

# The Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly



***For Every Heart a Home***

**August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at 10am  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

**Rev. Chris Lawrence**  
**Liturgist: Richard Chan**  
**Ushers/Greeters: 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 401**                      *Here in This Place (Gather Us In)* (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 2:4-13

Liturgist

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, 'Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?' I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, 'Where is the LORD?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

**\*Hymn 56 (Psalm 81)***Sing Out with Joy to God Our Strength* (see page 8)

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

## \* Hymn 769

*For Everyone Born* (see page 9-10)

v. 1,2,3, and 5

## Sermon

Rev. Chris Lawrence

**Sharing our Gifts** during which we hear Nik Rael sing *Bring 'Em All In* by Mike Scott

*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 366**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (see page 11-12)

**Benediction and Celtic Amen**

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

**Postlude**

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

## **Announcements**

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**Communion Sunday at 10:30am in the Sanctuary with 9/11 Remembrance**

(on Communion Sunday we invite donations of shelf stable food  
for the Center for Food Action.)

**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

**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](mailto: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 the church office is closed Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of the Labor Day holiday.**

### **Future Worship**

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

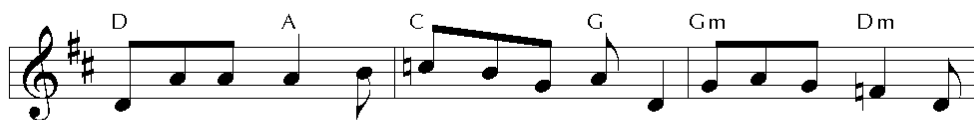
**Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>** Intergenerational worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary

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

# Here in This Place

## Gather Us In

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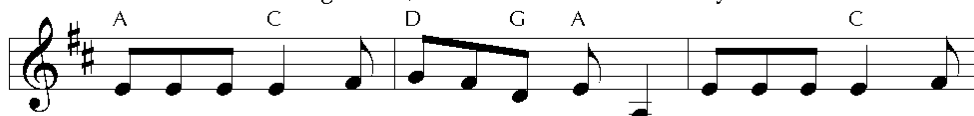
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish'd 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



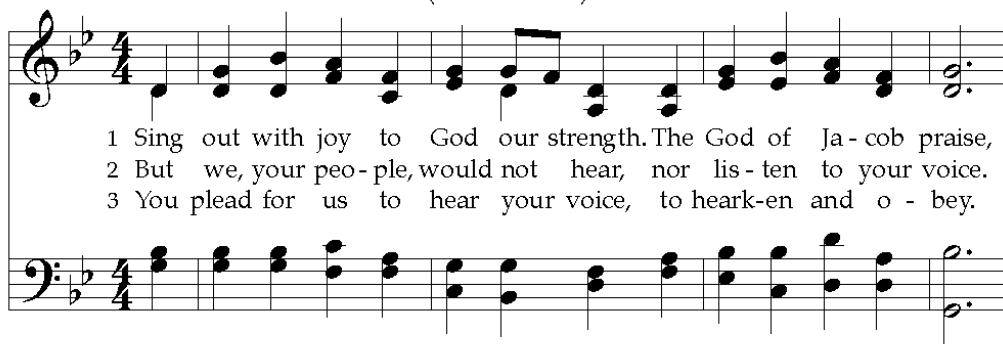
blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



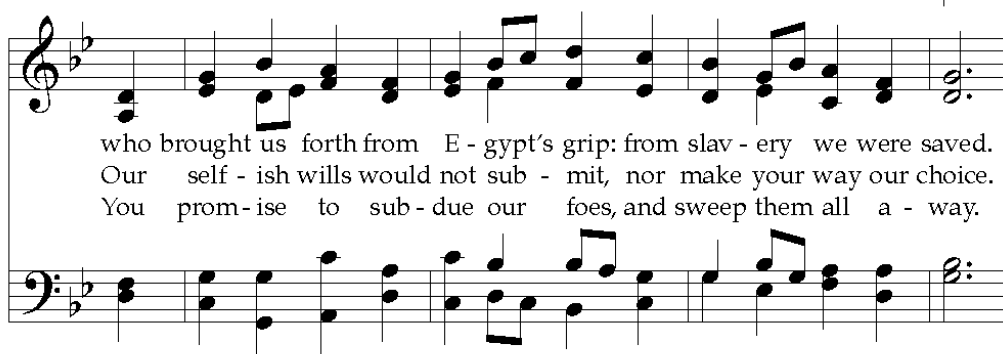
we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

# Sing Out with Joy to God Our Strength 56

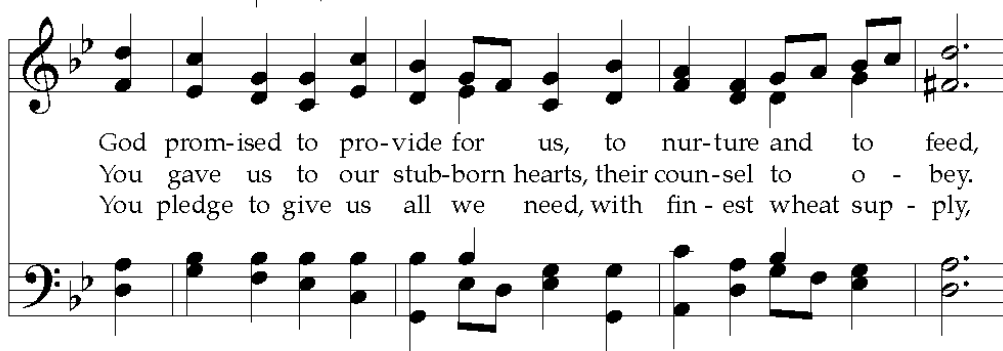
(Psalm 81)



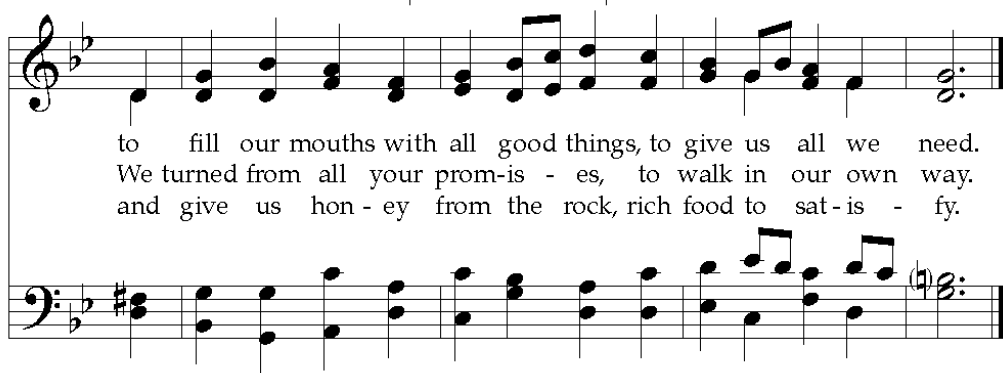
1 Sing out with joy to God our strength. The God of Ja - cob praise,  
2 But we, your peo - ple, would not hear, nor lis - ten to your voice.  
3 You plead for us to hear your voice, to heark-en and o - bey.



who brought us forth from E - gypt's grip: from slav - ery we were saved.  
Our self - ish wills would not sub - mit, nor make your way our choice.  
You prom - ise to sub - due our foes, and sweep them all a - way.



God prom - ised to pro - vide for us, to nur - ture and to feed,  
You gave us to our stub - born hearts, their coun - sel to o - bey.  
You pledge to give us all we need, with fin - est wheat sup - ply,



to fill our mouths with all good things, to give us all we need.  
We turned from all your prom - is - es, to walk in our own way.  
and give us hon - ey from the rock, rich food to sat - is - fy.



## 769

## For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,  
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,  
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,  
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,  
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

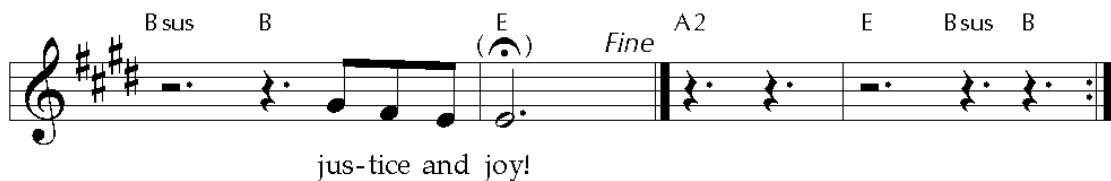


a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,  
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,  
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,  
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,  
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,  
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,  
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,  
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

Refrain



# 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



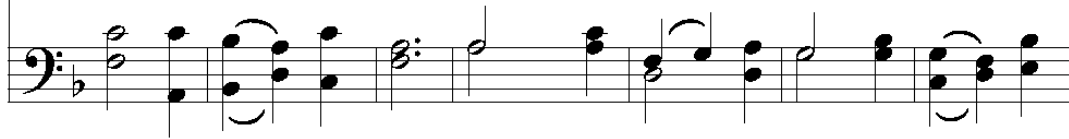
1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,





pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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