

# The Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly



***For Every Heart a Home***

**May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 10:30am  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie**  
**Liturgist: Chris Young**

*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. Ask one of the ushers for directions if you would like to take your child through to join in.*



**Prelude**

**Welcome, Announcements and Sharing the Peace**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

**Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn (Psalm 96)**

*Sing to the Lord No Threadbare Song (see page 7)*

**Prayer of Approach and Confession**

Unison

**God of our beginnings and endings, and all that lies between. We turn our hearts over to you now in prayer. We sit in wonder at the thought of who and what you are. You are beyond our wildest dreams. We are humbled at the thought of your majesty, which we have glimpsed in Jesus, and which we experience by your Spirit in our lives.**

*Silence . . .*

**Kyrie Eleison**

**Martin sings:**

Kyrie Eleison

**Congregation, Choir & Cantor:**

Kyrie Eleison

**Martin sings:**

Christe Eleison

**Congregation, Choir & Cantor:**

Christe Eleison

**Martin sings:**

Kyrie Eleison

**Congregation, Choir & Cantor:**

Kyrie Eleison

**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

## Choir Anthem

*With a Voice of Singing*, by Martin Shaw

*With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!  
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord delivered his people, Alleluia!  
O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name,  
Make his praise to be glorious!*

## Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

Liturgist

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

## \*Hymn 29 (Psalm 139)

*O God, You Search Me* (see page 8)

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**\*Hymn**

*The Savior Died, But Rose Again* (see page 9)  
(a paraphrase of Romans 8:34 – end)

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

*Sing to the Lord no threadbare song, no time-worn, toothless hymn,  
No sentimental platitude, no empty pious whim;  
But raise a song just off the loom, fresh woven, strong, and dense,  
As new as God's eternal now transcending time and sense.*

Psalm 96

**Sharing our Gifts** during which we hear Jim Millar play *Gradus ad Parnassum* from the *Childrens' Corner Suite* by C. Debussy.

*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**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**Dedication Prayer**

Liturgist

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

**Benediction and Celtic Amen**

***Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)***

**Postlude**

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

**Announcements**

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**9:30am in the Sanctuary**

**10:30am in the Chapel**

**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 PresbyReaders** will meet at 4pm at Mary Jane Eimer's home to discuss Percival Everett's, *James*. All are welcome. Looking ahead to July 13<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Martin will facilitate a discussion on Izzeldin Abuelaish's, *I Shall Not Hate* at Viki Shima's home at 4pm. Mark your calendars.

**Community Choir.** Next rehearsal is Tuesday May 20<sup>th</sup> in the Sanctuary at 7pm. Mark your calendars for their fabulous concert which is on Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Spread the word!

**Adventures in Faith:** *The Song of the Church* series continues on Wednesdays May 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at 12noon in the Church House. What do we sing in worship and why do we sing it? Come along and find out! Bring your lunch if you like – drinks and treats provided. Our Adventures in Faith program will continue every Wednesday at noon through July, taking a break in August.

**Summer Clothing Drive for *Greater Faith Works* of Paterson.** For those of you rooting through your storage bins and closets, please sort your summer clothes by female adult, male adult, and children and mark the outside of your bag. Please contact Mary Jane Eimer to let her know if you have a donation to drop off, or needing collection, or if you have questions. Email: mjeimer@aol.com or text (201) 914-7545. **Deadline for drop off at the church office: Wednesday, May 21st by 12 noon.** Be on the lookout for our next

effort to assemble backpacks for school children this summer! A big thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

**Tenaflly 5K** Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. The mission team are looking for volunteers of all ages to help distribute water to the runners and walkers from 8:30am. Please contact Gillian Iappelli at [g\\_iappelli@hotmail.com](mailto:g_iappelli@hotmail.com) or Nancy in the office if you can help!

**Feeding the InnerChange East Harlem Participants.** Got a casserole that everyone wants the recipe for every time you serve it? Looking for a hands on approach to give back? We are supporting Rev. Chris Lawrence and his work with the InnerChange East Harlem Project and invite your help! Vulnerable and isolated seniors in the Gaylord homes building come together in the summer months on Friday nights beginning in August and ending September 5th for a communal meal, conversation, and a bike ride. Consider preparing a tray that feeds 30-40 people. Rev. Lawrence will pick up the meals so all you have to do is label what you have made and put it in the freezer in Jim Henry Hall. Let Mary Jane know if you are interested: [mjeimer@aol.com](mailto:mjeimer@aol.com) or text her at (201) 914-7545. Thank you.

**PCAT Women's Group.** We're looking forward to our next get-together at Tommy Fox's 32 South Washington Avenue in Bergenfield at 6pm on Wednesday June 4<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know if you plan on coming so we can coordinate with the restaurant. If you'd like to invite anyone else along, you can simply respond with your name and how many guests you'll be bringing. Marilyn (201) 888-0402 and Christina (917) 887-0308



# 96G Sing to the Lord No Threadbare Song

Unison F



1 Sing to the Lord no thread-bare song, no time-worn, tooth-less hymn,  
2 Let earth's di-verse, me-lo-dic tongues de-clare in tell-ing phrase  
3 Heav-ens re-joice, and earth be glad! Ex-ult, you roar-ing seas!



no sen-ti-ment-al plat-i-tude, no emp-ty pi-ous whim;  
the glo-ry of the on-ly God who mer-its thanks and praise.  
Let fields and plains re-sound with joy that ech-oes from the trees!



but raise a song just off the loom, fresh-wov-en, strong, and dense,  
All oth-er hopes will dis-ap-point, their brit-tle lus-ter fade,  
As na-ture sings, let peo-ple join and hu-man dis-cord cease,



as new as God's e-ter-nal now tran-scend-ing time and sense.  
but sure and strong re-mains the Lord by whom all things were made.  
for God shall come to rule the world with jus-tice, love, and peace.



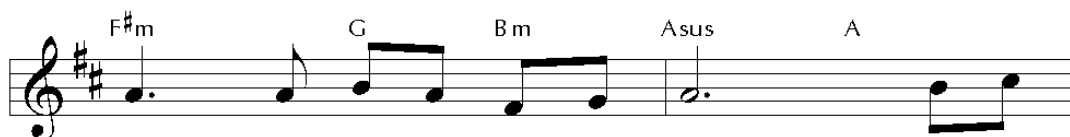
# O God, You Search Me

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(Psalm 139)



1 O God, you search me and you know me. All my  
 2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing. You dis -  
 3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have  
 4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me, still I  
 5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me, gave me



thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze. When I  
 cern my pur - pose from a - far, and with  
 known its mean - ing through and through. You are  
 search for shel - ter from your light. There is  
 life with - in my moth - er's womb. For the



walk or lie down you are be - fore me: ev - er the  
 love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me: in ev - ery  
 with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing: God of my  
 no - where on earth I can es - cape you: e - ven the  
 won - der of who I am, I praise you: safe in your

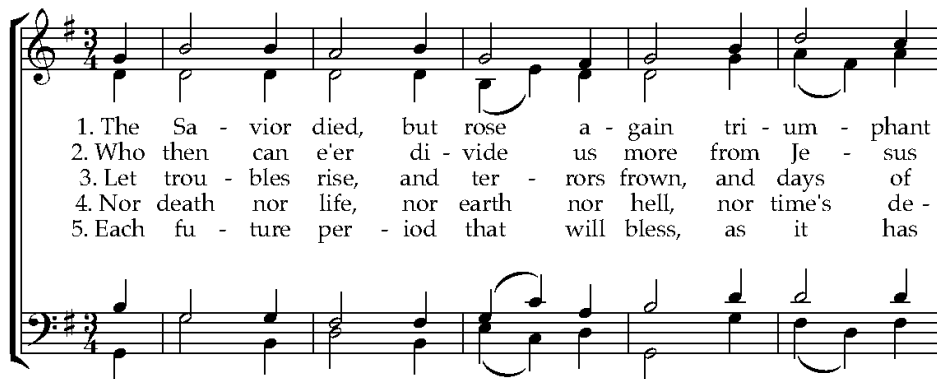


mak - er and keep - er of my days.  
 mo - ment of life or death, you are.  
 pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.  
 dark - ness is ra - dian - t in your sight.  
 hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.



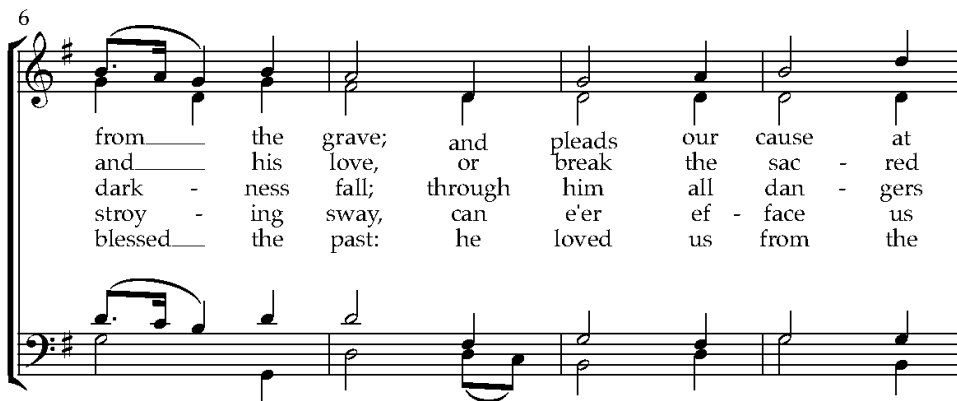
# The Savior Died, But Rose Again

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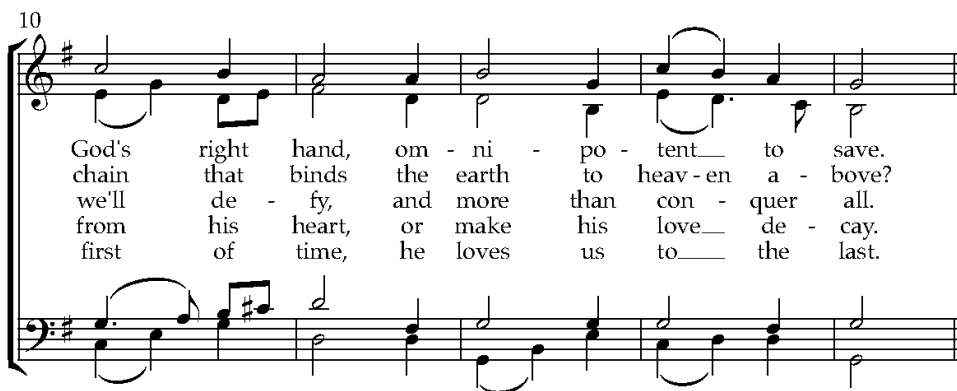
1. The Sa - vior died, but rose a - gain tri - um - phant  
 2. Who then can e'er di - vide us more from Je - sus  
 3. Let trou - bles rise, and ter - rors frown, and days of  
 4. Nor death nor life, nor earth nor hell, nor time's de -  
 5. Each fu - ture per - iod that will bless, as it has

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from the grave; and pleads our cause at  
 and his love; or break the sac - red  
 dark - ness fall; through him all dan - gers  
 stroy - ing sway, can e'er ef - face us  
 blessed the past: he loved us from the

10



God's right hand, om - ni - po - tent to save.  
 chain that binds the earth to heav - en a - bove?  
 we'll de - fy, and more than con - quer all.  
 from his heart, or make his love de - cay.  
 first of time, he loves us to the last.

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## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.  
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.  
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

*Doodle away . . .*

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