

The Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly



For Every Heart a Home

**August 16th, 2026 at 10am
13th Sunday of Pentecost**

Rev. Jack Lohr
Liturgist: Mary Kuttner
Greeter: Jim Crook
Coffee Hour: Carolyn Rocco

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

Liturgist

Call to Worship

Liturgist

***Hymn** *Goodness is Stronger than Evil* (see page 7)

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Liturgist

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**

Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Liturgist

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

***Hymn (Psalm 67)** *May the Peoples Praise You*

You have called us out of darkest night, into Your glorious light,
That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.
May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life.

*May the peoples praise You, let the nations be glad!
All Your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.*

All the earth is Yours and all within, each harvest is Your own,
And from Your hand we give to You, to make Christ known.
May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard,
May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word.

*May the peoples praise You, let the nations be glad!
All Your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.*

This our holy priv'lege to declare Your praises and Your Name
to every nation, tribe and tongue Your church proclaim.

*May the peoples praise You, let the nations be glad!
All Your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.*

Holy, Holy, is the Lord Almighty.
Worthy, worthy is the lamb who was slain.
Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty.
All creation praise Your glorious Name.

*May the peoples praise You, let the nations be glad!
All our blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.
May the peoples praise you, let the nations be glad!
All Your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.*

Reading

Matthew 15:10-28

Liturgist

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.' Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then

Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

***Hymn**

She Came to Jesus

She came to Jesus from outside the fold —
Canaanite woman! Persistent and bold!
Looking to Jesus, she wanted to see
One who would help her and set her child free.

Claiming a blessing, a touch of God's grace,
She knew God's love was not bounded by place.
Jesus, you listened, debated — then healed —
For in her asking, her faith was revealed.

God, you still bless those who seek you in prayer.
You welcome dreamers who faithfully dare.
In Christ, now risen, your mercy extends:
Those on the outside are welcomed as friends.

Reflection

Jesus Changed. Will We?

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Sharing our Gifts during which we hear *"No Outsiders to God's Love"*

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

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***Hymn 317** *In Christ There is No East or West* (see page 8)

Benediction and Celtic Amen

Rev. Jack Lohr

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Postlude

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

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil 750

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;

The first system of music is in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The vocal line features a melody with eighth and quarter notes, while the piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes.

light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system.

Vic - tory is ours; vic - tory is ours

Oh, vic - tory is ours; vic - tory is

The third system includes a repeat sign at the beginning. The vocal line has a melodic phrase, and the piano accompaniment provides harmonic support.

through God who loves us. us.

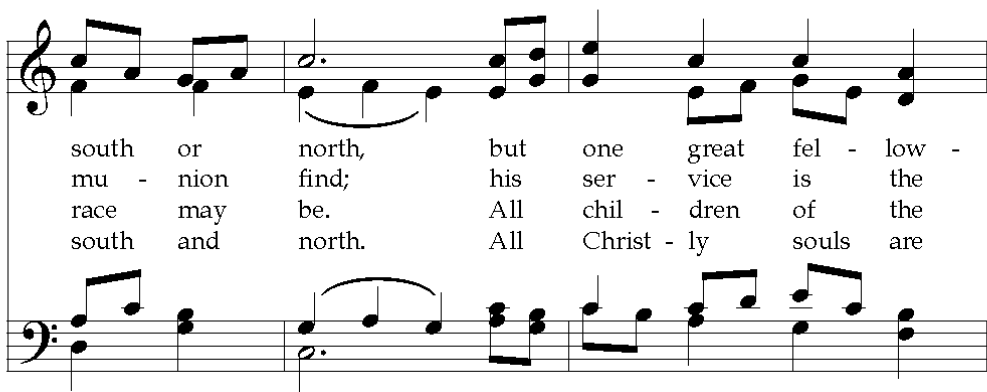
ours through God who loves us. us.

The fourth system concludes the piece with a double bar line. It includes first and second endings for the vocal line, both leading to a final chord. The piano accompaniment also concludes with a final chord.

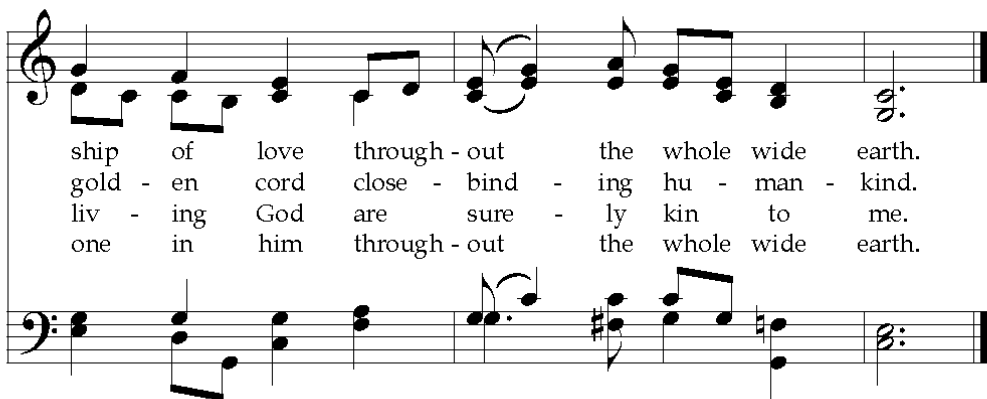
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1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet



south or north, but one great fel - low -
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 race may be. All chil - dren of the
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are



ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY
10am 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.

Pastor Martin is away from the afternoon of Sunday August 2nd until September 8th. During this time, should you need the urgent pastoral assistance of a minister, the following are on call:

August 16th-September 7th: Rev. Dr. Kee Boem So at (617) 955-6452

Sign up today! Vacation Bible Camp. For children 4 years old through 5th grade. We begin next Monday through Wednesday August 24th – 26th from 9:30am – 12:30pm. Use the QR code to sign up and join in on the fun!



LAST CALL FOR Back-to-School Supply Drive The Mission Committee is sponsoring a Back-to-School Supply Drive to benefit Greater Faith Works of Paterson. We are collecting **new school supplies** for children of all ages through **August 18**. **Items needed include:** Backpacks, pens and pencils, crayons, subject notebooks, composition notebooks, glue, hand sanitizer. Donations may be dropped off in the Chapel Narthex on Sundays or the church office through **TUESDAY August 18**. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, we will gladly purchase the needed supplies on your behalf so they can be included with our donation. The Mission Committee plans to deliver the donated supplies to Greater Faith Works during the **week of August 24**. Thank you for your generosity and for helping children in our community begin the school year with the supplies they need to succeed.

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.

Presby Readers next book discussion will be *The Calamity Club* by Kathryn Stockett. We will meet on Sunday, September 20th at Viki Shima's home at 4pm.

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.

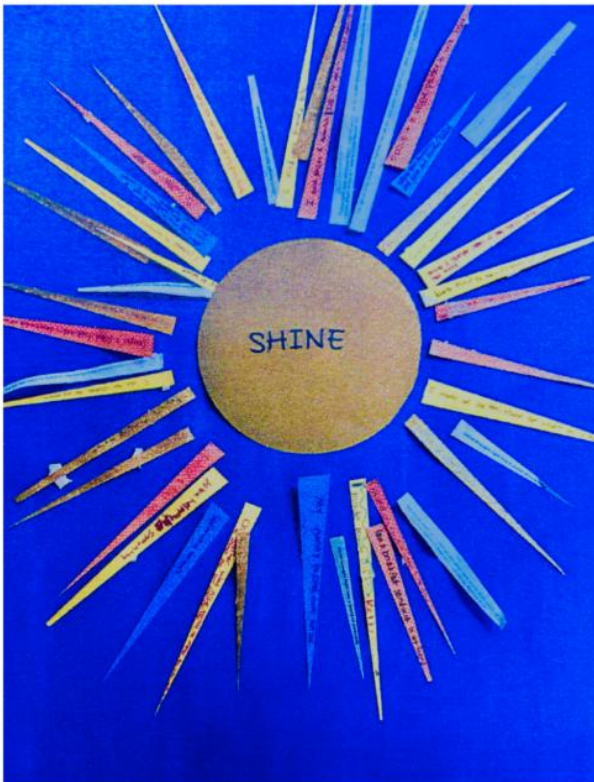
Regular Groups at PCAT

GROUP	WHEN	CONTACT
AA (Morning Glory)	Saturdays 10:30am JHH	Jay at (201) 248-5080
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

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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