

# The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



***For Every Heart a Home***

**April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Easter Day Celebration at 10:30am**

# Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

**Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie**

**Liturgist: Nancy Smith**

**Ushers: Brian Coats-Thomas and Pete Abitante**

**Communion Servers: Jeanne Lambert, Roger Maxfield, Christina Chan, James Oruada,  
Mary Jane Eimer, Marilyn Coats-Thomas**

**Coffee Hour: Barbara Silio and Carol Khoury**

*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. We welcome children to stay in church for part of the service today. Please join us for coffee hour in the Church House after the service.*



## **Preludes**

### **Welcome, Sharing the Peace and Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

### **Call to Worship**

Martin: This is the day that the Lord has made

**All: We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Martin: Christ our Passover is offered up for us

**All: Therefore let us keep the feast!**

Martin: Christ is Risen!

**All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*Processional Hymn 232** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

### **Exploring the Easter Garden**

**Interactive Song** *Jesus is Alive and it Makes Me Happy*

*Jesus is alive and it makes me happy*

*Jesus is alive let's celebrate*

*Jesus is alive and it makes me happy*

*Let's dance and give him praise!*

Clap, clap, clap, clap, clap with me  
Clap, clap, clap, clap, clap with me  
Clap, clap, clap, clap, clap with me  
Now everybody freeze!

Hop, hop, hop, hop, hop with me  
Hop, hop, hop, hop, hop with me  
Hop, hop, hop, hop, hop with me  
Now everybody freeze!

1,2,3, SING!

*Jesus is alive and it makes me happy  
Jesus is alive let's celebrate  
Jesus is alive and it makes me happy  
Let's dance and give him praise!*

Twist, twist, twist, twist, twist with me  
Twist, twist, twist, twist, twist with me  
Twist, twist, twist, twist, twist with me  
Now everybody freeze!

Stomp, stomp, stomp, stomp, stomp with me  
Stomp, stomp, stomp, stomp, stomp with me  
Stomp, stomp, stomp, stomp, stomp with me  
Now everybody freeze!

1, 2, 3 SING!

*Jesus is alive and it makes me happy  
Jesus is alive let's celebrate  
Jesus is alive and it makes me happy  
Let's dance and give him praise!*

Now have a seat and freeze!

*(Children leave for Easter activities)*

My beloved speaks and says to me: 'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

**\* Song (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 3***

The stone which the builders rejected  
is the cornerstone,

is the cornerstone.

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

***(Choir) Verse 4***

You opened the gates of heaven,

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)***

**Reading**

John 20:1-18

Liturgist

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your

Father, to my God and your God.' " Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**Choir Anthem**     *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise* by Dan Forrest  
with verses for congregation to join in

**Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!  
To His throne beyond the skies, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Alleluia!  
Enters now the highest heav'n Alleluia!**

**Circled round with angel pow'rs Alleluia!  
Their triumphant Lord and ours, Alleluia!  
Christ has conquered death and sin, Alleluia!  
Glory in Alleluia!**

**Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!  
To His throne beyond the skies, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Alleluia!  
Enters now the highest heav'n, Alleluia!**

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

**Offering** during which we hear *See What a Morning* by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

*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



**Prayer of Dedication**

### 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 14-15)

### **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, Author of all being.

Your power sustains, your love restores our broken world.

You are unceasingly at work

from chaos bringing order

and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead,

proclaims the dawn of hope.

He lives in us that we may walk in light.

Your Spirit is fire in us,

Your breath is power

to purge our sin

and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose,

freed by him who burst from the tomb

and opened the gate of life

we 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,

4  
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

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all,  
for by the Cross eternal life is ours  
and death is swallowed up in victory.

In the first light of Easter  
glory broke from the tomb  
and changed the women's sorrow into joy.  
From the Garden the truth shone clear  
that he whom they had loved and lost  
was with them now in every place  
for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread,  
speaking peace to the fearful disciples,  
welcoming weary fishers on the shore,

He renewed the promise of his presence,  
and of new birth in the Spirit  
who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters.

On the night when he was given up to death,  
knowing that his hour had come,  
having loved his own,  
He loved them to the end.  
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.'

**ALL: 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.**

**Hear us most merciful Father,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and this wine,  
that, overshadowed by his 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 baptised 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 Virgin Mary,  
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** during which we hear Sherice Roberts sing, *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* by G. F. Handel

*(The Elders will serve the bread and wine to you in your seats. Please wait to eat and drink all together)*

### **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 238                      *Thine is the Glory*

\*Blessing with Sung Celtic Amen  
*Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)*

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Postlude

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## Announcements

### NEXT SUNDAY

**Joint Worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary**

**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.

**Huge thanks to everyone who has donated flowers for Easter and to those who gave their time to arrange them yesterday!**

**Family Easter Egg hunt and Photo Booth** in the gardens after the service. You're invited take photos with family and friends in our Easter photo booth which is on the lawn against the east wall of the chapel.

**The church office will be closed on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> for the Easter holiday.**

**PCAT Men's Dinner** - This Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Café Europe in 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.

**Tenafly Nature Center's Annual *Trash-a-thon Tenafly Cleanup*** Sunday, April 19th. If you would like to volunteer, contact Mary Jane directly at [mjeimer@aol.com](mailto:mjeimer@aol.com) and she will sign

you up for our team, the "Presbyterian Church at Tenafly Clean Up Crew." Meet at Huyler Park at 1pm. Wear comfortable clothes, shoes that you don't mind getting a bit muddy, and bring some work gloves. You will be provided with plastic bags and tool to pick up trash. Ask a friend to join and the work goes fast and is fun, ending at 4pm! Mary Jane Eimer and Gillian Iappelli, Mission Committee Co-chairs

**Family Movie Night:** Save the date for *Kung Fu Panda 4* on Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4 – 6pm in the Church House. Ages 3 years to 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Sign up with the office at (201) 567-0111.

**Jazz Vibraphone and Piano concert** with Allen Farnham (father of Will!) and Ted Piltzecker on Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. We know it's Mother's Day! Why not bring along your mom for a tremendous musical treat from these world class jazzers! Have you ever heard jazz vibraphone? It's amazing! Free admission.

**Jason Hart in concert** Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm in the Sanctuary. Our resident pianist will delight once again. Save the date!

### 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 <a href="mailto:reilleysherrie@gmail.com">reilleysherrie@gmail.com</a>
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

PresbyReaders	Meets monthly (Sundays at 4pm)	Mary Jane Eimer <a href="mailto:mjeimer@aol.com">mjeimer@aol.com</a>
Women's Group		Marilyn Coats-Thomas <a href="mailto:coathomas@aol.com">coathomas@aol.com</a> or Christina Chan <a href="mailto:Shanghai68@gmail.com">Shanghai68@gmail.com</a>
Men's Group		Pastor Martin <a href="mailto:pastorpcat@gmail.com">pastorpcat@gmail.com</a> or Jim Crook <a href="mailto:rjamescrook@gmail.com">rjamescrook@gmail.com</a>

*Presbyterian Church at Tenafly*

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

**SATURDAY**

**MAY 2ND**

COMING ATTRACTION

**KUNG FU PANDA 4**

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

RSVP BY  
APRIL 29TH  
(201) 567-0111



**KUNG FU  
PANDA  
4**

CHILDREN MUST  
BE ACCOMPANIED  
BY AN ADULT



**4PM-6PM**

**AGES 3 YEARS-4TH GRADE**

55 MAGNOLIA AVENUE  
TENAFLY

# 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.

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

19

Oh, we are com - ing, Lord.

bread.  
bread.

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

23

Oh, we are com - ing, Lord.

wine.  
wine.

Oh, sing it o - ver.

27

Oh, we are com - ing, Lord.

31

Oh, we are com - ing Lord.

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT TENAFLY**

**Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie, M.A., B.D, PhD, Pastor**

55 Magnolia Avenue, Tenafly, NJ 07670

Phone (201) 567-0111 / Fax (201) 567-0529

Office Email: [office@tenaflypresby.org](mailto:office@tenaflypresby.org)

Pastor Martin's email: [pastorpcat@gmail.com](mailto:pastorpcat@gmail.com)

Pastor's Cell # (551) 755-0950

Sherrie Reilley, Dir. of Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Email: [Reilleysherrie@gmail.com](mailto:Reilleysherrie@gmail.com)

Jim Millar, Director of Music Email: [Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org](mailto:Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org)

Will Farnham, Associate Director of Music Email: [farnham.william@gmail.com](mailto:farnham.william@gmail.com)

Web page: [www.tenaflypresby.org](http://www.tenaflypresby.org)

Look for us on Facebook, Instagram, and X

