

The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



For Every Heart a Home

**May 17th, 2026 at 9:30am
7th Sunday of Easter
Ascension**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Musicians: Nik Rael, Pete McDonald, Fred Mawson
Yuna Kim, Clare Yoon, Anna Lee
Usher: Roger Maxfield and Melissa Rexroth
Coffee Hour: Lisa Schmid

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** *Be Still for the Presence of the Lord* (see page 5)

Reading Luke 24: 44-53

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Reflection

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

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**

***Song**

All Creatures of Our God and King

1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
O Praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou, silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him! O Praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one.
O Praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 All the redeemed washed by His blood,
come and rejoice in His great love.
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated ev'ry sin.

Cast all your burdens now on Him.
O praise Him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 He shall return in pow'r to reign.
Heaven and earth will join to say,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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



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Be Still, for the Presence

D F#m7 Bm Em7 A

1 Be still, for the pres-ence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here.
 2 Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin-ing all a - round.
 3 Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mov-ing in this place.

D F#m7 Bm Em7 Asus A

Come, bow be - fore him now, with rev - er - ence and fear.
 He burns with ho - ly fire; with splen-dor he is crowned.
 He comes to cleanse and heal, to min - is - ter his grace.

G A/G D/F# G A/G D/F#

In him no sin is found; we stand on ho - ly ground.
 How awe - some is the sight, our rad - iant King of light!
 No work too hard for him; in faith re - ceive from him.

G A F#m7 Bm Em7 Asus A D

Be still, for the pres-ence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here.
 Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin-ing all a - round.
 Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mov-ing in this place.

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Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY The Day of Pentecost
Joint Worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary
Please wear something red if you can!

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.

Pentecost Offering. The Session has decided to launch a Pentecost special appeal in support of youth ministry at PCAT. The appeal supports Vacation Bible Camp costs, scholarships for camp attendance, scholarships for youth counsellors at our own Vacation Bible Camp, youth outreach events and youth ministry in general. We celebrate Pentecost this year on Sunday, May 24th and we hope, if you are able, you will make a donation to help with this important work! Please make checks payable to PCAT with "Pentecost" in the memo line. Thank you for your generous support!

TODAY - Jason Hart in concert 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!!

Adventures in Faith meets this Wednesday at 12noon in the church house. Bring your lunch; drinks and treats provided. Our theme is "Reaching for Rainbows the sign of the rainbow in scripture and tradition."

Sanctuary Space is next up **THIS 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 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.

PCAT Spring Cleaning – THIS 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 Oresko 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 8:30am on the day of the race.

Celebrating Our Graduates. Do you have someone in your family graduating? We would like to celebrate with you by including them on our grad list. Please send us an email with their name and school by June 5th. Feel free to include a couple sentences about their future plans!

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
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
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Doodle Away . . .

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