

The Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly



For Every Heart a Home

**July 19th, 2026 at 10am
9th Sunday of Pentecost**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Liturgist: Mary Kuttner
Greeters: Jim Crook and Christina Chan
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. Church School for children happens during the 10am 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

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

*** Song (Psalm 103)**

Bless the Lord, O My Soul (10,000 reasons)

Refrain: *Bless the Lord O my soul*
 O my soul
 Worship His holy name
 Sing like never before
 O my soul
 I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up
it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when
the evening comes **Refrain**

You're rich in love and
You're slow to anger
Your name is great and
Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
for my heart to find ***Refrain***

And on that day
when my strength is failing
The end draws near
and my time has come
Still my soul will sing
Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
and then forevermore ***Refrain***

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Liturgist

Kyrie Eleison

Martin sings:	Kyrie Eleison
Congregation:	Kyrie Eleison
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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

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Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

Liturgist

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

***Hymn**

There is a Redeemer (see page 8)

Reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Liturgist

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

***Hymn (Psalm 139)** *O God, You Search Me and You Know Me* (see page 9)

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Sharing our Gifts during which we hear Nik Rael sing *“O God, Save a Place”*

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

***Hymn**

Be Thou My Vision

1 Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

3 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Band Bridge

2 Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father and I Thy true Son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

4 High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Benediction and Celtic Amen

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Postlude

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

Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY

Summer Worship at 10am in the Chapel

Please note that there is no church school on July 26th due to staff vacation but activity bags will be provided.

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 study group meets on Wednesday at 12noon through July in the church house. On July 29th we welcome Caitlin Chan to talk about *God in Art*. Bring your lunch; drinks and treats provided.

Construction Works toward the installation of an elevator between the Narthex and Jim Henry Hall has begun. Pray for smooth progress and bear with us during any inconvenience!

Sanctuary Space is next up THIS TUESDAY July 21st, 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.

Presby Readers has selected Patrick Ryan's, *Buckeye* as our next read. We will meet to discuss the book on Sunday, July 26 at 4pm at Mary Jane Eimer's home.

Farewell to Rev. Beate Braun Storck. Our local Tenaflly Lutheran minister, Rev. Beate Braun Storck, is retiring and heading to Portland with her husband Arnd for a new chapter. We will miss her through the Tenaflly Interfaith Association, of which she was a committed part. To recognise the relationship and to say farewell there will be a simple service based on Lutheran Vespers in the ecumenical chapel of The Church of the Atonement on Highwood Avenue at 4pm on Sunday July 26th. We hope that some PCAT people will come along to share in this important occasion.

Attention PCAT cooks! We are out of soup! Pastor Martin and our Deacons take soup, when appropriate, to our congregation and others in need of a visit and compassion. The next time you make a pot of soup, please consider donating a quart to the Soup Squad. Kindly contact Nancy in the office, to deliver along with a list of the ingredients used, and she will put it in the freezer in the Jim Henry Hall kitchen. Thank you. Mary Jane Eimer and Gillian Iappelli, Mission Committee Co-Chairs

Church School and childcare will meet all summer with the exception of July 26th. We have a lot of fun summer lessons planned, including time in the garden.

Please note that on Fridays during July and August office hours will be shortened to accommodate staff vacation time, the office being open 8am to 12noon only.

Vacation Bible Camp. Sign ups are underway for children 4 years old through 5th grade. August 24th – 26th from 9:30am – 12:30pm. Use the QR code and sign up today and join in on the fun!



Save the Date! Please mark your calendars for two special events coming this fall.

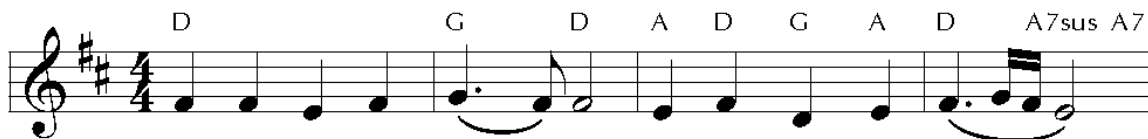
Daniel Ficarri, the extraordinary associate organist at St. John the Divine Cathedral is coming to PCAT to give a recital in the Sanctuary on Saturday September 19th at 3pm. Don't miss it! Then on Saturday September 26th we are having a fun social event for all ages – a **Scottish family ceilidh dance** with international potluck supper in Jim Henry Hall at 5pm.

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
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
PresbyReaders	Meets monthly (Sundays at 4pm)	Mary Jane Eimer mjeimer@aol.com
Women's Group		Marilyn Coats-Thomas coathomas@aol.com or Christina Chan Shanghai68@gmail.com
Men's Group		Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com or Jim Crook rjamescrook@gmail.com

There Is a Redeemer

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1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son;
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names,
 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his face;



pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.
 pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, hope for sin - ners slain.
 there I'll serve my King for - ev - er in that ho - ly place.



Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son, and



leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

Although the refrain of this piece names all three Persons of the Trinity, the stanzas emphasize references to Jesus Christ under various titles. There is also a shift in tone between the stanzas and the refrain: the former speak about God and the latter speaks to God.

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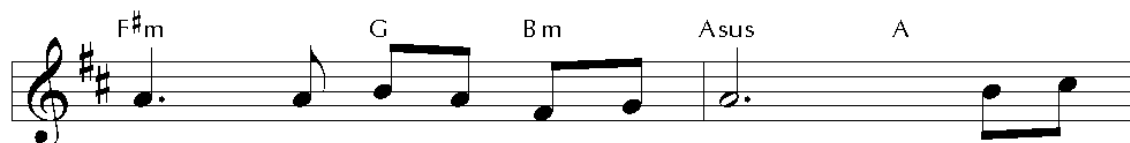
O God, You Search Me

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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 - diant in your sight.
 hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

Being Christ's Light This Summer



- How did you shine this week?
Write on a colorful “ray”
- When have you noticed God shine this week?
Use a sparkle “ray”
- Use a blue “ray” when you have felt sad or concerned this week.

We invite you to notice how you have shone by *being you* this week, or where life has felt like it was tough. Add a ray to the collage to reflect how your week has been. You are welcome to write details on a ray or simply stick a blank ray on, knowing privately what it represents for you.

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.

Tuesday, July 21st

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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Doodle away . . .

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