

The Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly



For Every Heart a Home

**August 23rd, 2026 at 10am
14th Sunday of Pentecost**

Liturgists: Carolyn Rocco and Jonathan Chan
Greeters: Noelle and Howard Bryson
Coffee Hour: Viki and Don Shima

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 Allegro Moderato from Sonatine for Flute & Piano by Louise-Marie Simon
Noelle Perrin-Bryson

Welcome, Announcements and Sharing the Peace Carolyn Rocco

*** Hymn 401** *Here in This Place* (see page 5)

Prayer of Approach and Confession Carolyn Rocco

Kyrie Eleison

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Declaration of Forgiveness Carolyn Rocco

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 51:1 - 6

Jon Chan

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

***Hymn**

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart (see page 6)

Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Jon Chan

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

***Hymn 87**

Comfort, Comfort, Now My People (see page 7)

Reflection

Who is This Guy? Words from 'The Way' Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Sharing our Gifts during which we hear Noelle Perrin-Bryson play *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. by Daniel Light

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

Jon Chan

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Jon Chan

***Hymn 765**

May the God of Hope Go with Us (see page 8)

Shared Benediction and Celtic Amen

Carolyn Rocco

All: May the God of peace go with us
As we travel from this place;
May the love of Jesus keep us
firm in hope and full of grace.

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Postlude

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

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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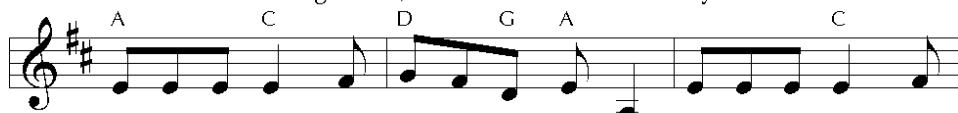
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give

Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the

poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for

us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

Comfort, Comfort Now My People 87

1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
 2 For the her-ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook-ed, and the rough - er plac-es plain.

"Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness mourn-ing un-der sor-row's load.
 call - ing us to true re - pen-tance, since the reign of God is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum-ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.

To my peo - ple now pro-claim that my par - don waits for them!
 O, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre-pare for God a way.
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a-broad,

Tell them that their sins I cov - er, and their war-fare now is o - ver."
 Let the val - leys rise in meet-ing and the hills bow down in greet-ing.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken."

This 17th-century German paraphrase of Isaiah 40:1-5 was one of the texts translated as part of the 19th-century British interest in German religious poetry. It is set here to one of the most popular Genevan Psalter tunes, probably derived from an earlier French folksong.

May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

Song of Hope / *Canto de esperanza*



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our
¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en



lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us
cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -



on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.
nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;
O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.



work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.
Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.

This Argentine folk melody sets Spanish and English words, both created by a PQ(USA) missionary with much Latin American experience. The two versions complement each other: the Spanish text offering a prayer to God, and the English one providing inspiration for the singers.

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

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.

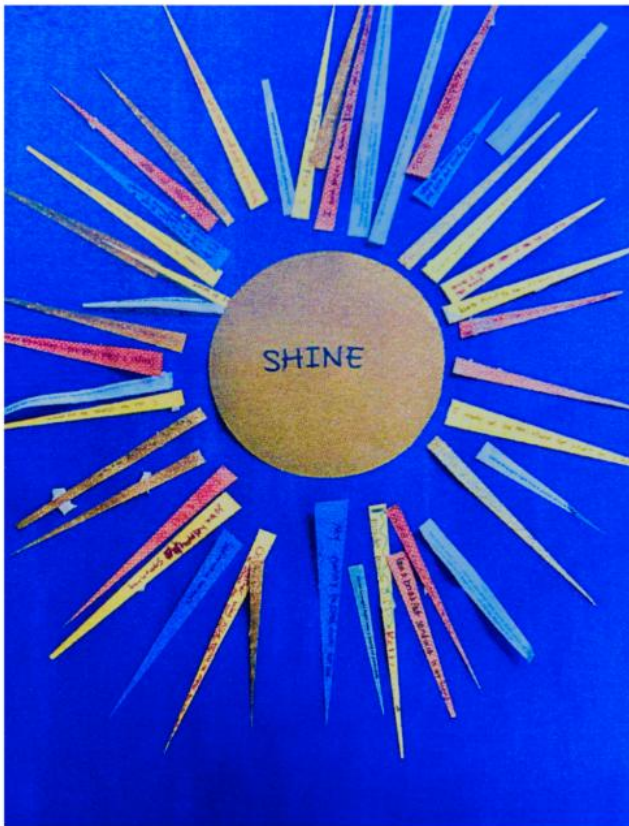
Daniel Ficarri, the extraordinary associate organist at St. John the Divine Cathedral is coming to PCAT to give a recital in the Sanctuary on Saturday September 19th at 3pm. Don't miss it! Then on Saturday September 26th we are having a fun social event for all ages – a **Scottish family ceilidh dance**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