

The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



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

For Every Heart a Home

**April 19^h, 2026 at 9:30am
3rd Sunday of Easter**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Musicians: Nik Rael, Pete McDonald, Fred Mawson
Yuna Kim, Clare Yoon, Anna Lee
Usher: Brian Coats-Thomas and Jeanne Lambert
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. 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

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Call to Worship

***Song** *Speak, O Lord*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of
faith.

Speak, oh Lord, and fulfil in us all your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds.
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us: Truths unchanged from the dawn
of time that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.

Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23

Joe Rhee

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.

***Song**

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.
Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear, and Grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear, the hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy reigns. Unending love, Amazing Grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me. His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy reigns. Unending love, Amazing Grace.*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow. The sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

Reflection

Ransomed??

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

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**

***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 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

**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

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AA (Morning Glory)	Saturdays 10:30am JHH	Jay McSherry JayMcSherry@earthlink.net
Adventures in Faith	Wednesday 12pm Church House	Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com
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Choir	Sundays 9am	Jim Millar Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org
Church School and Childcare	Sundays 10:30am	Sherrie Reilley reilleysherrie@gmail.com
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Doodle away . . .

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