

The Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly



For Every Heart a Home

July 26th, 2026 at 10am
10th Sunday of Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Liturgist: Carolyn Rocco
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. There is no church school this morning. Activity bags are available and children are welcome to stay for the service.



Prelude

Welcome, Announcements and Sharing the Peace

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

*** Hymn (Psalm 134)**

Come All You Servants of the Lord (see page 8)

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Liturgist

Kyrie Eleison

Martin sings:	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

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Reading

1 Kings 3:5-12

Liturgist

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

***Song (Psalm 119)**

Your Words are Wonderful

Your words are wonderful
Unfolding like the dawn
A well-spring and a rock we rest upon
We trust your promises
That keep our hope alive
They steady us through life's decline

*Where else can we go?
Where else can we go?
You have the words of life
You have the words of life*

Come write your holy truth
Upon our longing hearts
And strengthen us to shine against the dark
Lord, grant us from the lies the enemy will speak
No guilt remains for those you have redeemed.

*Where else can we go?
Where else can we go?
You have the words of life
You have the words of life*

Bridge:
Give us ears to hear and eyes to see
Help us in our doubt and disbelief
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Help us in our doubt and disbelief

Reading

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Liturgist

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' The Parable of the Yeast He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire,

where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Treasures New and Old 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

***Hymn** *What is the World Like When God's Will is Done?* (see page 9)

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Sharing our Gifts during which we hear *"Build Your Kingdom Here"*

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** *As a Fire is Meant for Burning* (see page 10)

Benediction and Celtic Amen

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Postlude

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

Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Supper at 10am in the Chapel

We invite donations of shelf-stable food for the Center for Food Action in Englewood

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.

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

Farewell to Rev. Beate Braun Storck. There will be a simple service based on Lutheran Vespers in the ecumenical chapel of The Church of the Atonement on Highwood Avenue this afternoon at 4pm. We hope that some PCAT people will come along to share in this important occasion.

Adventures in Faith. Our study group meets this Wednesday at 12noon when we welcome Caitlin Chan to talk about *God in Art*. Bring your lunch; drinks and treats provided. We will take a break for the month of August and meet again in September.

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

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!

Church School and childcare will meet all summer. 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

134A Come, All You Servants of the Lord

Instrumental Introduction, Interlude and Ending

Chord progression for the instrumental introduction:

E^b2 A^b6(add9) E^b2 A^bmaj9 E^b2 A^b6(add9) Fm7 E^b2/G B^bsus B^b Last time E^b

Chord progression for the first vocal entry:

E^b Gm7 A^b E^b B^b2/D Cm7 E^b2 A^b2

1 Come, all you ser - vants of the Lord, who work and pray by
 2 The Lord now bless from heaven a - bove and shine on you with

Chord progression for the second vocal entry:

Fm7 E^b/G B^bsus B^b Cm7 E^b/B^b F/A F[#]/A^b

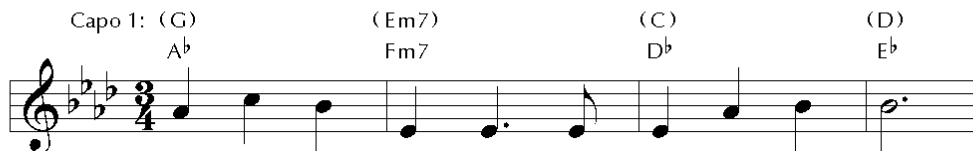
night, by day. Come, bless the Lord with - in this place;
 ra - diant face; the Lord who heaven and earth has made

Chord progression for the ending:

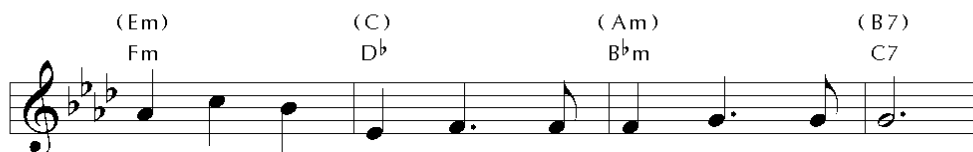
E^b/G A^bmaj7 Fm B^b E^b D^b6 E^b

with lift - ed hands your hom - age pay.
 il - lu - mine you with peace and grace.

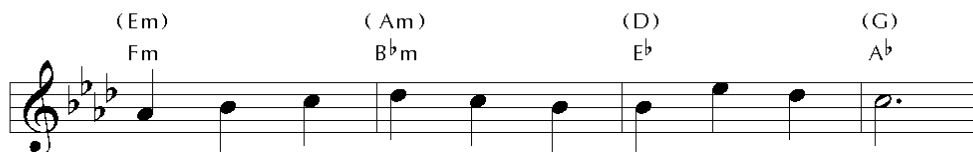
What Is the World Like 771



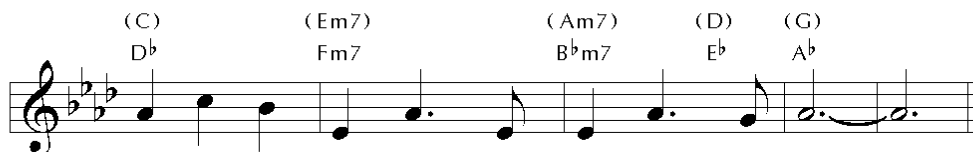
1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,



Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:
 Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;
 No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;
 Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,
 filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.



roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
 watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.
 peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.
 tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.
 Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,



This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.
 This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.
 this is a new world where God's will is done.

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

F B $\flat$ /F F F/E Dm Dm/F Dm B $\flat$ C7/B $\flat$ B $\flat$ F

1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing with a bright and warm - ing flame,
 2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are pil - grims on the way.
 3. As a green bud in the spring - time is a sign of life re - newed,

F B $\flat$ /F F F/E Dm Dm/F F/C B $\flat$ C/B $\flat$ B $\flat$ F

so the church is meant for mis - sion, giv - ing glo - ry to God's name.
 We are seek - ers; we are giv - ers; we are ves - sels made of clay.
 so may we be signs of one - ness 'mid earth's peo - ples, man - y hues.

C/E C C/E Dm Am F/A B $\flat$ B $\flat$ maj7

Not to preach our creeds or cus - toms, but to build a bridge of care,
 By our gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions we would show that Christ is light.
 As a rain - bow lights the heav - ens when a storm is past and gone,

C Dm Dm7/C B $\flat$ F/A Gm7 Am B $\flat$ F

we join hands a - cross the na - tions, find - ing neigh - bors ev - ery - where.
 In a hum - ble, lis - tening Spir - it we would live to God's de - light.
 may our lives re - flect the ra - diance of God's new and glo - rious dawn.

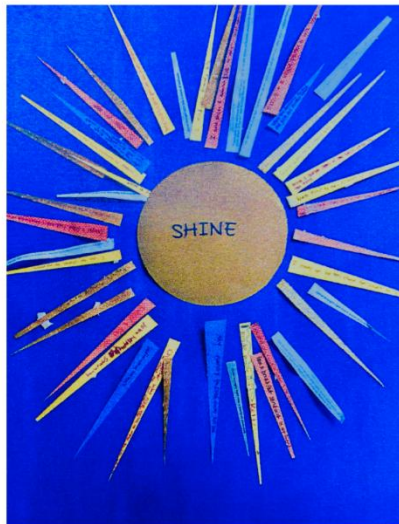
The Bright Field, by R.S. Thomas

I have seen the sun break through
to illuminate a small field
for a while, and gone my way
and forgotten it. But that was the pearl
of great price, the one field that had
the treasure in it. I realize now
that I must give all that I have
to possess it. Life is not hurrying

on to a receding future, nor hankering after
an imagined past. It is the turning
aside like Moses to the miracle
of the lit bush, to a brightness
that seemed as transitory as your youth
once, but is the eternity that awaits you.

Being Christ's Light This Summer

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.



- 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.

Doodle away . . .

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