

The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



On the Road to Emmaus by Robert Zund (1826 – 1909, Swiss)

For Every Heart a Home

**April 19th, 2026
3rd Sunday of Easter at 10:30am**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Liturgist: Gillian Iappelli
Ushers: Jeanne Lambert and Brian Coats-Thomas
Coffee Hour: Nancy Smith

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, Your Praises Sing* (see page 8)

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Liturgist

Kyrie Eleison

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

Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23

Liturgist

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

*Hymn (Psalm 124)

Our Help is in the Name of God the Lord (see page 9)

Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Liturgist

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of

Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Choir Anthem

Now the Green Blade Riseth by John P. Kitchen

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days had lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green. In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain, thinking that never he would wake again, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen, Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green. Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain, quick from the dead, my risen Lord is seen: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green. When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain, Thy touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts, that dead and bare have been: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Sermon

Ransomed??

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Offering during which we hear *Deep River* (African American trad.)

sung by Sherice Roberts

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!



***Doxology**

Dedication Prayer

Liturgist

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession during which we sing

O Lord, Hear My Prayer (found at hymn # 471)

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer.

O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

***Hymn**

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain (see page 10)

***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.

THIS AFTERNOON AT 1PM - Tenafly Nature Center's Annual *Trash-a-thon Tenafly Cleanup* 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 but we're glad to have you for however long you can manage!
Mary Jane Eimer and Gillian Iappelli, Mission Committee Co-chairs

Adventures in Faith meets this Wednesday at 12noon in the church house. Bring your lunch; drinks and treats provided. We'll be thinking about the First Letter of Peter.

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!

Sanctuary Space is next up on Thursday May 21st and June 11th, 7-9pm. Introduction to meditation from 7-7:30pm with Jenny Jackson Miller then free time by candlelight with music and quiet until 9pm. Experience the gentle power of sharing in this together.

PresbyReaders. Our next read is *Theo of Golden: A Novel* by Allen Levi. We will meet Sunday, May 31st at 4:00 p.m. at Carolyn and Al Rocco's home.

Tenafly Pride Saturday June 6th 12-5pm. PCAT will take part with a tent in Huyler Park. We would love to have volunteers to be a friendly and affirming presence that afternoon! Contact Pastor Martin for more information.

Tenafly 5k Sunday June 7th Gillian Iappelli is looking for volunteers to help on the water table from 8am on the day of the race.

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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Doodle away . . .

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Earth, Earth, Awake

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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!

124A Our Help Is in the Name of God the LORD

F B^b F Gm Csus C F

1 Our help is in the name of God the LORD; the one who
 2 When e - vil seems to have the up - per hand, call on God's
 3 Praise God the LORD who hears the cap - tives' prayer; like birds es -

B^b C Gm C F Gm C F

made the heav - ens with a word; Cre - a - tor of the
 name: the LORD, the great "I AM." When trou - bles rise and
 cap - ing from the fowl - er's snare we are set free; our

Gm Asus A F C F Gm F Gsus G

world, each liv - ing thing. Come, bless the LORD, lift up your hearts and
 all a - round gives way, re - mem - ber God stays with us night and
 prais - es now as - cend: "Blessed be the LORD: Cre - a - tor, Sav - ior,

C F Gm C Gm F/A C F

sing: "Our help is in the name of God the LORD."
 day. Our help is in the name of God the LORD.
 Friend. Our help is in the name of God the LORD."

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Come, Ye Faithful

St. John of Damascus (8th cent.)

Gaudeamus pariter



1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pris - on,
3. Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4. Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:



loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

SATURDAY

MAY 2ND

COMING ATTRACTION

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SNACKS:

PO'S FAVORITE
NOODLES,
DUMPLINGS,
AND POPCORN

RSVP BY
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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