

The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



For Every Heart a Home

**April 12th, 2026
2nd Sunday of Easter at 10:30am**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Liturgist: Carolyn Rocco
Ushers: Roger Maxfield and Brian Coats-Thomas
Coffee Hour: Carolyn Rocco

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.



Prelude

Welcome, Sharing the Peace and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Call to Worship

***Song** *Earth, Earth Awake (see page 9)*

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Liturgist

Kyrie Eleison

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| Martin sings: | Kyrie Eleison |
| Congregation & Choir: | 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**

Collect for the Day

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Story *Reaching for Rainbows*

***Song** *When the Rain has Passed Away*

When the rain has passed away
look the colors bright today
red and orange, yellow too,
green and blue a purple hue

*Refrain: And the rainbow is God's covenant sign
a promise of love forever divine
in Jesus Christ his grace is shown
the rainbow belongs to God alone
and the rainbow is God's covenant sign*

Long ago in Noah's day,
God's great promise came to stay
Now through Jesus we can see
God's forever love for you and me.

*Refrain: And the rainbow is God's covenant sign
a promise of love forever divine
in Jesus Christ his grace is shown
the rainbow belongs to God alone
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Clap your hands and sing it loud
Jesus saves! Let's praise aloud
Every color shines his love
gift of mercy from above

*Refrain: And the rainbow is God's covenant sign
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 in Jesus Christ his grace is shown
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Kids are invited to go through to Church School with Ms. Sherrie now

Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Liturgist

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Solo from Brianna Coppolino

Rejoice Greatly, from Messiah by G.F. Handel

Reading

John 20:19-31

Liturgist

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any,

they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Bell Choir *A Mighty Fortress*

Sermon *Recovering the Rainbow: Trusting God* Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Offering during which we hear *Because He Lives*, by Matt Maher

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**

Dedication Prayer

Liturgist

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

***Hymn** *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

(Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

(Refrain)

***Benediction and Sung Celtic Amen**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Postlude

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

Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY

**Worship at 9:30am in the Chapel
and 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.

TODAY - The Presby Readers meet this afternoon 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.

Adventures in Faith meets this Wednesday at 12noon in the church house to explore the art of the resurrection. Bring your lunch; drinks and treats provided.

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 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 2nd at 4 – 6pm in the Church House. Ages 3 years to 4th 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 10th 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 17th 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 reilleysherrie@gmail.com |
| 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 mjeimer@aol.com |
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| Men's Group | | Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com or Jim Crook rjamescrook@gmail.com |

Earth, Earth, Awake

STUEMPFLE

Sally Ann Morris (b. 1952)



1. Earth, earth a - wake; your prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
2. All na - ture sings of hope re - born, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Win - ter is past, the night is gone, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Praise we the Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son: Al - le - lu - ia!



Greet with the dawn your ri - sen King: Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ lives to com - fort those who mourn: Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ's light, tri - um - phant, pales the dawn: Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise we the vic - t'ry God has won: Al - le - lu - ia!



Bright suns and stars, your hom - age pay: Al - le - lu - ia!____
First fruit of all the dead who sleep: Al - le - lu - ia!____
Cre - a - tion spreads its spring-time bloom: Al - le - lu - ia!____
Praise we the Lamb who reigns a - bove: Al - le - lu - ia!____



Life reigns a - gain this East - ter day: Al - le - lu - ia!
Prom - ise of joy for all who weep: Al - le - lu - ia!
Life bursts like flame from death's cold tomb: Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise we the King whose rule is love: Al - le - lu - ia!

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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

SATURDAY

MAY 2ND

COMING ATTRACTION

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SNACKS:

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NOODLES,
DUMPLINGS,
AND POPCORN

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APRIL 29TH
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CHILDREN MUST
BE ACCOMPANIED
BY AN ADULT



4PM-6PM

AGES 3 YEARS-4TH GRADE

55 MAGNOLIA AVENUE
TENAFLY



Jazz Concert

Presented by



Free Entry!

Ted Piltzecker
Vibraphone



Allen Farnham
Piano



Performing the works of
Jazz Masters from Bergen County:
Dizzy Gillespie, Milt Jackson, Thad Jones, Bill Evans, and more

Sunday May 10th, 2026

4:30PM

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