

The Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly



For Every Heart a Home

September 7th, 2025

14th Sunday of Pentecost

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and 9/11 Commemoration

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Liturgist: Carolyn Rocco
Coffee Hour Host: Diane Allen
Ushers: Brian Coats-Thomas

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 10:30am worship service. Ask one of the ushers for directions if you would like to take your child through to join in.



All are welcome at the Lord's table. The gluten free bread and grape juice will be served together during the distribution. Please wait to eat and drink together on the Pastor's cue. He will say "the body of Christ", then we eat. "The blood of Christ", and then we drink.

Prelude

Welcome, Sharing the Peace and Announcements

Liturgist

Minute for Outreach

Elder Lily Lee Paustian

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

*** Hymn**

I Have a Dream (see page 10)

*** 9/11 COMMEMORATION**

Kyrie Eleison

Martin sings:

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Congregation and Choir

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Unison: Eternal God, you renew hope in us through the promise of a future in which none shall be afraid or lift up sword against a neighbor. We pray in hope for the reconciling of the world amongst peoples and nations, religions and cultures, until we become a beloved community drawn to one another under your reign of peace.

Solo

The Potter's Hand

Ann Van Cleave

First Reading

Jeremiah 18: 1-11

Liturgist

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Choir Anthem

O God, You Search Me And You Know Me (Psalm 139)

by Bernadette Farrell

Second Reading

Luke 14: 25-33

Liturgist

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or

what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

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



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The table of bread and wine has been made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who may feel that you have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

***Song** *We Are Coming, Lord, to the Table* (see page 11-12)

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness.

Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome.
Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house.

We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience,
now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Sanctus and Benedictus (sung by all)

Sanctus & Benedictus

John L. Bell

Vigorously!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow-er and might,
Bless-ed, bless - ed bless-ed, bless-ed is the one,
4 heav'n and earth are full, are full of your glo ry. Glo-ry to your name, glo-ry
is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na! Ho -
7 to your name, glo-ry to your name O Lord most high.
-sa na! Ho - san-na in the high - est!

(the congregation sits)

Telling the Story

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father,
for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.
Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness
spanned the gulf our sins had made.
Through that dark struggle
death was swallowed up in victory,
that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night in which the sons of Egypt died,
your Chosen One, himself the First-Born,
freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat.
This is my Body: it is broken for you."
After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."
We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

**(unison) Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit
upon us and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by your life-giving power,
they may be for us spiritual food and drink,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.
Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage in the company of the apostles,
and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters
living and departed.**

Pastor: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God
Have mercy on us
Jesus bearer of our sins
Have mercy upon us
Jesus redeemer of the world
Grant us your peace.

Sharing the Bread and Wine

(The Elders will serve the bread and wine to you in your seats. Please wait to eat and drink all together)

Prayers of Intercession

Post-Communion Prayer (Unison)

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn (Psalm 103)** *Praise God My Soul* (see page 13)

Benediction and Celtic Amen

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Postlude

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

Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY

Joint Intergenerational Worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary

We welcome our new Associate Director of Music, Will Farnham, our new alto section leader Christina Hart and all of our returning musicians.

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.

Tenaflly Community Night this 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! Reserve a place by contacting the office.

International Potluck Dinner. Sunday September 21st at 6pm in the church house there is a potluck international dinner. Bring a dish to share! Please sign up in the narthex on Sundays or via the church office.

Community Hymn Sing. Sunday September 28th at 4:30pm in the chapel we have a Hymn Sing. Send requests of your favorite hymn to the church office at office@tenafllypresby.org. Guests are welcome!

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 if interested:

motaicoaching@gmail.com

PresbyReaders. Get ready, we are reading another "tome." We will be discussing Stephanie Dray's, *Becoming Madam Secretary*. This book is about Frances Perkins who was a trusted lieutenant to FDR administration. Many of you may be a bit familiar with her from reading *No Ordinary Times*, earlier this year. We will meet Sunday, October 5th at Mary Jane Eimer's home at 4pm

Regular Groups at PCAT

GROUP	WHEN	CONTACT
AA (Morning Glory)	Saturdays 10:30am JHH	Jay McSherry JayMcSherry@earthlink.net
Adventures in Faith	Wednesday 12pm Church House	Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com
Bell Choir	Wednesdays 3pm 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
Mommy/Daddy/and Me		Christina Chan Shanghai68@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

I Have a Dream

Pamela J. Pettitt

Charles H. H. Parry

1. "I have a dream" a___ man once said "where all is per-fect peace; where
2. But in this world of___ bit - ter strife the dream can of - ten fade; re -
3. Fierce per - se - cu - tion, war and hate are ra - ging ev - ery - where; God
4. So dream the dreams and_ sing the songs, but ne - ver be con - tent; for
5. Lord, give us vi - sion, make us strong, help us to do your will; don't

6

men and wo - men, black and white, stand hand in hand, and
al - i - ty seems dark as night, we catch but glimpses
calls us now to pay the price through strug - gles and through
thoughts and words don't ease the pain: un - less there's ac - tion,
let us rest un - til we see your love through-out hu -

9 

all u__ nite in__ free-dom and_ in__ love, in free-dom and in love."
of the_ light Christ sheds on hu - man - kind, Christ sheds on hu - man kind.
sa - cri - fice of__ stand-ing for__ the_ right, of stand-ing for the right.
all is__ vain; faith proves it - self_ in__ deeds, faith proves it - self in deeds.
man-i__ ty u - ni - ting us__ in__ peace, u - ni - ting us in peace.

We are coming, Lord, to the table

Words & Music: Sierra Leone traditional
Transcription & Arrangement: Greg Scheer

Prayerfully ♩ = 100

4b

We are co - ming, Lord, to the ta - ble.

8b

We are co - ming, Lord, to the ta - ble.

13b

1. With the gift of bread, we are com-ing, Lord.
2. To re - ceive the bread, we are com-ing, Lord.

Oh, sing it o - ver:

With the gift of wine, we are co-ming, Lord.
To re - ceive the wine, we are co-ming, Lord.

19

1. We of - fer you the gift of
2. We're co - ming to re - ceive the

Oh, we are com - ing, Lord.

23

bread. We of - fer you the gift of
bread. We're co - ming to re - ceive the

Oh, we are com - ing, Lord.

27

wine. Oh, sing it o - ver.
wine.

Oh, we are com - ing, Lord.

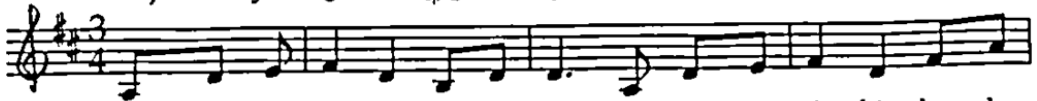
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Oh, we are com - ing Lord.

Praise God my soul!

Vikki Cook

Majestically D G/D D



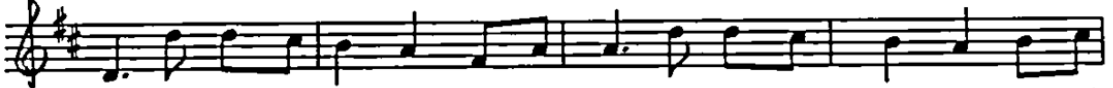
1. Praise God, my soul! with all my heart let me ex - alt his ho - ly
2. The Lord is mer - ci - ful and kind, to an - ger, slow, and full of
3. But ev - er - last - ing is God's love for those who fear him, and their

4 F#m D/F# G D/F# A Bm G# Em7 G/A



name. For - get not all his be - ne - fits; his praise, my soul, in song pro -
grace. He will not con - stant - ly re prove, or in his an - ger hide his
seed, for those who keep his cov - en - ant, and care - ful - ly his pre cepts

8 D F#m G D/F# D A D/F# F#m7 G D/F# G A



claim. He sa - tis - fies your deep de - sires from his un - end - ing stores of
face. Just as a fa - ther loves his child, so God loves those who fear his
heed. O praise the Lord, you heav'n - ly hosts, his ser - vants who per - form his

12 Bm Bm/A G D/F# A Bm(add2) Bm Bm/A



good, so that, just like the ea - gle's strength, your youth - ful
name. For he re - mem - bers we are dust, and well he
word. Praise God, his works through - out the world, And you, my

15 G# Em7 G/A Bm Bm/A G(add2) Em7 G/A D



vi - gor is re - newed. Your youth - ful vi - gor is re - newed.
knows our fee - ble frame. And well he knows our fee - ble frame.
soul, O praise the Lord! And you my soul, O praise the Lord!



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!*

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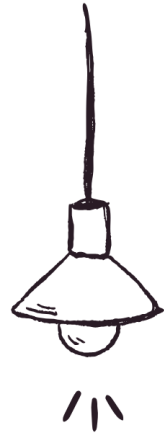
Refreshments
served

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Let's get together for an

International dinner!



Potluck - bring a dish to share!



Bring Your own drinks
(alcoholic and non-alcoholic)



Date

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in the church house

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Doodle Away ...

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