

# The Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly



***For Every Heart a Home***

**August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 10am  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

**Rev. Chris Lawrence**  
**Liturgist: Gillian Iappelli**  
**Coffee Hour: Gillian Iappelli**  
**Ushers/Greeters: Barbara Silio and Roger Maxfield**

*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 314**      *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* (see page 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**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Liturgist

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the LORD said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.' Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

**\*Hymn (Psalm 72)***Hail to the Lord's Anointed* (see page 8)**Reading**

Luke 13:10-17

Liturgist

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the

synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

**\* Hymn**

*Build Your Kingdom Here*

(Song Leader)

Come set Your rule, and reign in our hearts again.

Increase in us, we pray.

Unveil why we're made.

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,

like wildfire in our very souls;

Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.

We are Your church;

we need Your pow'r in us.

(Song Leader)

We seek Your kingdom first.

We hunger and we thirst;

Refuse to waste our lives,

for You're our joy and prize.

To see the captives' hearts released;

The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.

We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.

We are Your church;

We pray, revive this earth.

**(Refrain)**

*Build Your kingdom here.*

*Let the darkness fear.*

*Show Your mighty hand.*

*Heal our streets and land.*

*Set Your church on fire.  
Win this nation back.  
Change the atmosphere.  
Build Your kingdom here, we pray.*

(Song Leader)

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r,  
reaching the near and far.  
No force of hell can stop  
Your beauty, changing hearts.  
You made us for much more than this;  
Awake the kingdom seed in us.  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.  
We are Your church;  
We are the hope on earth. **(Refrain twice)**

**Sermon**

Rev. Chris Lawrence

**Sharing our Gifts**

*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 315**

*In the Midst of New Dimensions (see page 9-10)*

**Benediction and Celtic Amen**

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

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## VACATION BIBLE CAMP

### UNDERWATER ADVENTURE

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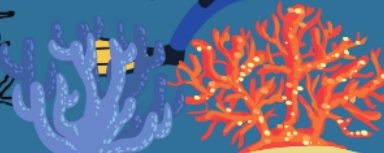
Bible Adventures

Treasure HUNT

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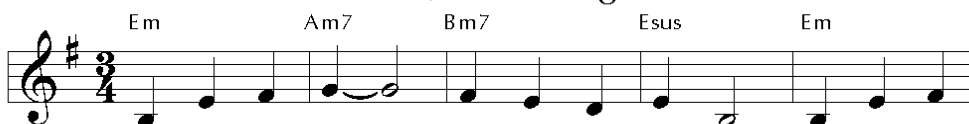


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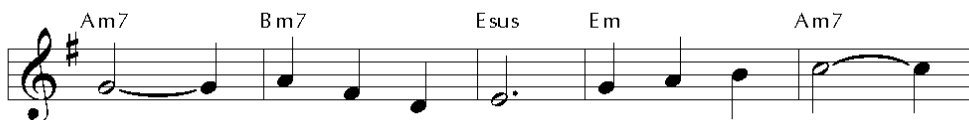


# Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

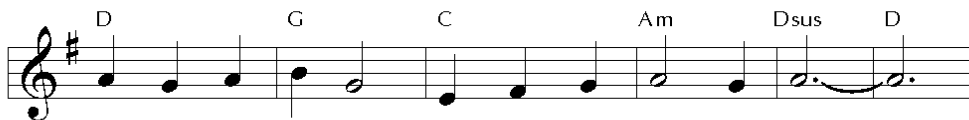
## Christ, Be Our Light



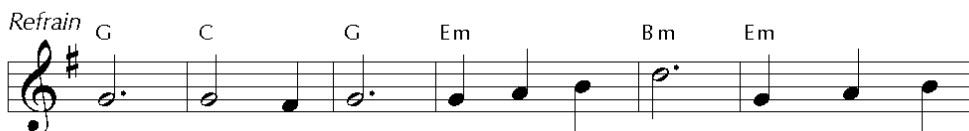
1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for  
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



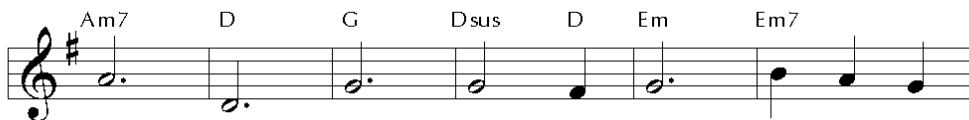
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

# 72A Hail to the Lord's Anointed

G D C Dsus D G

1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great-er Son!  
 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;

D C Dsus D G

Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!  
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.  
 all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.

Asus A D C G Em D

You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,  
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
 Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend;

G/B C Am D C Dsus D G

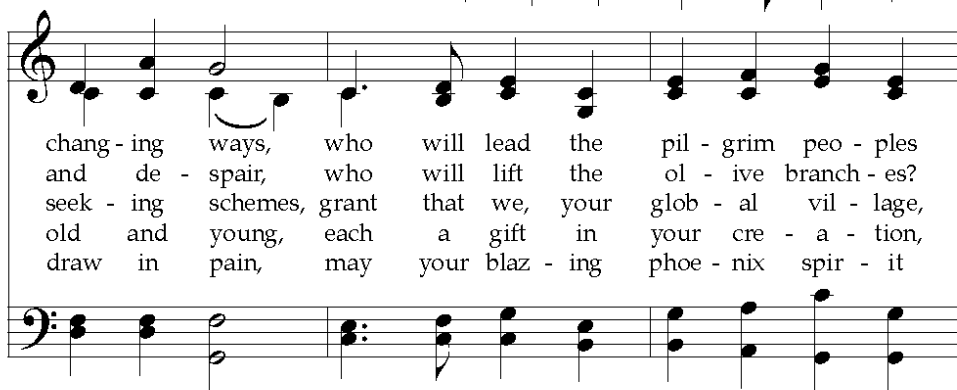
to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are pre - cious in your sight.  
 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
 your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.



# 315 In the Midst of New Dimensions



1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of  
 2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,  
 3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -  
 4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,  
 5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -

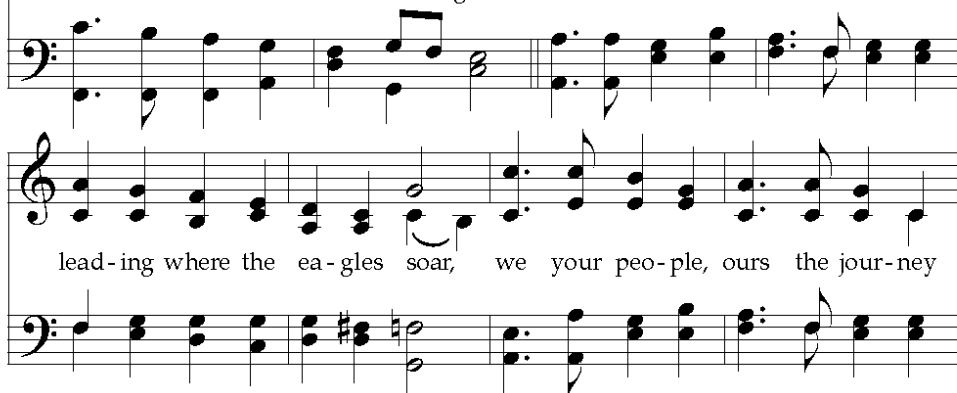


chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples  
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?  
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,  
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,  
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

*Refrain*



wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?  
 Who will light the flame of care?  
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,  
 each a love song to be sung.  
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.



lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney



*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.  
You can also bring along your own favorite poem to  
share and try out a bit of writing on the spot too!*

**Sunday September 14th at 4pm**

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Refreshments  
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## 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:**

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

**PresbyReaders.** This afternoon 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.

**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!

**ESL - Volunteer Teachers Wanted!!** Do you speak English? You're qualified!!!  
(No prior experience, degree or certification required!) The ESL - English as a Second Language - fall program begins Tuesday, September 30 and continues Tuesday mornings through December 9th in the church house. Each week the volunteer teachers share the English language and American culture with highly motivated Japanese and Korean adult students. It's fun, it's rewarding, and it's a great outreach to the community. Please consider joining the PCAT ESL "Faculty". Contact Jun Motai interested:  
motaicoaching@gmail.com

**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.

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