quiet reflection for as long as you like. The chapel remains open until midnight as we watch with Jesus in the garden of the Gethsemane. Feel free to join the watch at any time up until midnight even if you have not been able to come earlier in the evening. For those who can't make it in person the service will be live streamed.

Good Friday we join with ecumenical friends for the annual walk of witness which begins at Church of the Atonement on Highwood Ave at 1pm, calling at PCAT at 1:30pm, then continuing to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, the United Methodist Church and finally the Lutheran Church.

Easter Day begins early in the dawn light at 5:30am as we gather in the memorial garden to light the new fire symbolizing the resurrection of Jesus, then the Easter candle. This simple and beautiful service is followed by an invitation to coffee and croissants in the manse. Then come back for our Easter celebration at 10:30am in the sanctuary followed by an Easter egg hunt for families.

Our Lent study has its final session this Wednesday at noon in the church house. Cookies and drinks provided, bring you lunch.

Decorating the church for Easter will take place March 30th at 9:30am. See Rick Bower if you can help to place flowers around the sanctuary.

PCAT Men's Group will share their next meal out on Wednesday April 10th at *Dante's* in Leonia at 7pm. Sign up with Jim Crook rjamescrook@gmail.com or Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com

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.

We are planning a return to a team approach like we had prior to Covid. Our ideas for this new approach include:

- Establish 4 or 5 teams that will rotate across the weeks on a regular cycle
- Each team to have 5-6 individuals with one volunteer serving as the captain of the team
- Team responsibilities will be similar to our current process ... welcome members and guests as they arrive, distribute bulletins, collect the offering and support other logistical matters as required
- 3 team members will be required at each service – meaning the captain will coordinate which of the 5 or 6 team members are on duty for a particular Sunday (this will allow for personal schedule issues during the year)
- Request those on duty to arrive 30 minutes before the service since some do arrive early – especially visitors.

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). 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.

PresbyReaders next meeting will be Sunday, April 7th at 4pm at Carolyn and Al Rocco's home. We will be discussing James McBride's, *The Color of Water*.

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.

Doodle away . . .

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Holy⁺Week **SCHEDULE**

March 28th
(Maundy Thursday)

6:30pm *Middle Eastern dinner* in Jim Henry Hall
8:00pm *Service of Tenebrae* by candlelight in the chapel

March 29th
(Good Friday)

1:00pm *Ecumenical Walk of Witness* starts at Church of the Atonement. **Calling at PCAT at 1:30pm**

March 31st
(Easter Sunday)

5:30am *Dawn service* in the Memorial Garden
10:30am *Easter celebration*

Easter Egg hunt following worship

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Children, Youth and Family

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly
55 Magnolia Ave

PALM SUNDAY PARADE – MARCH 24TH 10:30AM

Children meet in the Narthex a few minutes early
to get palms and organize.

YOUTH GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTION – MARCH 29TH

3–4pm in the chapel
5th grade and older

EASTER – MARCH 31ST 10:30AM

Families are invited to come to worship together.
Children will then go to the Church House for
age appropriate Easter activities

EGG HUNT

Weather permitting,
on the front lawn after worship