

The Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly



For Every Heart a Home

**August 17th, 2025 at 10am
11th Sunday of Pentecost**

Rev. Chris Lawrence
Liturgist: Jeanne Lambert
Coffee Hour: Jeanne Lambert
Ushers/Greeters: Jim Crook, Howard and Noelle Bryson

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

Liturgist

*** Hymn** *Come, Now is the Time to Worship* (see page 6-7)

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Liturgist

All: **Limitless god, the thought of you blows our minds. The wonder of who and what you are leaves us awestruck.**

You are the quiet whisper of gently felt presence.

You are the beauty of nature and art.

You are glimpsed in every human face.

And yet, none of this captures you.

So we sit in wonder, turning ourselves and our lives over to you in this time of worship.

Kyrie Eleison

Nik sings: Kyrie Eleison

Congregation: Kyrie Eleison

Nik sings: Christe Eleison

Congregation: Christe Eleison

Nik sings: Kyrie Eleison

Congregation: Kyrie Eleison

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

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Liturgist

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of

our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

***Hymn 400 (Psalm 122)** *I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say* (see page 8)

Reading

Luke 12:49-56

Liturgist

‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’ He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?’

*** Hymn 726** *Will You Come and Follow Me?* (see page 9)

Sermon

Rev. Chris Lawrence

Sharing our Gifts, during which we hear Nik Rael sing “*My Lighthouse*”

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**

Dedication Prayer

Liturgist

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Liturgist

Liturgist: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our Prayer

***Hymn**

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

Benediction and Celtic Amen

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Postlude

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

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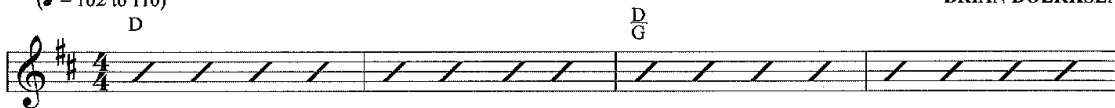
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Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Words and Music by
BRIAN DOERKSEN

(♩ = 102 to 110)



VERSE



Come, now is the time — to wor — ship. —



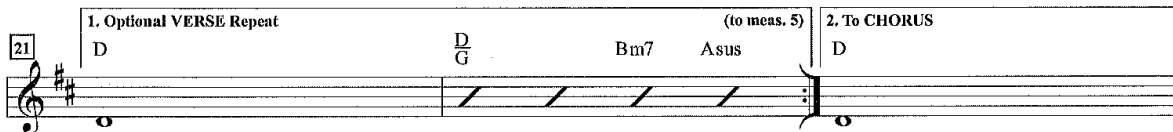
Come, now is the time — to give — your heart. —



Come, just as you are — to wor — ship. —



Come, just as you are — be - fore — your God, —

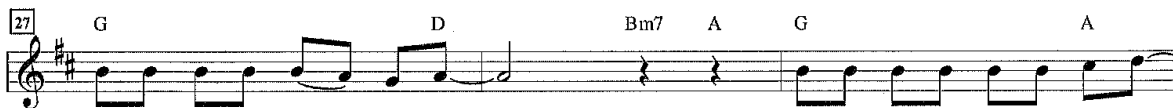


come,

come.



One day ev - 'ry tongue will con - fess — You are God. —



One day ev - 'ry knee — will bow. —

Still the great - est treas - ure re - mains —

30 Bm $\frac{A}{B}$ Bm D F# Em7

1. Repeat to VERSE (to meas. 5)
Asus

for those who glad - ly choose You now.

33 2. Repeat to CHORUS (D.S. to meas. 25) 3. SONG ENDING (to VERSE) (to meas. 5)
Asus D D F# D A Asus

Coda

37 D

Come.

39

Come.

Come.

*Poet's
Cafe*

Special Guest
Tami Luchow
Tenaflly Poet and Artist

photo credit: Andrew French

*Come along and enjoy a talk from Tami on the theme of
creativity, and hear her read some of her work.
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Sunday September 14th at 4pm

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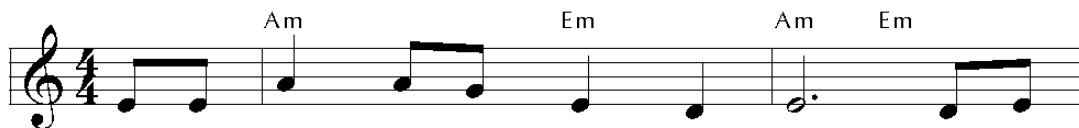
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Refreshments
served

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400 I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say

(Psalm 122)



1 I re - joiced when I heard them say: "Let us
 2 Like a tem - ple of u - ni - ty is the
 3 It is faith - ful to Is - rael's law, there to
 4 For the peace of all na - tions, pray: for God's
 5 For the love of my friends and kin I will

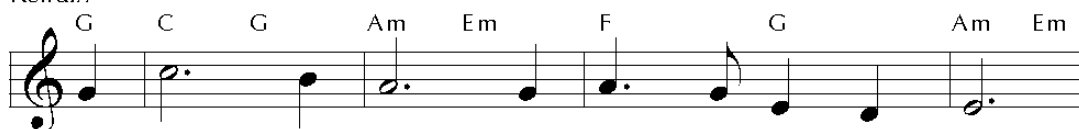


go to the house of God." And now our feet are
 cit - y, Je - ru - sa - lem. It is there all tribes will
 praise the name of God. All the judg - ment seats of
 peace with - in your homes. May God's last - ing peace sur -
 bless you with signs of peace. For the love of God's own

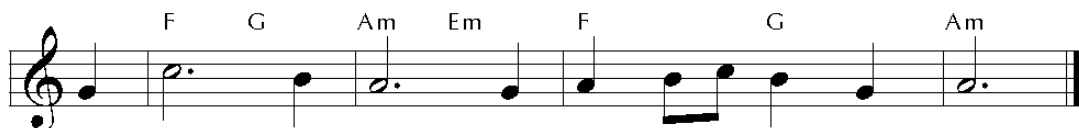


stand - ing in your gates, O Je - ru - sa - lem!
 gath - er, all the tribes of the house of God.
 Da - vid were set down in Je - ru - sa - lem.
 round us; may it dwell in Je - ru - sa - lem.
 peo - ple I will la - bor and pray for you.

Refrain



Sha - lom, sha - lom, the peace of God be here.



Sha - lom, sha - lom, God's jus - tice be ev - er near.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un-seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

F Bb/F F F/E Dm Dm/F Dm Bb C7/Bb Bb 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 Bb/F F F/E Dm Dm/F F/C Bb C/Bb Bb 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 hued.

C/E C C/E Dm Am F/A Bb Bbmaj7

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 Bb F/A Gm7 Am Bb 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.

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 welcome Rev. Chris Lawrence, our mission partner at Inner Change, East Harlem.

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

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 25th – 27th from 9:30am – 12:30pm. Sign up today and invite a friend!

Tenafly Community Night – Tuesday September 9th 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 7th Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and 9/11 Remembrance at 10:30am in the Sanctuary.

Sunday September 14th Intergenerational worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary

Sunday September 21st worship at 9:30am and 10:30am.

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