

The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



For Every Heart a Home

May 3rd, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter at 10:30am

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Liturgist: Roger Maxfield

Ushers: Brian Coats-Thomas and Pete Abitante

Communion Servers: Roger Maxfield, Diane Allen, Jun Motai, Tim Patryk

Coffee Hour: 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. 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.



All are welcome at the Lord's table. The gluten free bread and grape juice will be served together during the distribution. Please wait to eat and drink together on the Pastor's cue. He will say "the body of Christ", then we eat. "The blood of Christ", and then we drink.

Prelude

Welcome, Sharing the Peace and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Call to Worship

*** Hymn 301**

Let Us Build a House

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Liturgist

Kyrie Eleison

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

Collect for the Day

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

First Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

Liturgist

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

*** 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 14:1-14

Liturgist

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’ Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Choir Anthem *On That Great, Great Mornin’* by Mary McDonald

On that great, great mornin' when the stone was rolled away, on that resurrection mornin' Jesus rose to life that day. There the tomb was empty; they said, "Jesus is not here! He's alive!" Great mornin', hallelu, hallelu! On that great, great mornin', at the risin' of the sun, those who saw the tomb was empty knew the vict'ry had been won. "He's alive" Go, tell it" Jesus lives for evermore! Great mornin', hallelu, hallelu! Jesus is alive, yes, Jesus is alive! Hallelu, he's alive! Hallelu, he's alive. What a great day! Jesus is alive! What a great, great day! Jesus is alive! Yes, my Jesus is alive. Hallelujah, he's alive! On that great, mornin', he came to set us free; on that resurrection mornin', Jesus won the victory! Heaven's gates are opened, hallelujah, let us sing! He's alive, great mornin'; hallelujah, great mornin', on that great, great mornin', Jesus is alive!

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
The only Son of God,
Eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
True God from true God,
Begotten, not made,
Of one Being with the Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
And became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
In accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
And his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
Who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. **AMEN**

Offering during which we hear Jim Millar play *Pastourelle*, by Francis Poulenc

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 pages 12-13)

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

(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** *All My Hope on God is Founded* (see pages 14 and 15)

***Blessing with Sung Celtic Amen**

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Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Postlude

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

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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.

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Oh, we are com - ing Lord.

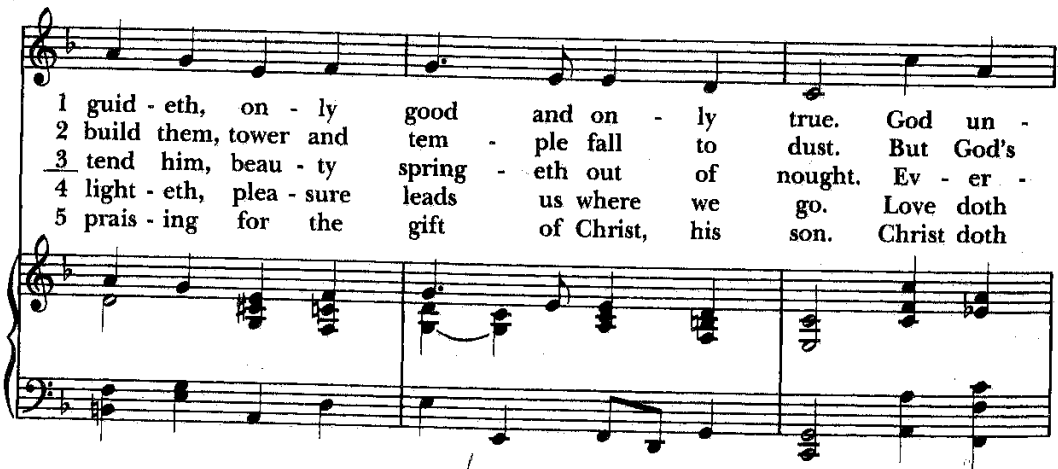
All My Hope on God is Founded



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
 3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
 4 Dai - ly doth the al - mighty Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
 5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
 2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
 3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
 4 us be - stow; his de - sire, our soul de -
 5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
 2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
 3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -
 4 light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
 5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
3 more from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.



Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY

**Joint Worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary
with baptism of Remington Rexroth**
11:30am Coffee Hour in the Church House

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.

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

PCAT Men's Dinner – Save the Date for the next men's dinner Tuesday June 9th at 7pm. Venue TBC. All are welcome - contact Jim Crook or Pastor Martin to sign up.

Blanket Sunday As is our tradition here at PCAT on Mother's Day, please consider making a donation to *Church World Services* Blanket Sunday. Envelopes and brochures for more information are available in the Narthex. Checks can be made payable to PCAT and note in the memo line "blanket". \$10 provides a blanket to someone in need. \$25 a blanket and hygiene kit. \$60 provides for an entire family. Thank you for your generosity!

Jazz Vibraphone and Piano concert in the Chapel 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 with a stunning program of piano music from baroque France, the magic of Mozart, the delight of Chopin and a bit of Latin verve to spice things up even further. Don't miss it!!

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.

PCAT Spring Cleaning – Saturday May 23rd from 10am – 12pm. We need helpers to undertake a range of clean-up tasks both inside and outside. Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

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
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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
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Men's Group		Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com or Jim Crook rjamescrook@gmail.com



Jazz Concert

Free Entry!

Presented by



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

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SANCTUARY SPACE

Let the pressures of life melt away as you connect with essence in the calm and beautiful candlelit main Sanctuary of the Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly. Open to all faiths and none.

Thursdays, May 21st and June 11th
Free to come and go from 7-9pm

7-7.30pm Meditation with Jenny Jackson Miller
7.30-9pm free time for calm reflection by candlelight with music

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