

# The Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly



***For Every Heart a Home***

**July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 10am  
8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

**Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie**  
**Liturgist: Dori Persson**  
**Coffee Hour: Nancy Smith**  
**Ushers/Greeters: Jim Crook and Jeanne Lambert**

*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, Sharing the Peace and Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

**\* Hymn 267**

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing (see page 8)*

**Prayer of Approach and Confession**

Liturgist

**All: God our Maker. We bring ourselves into your presence now in this time of worship. We acknowledge your greatness with wonder. We are in awe of the beauty of your ways. We sit in our smallness and wonder about the ways in which you come to us. Above all, we trust in your coming among us in Jesus.**

## **Kyrie Eleison**

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

## Reading

Hosea 1:2-10

Liturgist

When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, 'Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD.' So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the LORD said to him, 'Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.' She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, 'Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.' When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the LORD said, 'Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.' Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people', it shall be said to them, 'Children of the living God.'

## \*Hymn 74 (Psalm 126)

*When God Restored Our Common Life* (see page 9)

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

**\* Hymn 464***Our Father, Which Art in Heaven* (see page 10)**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

**Sharing our Gifts**, during which we sing Hymn 175, *Seek Ye First* (see page 6-7)

*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

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

**\*Hymn***Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;

Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain:*

*Great is Thy faithfulness!*

*Great is Thy faithfulness!*

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;*

*All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

*(Refrain)*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*(Refrain)*

**Benediction and Celtic Amen**

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

**Postlude**

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

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## Seek Ye First

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;  
 3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and seek, its and righ - teous - ness,  
 you shall find;  
 but by ev - ery word

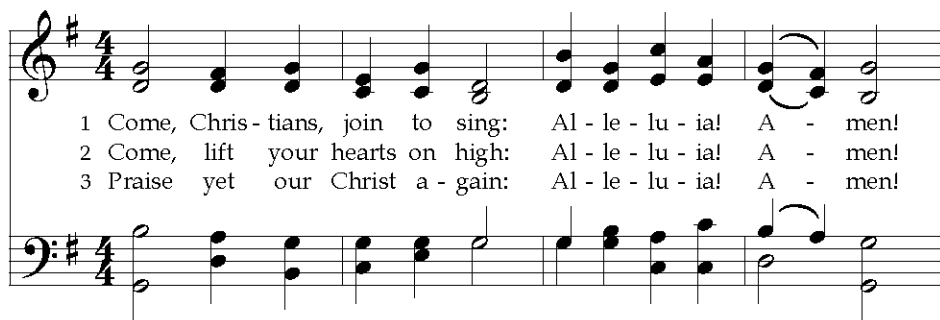
al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.  
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.  
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

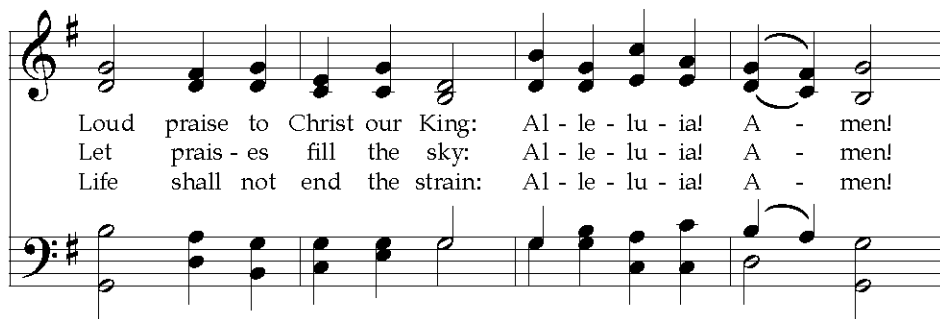
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Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

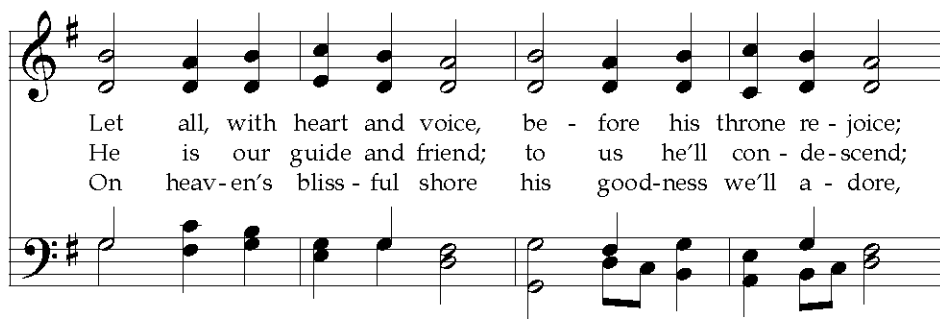
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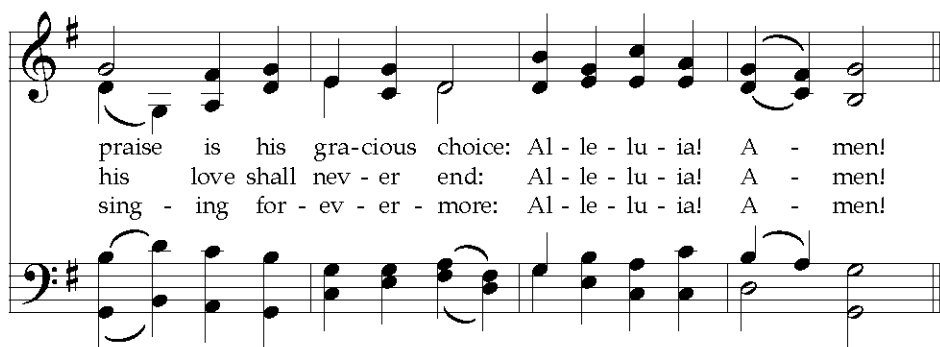
1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;  
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;  
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



# When God Restored Our Common Life

(Psalm 126)

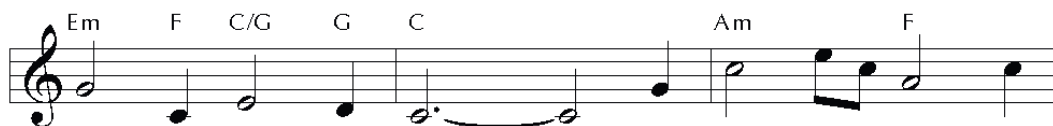
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1 When God re - stored our com - mon life, our hope, our lib - er -  
2 We went forth weep - ing, sow - ing seeds in hard, un - yield - ing  
3 Great lib - er - at - ing God, we pray for all who are op -



ty, at first it seemed a pass - ing dream, a  
soil; with laugh - ing hearts we car - ry home the  
pressed. May those who long for what is right with



wak - ing fan - ta - sy; a shock of joy swept  
fruit of all our toil. We praise the One who  
jus - tice now be blest. We pray for those who



o - ver us, for we had wept so long; the  
gave the growth, with voic - es full and strong. The  
mourn this day, and all who suf - fer wrong; may



seeds we wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.  
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# Our Father, Which Art in Heaven 464



1 Our Fa - ther, which art in heav - en:  
 2 On earth as it is in heav - en:  
 3 And for - give us all our debts:  
 4 And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion:  
 5 For thine is the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry:



Thy king - dom come; thy will be done:  
 Give us this day our dai - ly bread:  
 As we for - give our debt - ors:  
 But de - liv - er us from e - vil:  
 For - ev - er and ev - er, a - men:



## Announcements

### NEXT SUNDAY

**Summer worship at 10:00am 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.

*We are looking forward to welcoming Rev. Chris Lawrence, our mission partner at Inner Change, East Harlem, for pulpit supply on Sundays in August. Please support him by coming to worship at 10am each Sunday if you are in town!*

**Emergency Pastoral Assistance** Pastor Martin will be on leave from the afternoon of Sunday July 27th until the morning of Tuesday September 2nd. **During this time, for pastoral emergency please contact:**

July 27th - August 16th (inclusive) Rev. Rich Gelson (908) 914 2042

August 17th - September 1st (inclusive) Rev. Dr. Kee Boem So (617) 955 6452

### MISSION MATTERS.

The Committee is launching a **Back-to-School/Backpack Drive** to support *Greater Faith Works* of Paterson and help local students start the school year prepared and confident! We are collecting the following items:

pencils, pens, erasers, composition notebooks, three-subject notebooks, crayons  
colored pencils, glue & glue sticks, index cards all sizes, gently used or new backpacks.  
Monetary donations are also welcome! Funds will be used to purchase additional supplies and backpacks. **Please drop off all donations in the church office by July 31.**

*Any questions regarding the backpacks:* Please direct them To Gillian at [g\\_iappelli@hotmail.com](mailto:g_iappelli@hotmail.com) Donations for this project or also welcome. In the memo line: Backpacks for GFW

**“Flash” Clothing Drive for Greater Faith Works.** When dropping off your backpack supplies for the Greater Faith Works, why not check and see if you have any summer clothes or shoes you aren't using too? **Flash Clothing Drive begins now and ends Friday, August 1st.** As you have done in the past, please indicate on your bags gender and if for adults or children, and leave them in the church office. Thank you!

**Interested in making a casserole** to feed 40 or make a donation for the East Harlem InnerCHANGE dinner program? Donation checks should be made to the Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly with a note on the memo line for EH InnerCHANGE Dinners.

*Questions for the Flash Clothing Drive or meals*, please direct them to Mary Jane at mjeimer@aol.com or text 201-914-7545. We sincerely appreciate your participation and support. Thank you.

Gillian and Mary Jane  
Mission Committee Co-chairs

**PresbyReaders.** Our next meeting will be Sunday, August 24th at 4pm at Carolyn and Al Rocco's home. We will be discussing Carsten Henn's, *The Door to Door Bookstore: A Novel*. All are welcome.

**Meal Train.** Following on from Rob's recent second knee surgery. Could you help by offering a meal? Their friend, Angie Lunking, has set up the roster – follow this link to find it.

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/71m979/updates/58q0oy>

**Church School and childcare** will meet all summer. We have a lot of fun summer lessons planned, including time in the garden.

**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!

**Tenaflly Community Night** – Tuesday September 9<sup>th</sup> 5 – 8pm on Riveredge Road outside the fire house and police station. Could you come and help promote our church with a friendly face?

**Poet's Café.** September 14th at 4pm in the Church House with special guest Tenaflly poet and artist Tami Luchow. Come along and enjoy a talk from Tami on the theme of creativity, and hear some of her work. You can also bring along your own favorite poem to share and try out a bit of writing on the spot too!

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

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

### Future Worship

**Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup>** Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and 9/11 Remembrance at 10:30am in the Sanctuary.

**Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>** Intergenerational worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary

**Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup>** worship at 9:30am and 10:30am.

The poster is for a 'Poet's Cafe' event. It features a light orange background with decorative blue floral illustrations in the corners. The title 'Poet's Cafe' is written in a large, elegant script font. Below it, the text 'Special Guest Tami Luchow Tenaflly Poet and Artist' is displayed in a blue sans-serif font. To the right of this text is a small portrait of Tami Luchow, a woman with dark hair, smiling. Below the portrait is the credit 'photo credit: Andrew French'. A central text box with a double-line border contains the invitation: 'Come along and enjoy a talk from Tami on the theme of creativity, and hear her read some of her work. You can also bring along your own favorite poem to share and try out a bit of writing on the spot too!'. The event details 'Sunday September 14th at 4pm' and 'Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly 55 Magnolia Ave' are listed below. At the bottom, contact information for RSVPs is provided on the left, and 'Refreshments served' is on the right. A small illustration of an open book with flowers growing from it is at the bottom center.

*Poet's  
Cafe*

**Special Guest**  
**Tami Luchow**  
**Tenaflly Poet and Artist**

photo credit: Andrew French

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RSVP to:  
office@tenafllypresby.org  
or  
201 567-0111

Refreshments  
served

www.tenafllypresby.org

## 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	Wednesdays 3pm Room 203	Jim Millar Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org
Choir	Sundays 9am Chapel	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
PresbyReaders	Meets monthly (Sundays)	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

# VACATION BIBLE CAMP

## UNDERWATER ADVENTURE

AUGUST 25TH, 26TH AND 27TH

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

4 years old through 5th grade



Enjoy new friends

Games

Bible Adventures

Amazing experiments

Snacks

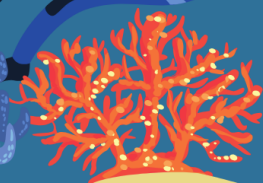
Music

Treasure HUNT

Register by August 20th  
RESERVE YOUR SPOT HERE USING THE QR CODE  
Suggested Donation of \$25 per child



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