

# The Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly



***For Every Heart a Home***

**June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 10:30am  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost  
Youth Sunday**

**Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie**  
**PCAT Youth and Leaders**

*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 throughout 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

**\*Hymn**

*Better is One Day*

1. How lovely is Your dwelling place, oh Lord Almighty.  
For my soul longs and even faints for You.  
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence.  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

***Refrain:***        *Better is one day in Your courts,  
Better is one day in Your house.  
Better is one day in Your courts  
than thousands elsewhere.  
Better is one day in your courts,  
Better is one day in your house.  
Better is one day in your courts  
than thousands elsewhere.*

2. One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty.  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.  
One thing I ask and I would seek: to see your beauty,  
To find You in the place your glory dwells.    ***Refrain***

Bridge: Band only – vocal solo from Nik Rael.

[My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God.  
Your Spirit's water to my soul. I've tasted and I've seen.  
Come once again to me. I will draw near to You,  
I will draw near to You, to You!]      **Refrain**

## Gathering Prayer

Stephanie Chan and Samantha Semsel

*Silence*

## Kyrie Eleison

<b>Martin sings:</b>	Kyrie Eleison
<b>Congregation, Choir &amp; Cantor:</b>	Kyrie Eleison
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<b>Congregation, Choir &amp; Cantor:</b>	Kyrie Eleison

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

## Reading

### Psalm 8

Kevin Trejos

O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!  
Your glory is higher than the heavens.  
You have taught children and infants  
to tell of your strength,  
silencing your enemies  
and all who oppose you.  
When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—  
the moon and the stars you set in place—  
what are mere mortals that you should think about them,  
human beings that you should care for them?  
Yet you made them only a little lower than God<sup>l</sup>  
and crowned them with glory and honor.  
You gave them charge of everything you made,  
putting all things under their authority—  
the flocks and the herds  
and all the wild animals,

the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea,  
and everything that swims the ocean currents.  
O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!

**Choir Anthem**      *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit*

*Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.  
Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.  
Up on the mountain, my Lord spoke, out of His mouth came fire and smoke.  
Yes, on that mountain, my Lord spoke, out of His mouth came fire and smoke.  
All around me looked so fine, and I asked my Lord if all was mine. Yes, all  
around me looked so fine, and I asked my Lord if all was mine.  
Jordan river, chilly and cold, it chills the body but not the soul. Yes, Jordan  
river, chilly and cold, it chills the body but not the soul.*

**Skit**      *The Queen's Problem*

**Song**      *Jesus Loves Me/This Little Light of Mine*

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! Still today walking with me on my way  
Wanting as a friend to give, light and love to all who live.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Yes! Jesus loves me! Yes! Jesus loves me!  
Yes! Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

## **Wonderfully Made**

**Song** *One Small Voice*

First time: Teddy Hart, solo  
Second time: Individual voices join  
Third time: Everyone joins in

**Third time:** With just one small voice, singing out a song  
With just one small voice, singing sweet and strong  
One by one they'll grow, and together sing along  
And then soon all the world will be singing  
And then soon all the world will be singing

**Honoring our Graduates** Sherrie Reilley

**Prayers for our Graduates** Sherrie Reilley

**Sharing our Gifts** during which we hear Samantha Semsel play and sing *Somewhere Only We Know*, by Keane.

## **Dedication Prayer**

**Thanks to Helpers and Volunteers** Sherrie Reilley

**Epilogue** Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

**Prayers and the Lord's Prayer** PCAT Youth

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**

*My Lighthouse*

1. In my wrestling, and in my doubts,  
In my failures, You won't walk out.  
Your great love will lead me through;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.
2. In the silence, You won't let go,  
In the questions, Your truth will hold.  
Your great love will lead me through;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea. Whoa, oh,  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

**Refrain:**      ***My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,  
Shining in the darkness, I will follow you!  
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse!  
I will trust the promise:  
You will carry me safe to shore,  
safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.***

3. I won't fear what tomorrow brings.  
With each morning, I'll rise and sing.  
My God's love will lead me through;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea. Whoa-oh,  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.      **Refrain**

**Bridge** (Band only)      Fire before us, You're the brightest,  
You will lead us through the storms.  
Fire before us, You're the brights,

You will lead us through the storms.  
Fire before us, You're the brightest,  
You will lead us through the storms.  
Fire before us, You're the brightest,  
You will lead us through the storms. ***Refrain***

### **Benediction and Celtic**

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

### **Postlude**

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

### **Church School kids and youth**

Jacob & Caleb Hanover  
Anjali Jackson-Miller  
Bodhi Jackson-Miller  
Preston Ozsoy  
Alex & Ryan Rexroth  
Rowan Ritchie  
Brock White  
Genki Yun  
Jamison

Kelly Flynn  
Angus Iappelli  
Isla Iappelli  
Hanil Yun  
Jenny Yun  
Valentin Perez

Youth Volunteers with Church School:

Raima Rawal  
Kyle Pereira

Special thank you to Cathy Coppolino, the band and tech team for the kindness, patience and support they give to our children's programs and events.

### **Faith Nurture Committee: Children, Youth, and Families**

Co-chairs: Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie and Christina Chan  
Diane Allen, Gillian Iappelli, Liane Sturrock

## **Graduations and Milestones**

*Congratulations from your PCAT friends! We wish you well.*

### **High School**

Kelly Flynn is graduating from Dumont High School. She will be attending Ramapo College of New Jersey. She enjoyed her time in High School but is ready to move onto a new stage and grow.

### **College**

Samantha Semsel received a Bachelor of Arts in Government and Law with a minor in Philosophy from Lafayette College. She also studied conducting and became an assistant conductor for the Concert Band and student conductor for the Pep Band. She is planning to take the LSAT's in the fall.

### **Masters**

Ericka Persson received a Masters of Public Affairs concentrating in International Security Policy and specializing in Technology, Media and Communication from Columbia University - SIPA. SIPA was founded in 1946, in the aftermath of WWII to train public policy leaders on how to build a more peaceful and equitable world. Ericka dedicated this degree to her grandmother, who attended Columbia in the late 1930s, but had to drop out to assist the war effort and support her family.

### **Milestone**

George Abitante has reached a milestone in his pursuit of a PhD in Clinical Psychology. Having successfully defended his dissertation at Vanderbilt University, he will spend the next year in a paediatric internship at Rush University Hospital.



## Announcements

### NEXT SUNDAY

**Joint worship for Music Sunday at 10:30am in the Sanctuary**  
**Visiting preacher: Rev. Dr. Doug Gay, Principal of Trinity College, University of Glasgow, Scotland**

**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:** Our Adventures in Faith program will continue **every Wednesday** at noon through July, taking a break in August. Bring your lunch if you like – drinks and treats provided. This week we'll be thinking about Psalm 84 and particularly the idea of the "place of God" – Temple, Church, in nature or wherever you experience God. Have a read of the Psalm and come ready to discuss!

**Jan Holt – Interment of Ashes.** There will be a short gathering in the memorial garden on Wednesday June 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm to inter Jan's ashes. Everyone who knew Jan is warmly invited to be there to remember her. Jan was a faithful member of this congregation for many years and was part of the volunteer office team. Previously she had been a member at West Side Presbyterian Church in Englewood.

**PCAT Men's Group.** Monday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Englewood Field Club for pickleball and pizza! For the adventurous, Ken Persson has reserved two pickleball courts from 6:15 to 7:30pm for those who would like to try their hand at pickleball before we enjoy pizza and beverages on the terrace. Come play or just come enjoy pizza, drinks and company at 7:30pm. Let Jim Crook (201) 543-7227 or Pastor Martin know if you are coming so that we know how much pizza to order. Guest fee for pickleball is \$12 each. Bring cash for pizza and drinks at the pay bar. (Please note, not BYOB).

**Church School and child care** will meet all summer with the exception of July 6<sup>th</sup>. On the 6<sup>th</sup>, families should plan to have their children sit with them during worship. Activity bags will be available. We have a lot of fun summer lessons planned, including time in the garden.

**Youth Event.** Wednesday July 9th from 6:30pm - 8pm. *Underwater Adventure Decoration Making Night*. Feeling crafty? Come join us for pizza and help make the decorations for Vacation Bible Camp. Our theme is Underwater Adventure. Please RSVP to the church office by June 8th.

**PresbyReaders.** 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.

**Vacation Bible Camp.** Registration is open for our *Underwater Adventure* which will run for three days; August 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am – 12:30pm. Sign up today and invite a friend!

**Pledges.** Bills still need to be paid in the summer! Consider bringing your pledge up to date before summer travels. Thank you!

### **Worship in June**

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>**      **Music Sunday. Joint worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary.**  
Join us to affirm our musicians. Pastor Martin is presiding, with guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Doug Gay, Principal of Trinity College in the University of Glasgow, Scotland.

**June 29<sup>th</sup>**      **Summer worship at 10am in the Sanctuary**  
**(worship is at 10am through August)**

Coffee hour after worship throughout the summer.  
Volunteer hosts are welcome to sign up; contact the office please.

# VACATION BIBLE CAMP

## UNDERWATER ADVENTURE

AUGUST 25TH, 26TH AND 27TH

MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY  
9:30AM - 12:30PM

4 years old through 5th grade



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Bible Adventures

Amazing experiments

Snacks

Music

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