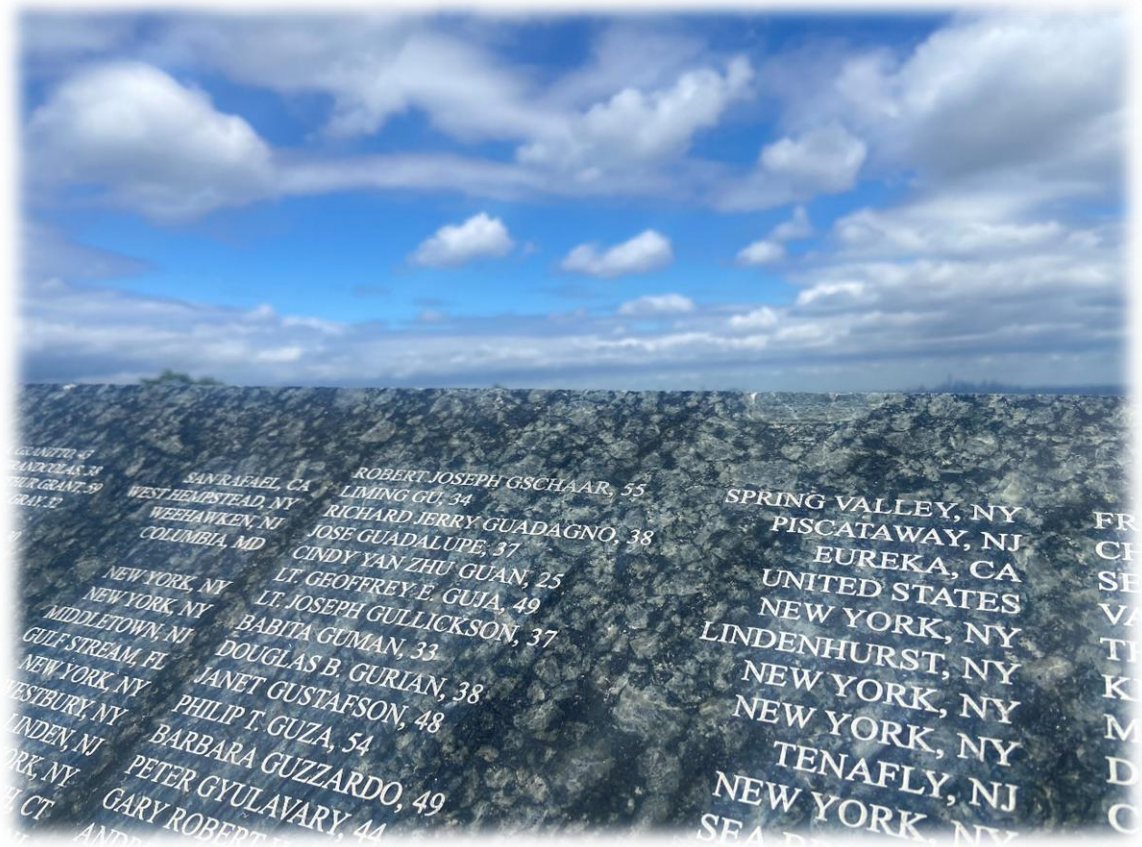


The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



For Every Heart a Home

**September 13th, 2025
17th Sunday of Pentecost**

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

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Liturgist: Kathryn LaBouff
Ushers: Howard and Noelle Bryson
Communion Servers: James Oruada, Roger Maxfield, Diane Allen
Coffee Hour Host: Melissa Rexroth

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. Children remain in church this morning until after the 9/11 remembrance and will then go through to Church School for the remainder of the service.



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

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

*** Song** (Psalm 103) *Bless the Lord, O My Soul (10,000 Reasons)*

Refrain: *Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up
it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when
the evening comes **Refrain**

You're rich in love and
You're slow to anger
Your name is great and
Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
for my heart to find ***Refrain***

And on that day
when my strength is failing
The end draws near
and my time has come
Still my soul will sing
Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
and then forevermore ***Refrain***

*** 9/11 COMMEMORATION**

Kyrie Eleison

Martin sings:	Kyrie Eleison
Congregation and Choir:	Kyrie Eleison
Martin sings:	Christe Eleison
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Prayer (in 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. AMEN.

Time Together *Holding On and Letting Go*

Then Joseph threw himself on his father's face and wept over him and kissed him. Joseph commanded the physicians in his service to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel; they spent forty days in doing this, for that is the time required for embalming. And the Egyptians wept for him for seventy days. When the days of weeping for him were past, Joseph addressed the household of Pharaoh, 'If now I have found favour with you, please speak to Pharaoh as follows: My father made me swear an oath; he said, "I am about to die. In the tomb that I hewed out for myself in the land of Canaan, there you shall bury me." Now therefore let me go up, so that I may bury my father; then I will return.' Pharaoh answered, 'Go up, and bury your father, as he made you swear to do.' So Joseph went up to bury his father. With him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, as well as all the household of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's household. Only their children, their flocks, and their herds were left in the land of Goshen. Both chariots and charioteers went up with him. It was a very great company. When they came to the threshing-floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, they held there a very great and sorrowful lamentation; and he observed a time of mourning for his father for seven days. When the Canaanite inhabitants of the land saw the mourning on the threshing-floor of Atad, they said, 'This is a grievous mourning on the part of the Egyptians.' Therefore the place was named Abel-mizraim; it is beyond the Jordan.

Choir Anthem

Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace, by Allen Pote

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord. Where there is doubt, let there be faith. Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there's despair let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let there be light. Where there is sadness, let there be joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life, to eternal life. Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Amen.

Second Reading

Matthew 18: 21-35

Liturgist

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be

compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Sharing our Gifts during which we hear Ann Van Cleave sing *The Potter's Wheel*

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



THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to Communion

***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!

1.2. 3.

(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)

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.

***Song** *Now We Are Nourished* (see page 13)

Benediction and Celtic Amen

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Postlude

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

Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY

Worship at 9:30am in the Chapel with the band

Worship at 10:30 in the Sanctuary with the choir

Sacrament of Baptism of Prince Oruada

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.

THIS AFTERNOON - Violin Recital from star Tenaflly violinist, Elli Choi at 4pm in the Old Stone Chapel, performing works by Mozart, Beethoven, Hindemith and others. Free admission, donations are welcome.

Tenaflly Community Night - Tuesday September 15th from 5-8pm around the Fire House/Police Station on Riveredge Road. Could you come help be the face of our church as we promote our community? Contact Pastor Martin if you could offer some time next Tuesday.

Adventures in Faith begins for the Fall session on Wednesday September 16th at 12noon in the Church House for a series of stimulating presentations and discussions exploring faith and life. Everyone is welcome!

Celebrity Organ Recital, Saturday September 19th at 3pm. Daniel Ficarri of St John the Divine Cathedral, New York, joins us for a spectacular concert in the Sanctuary. Don't miss it. Free admission, donations welcome.

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.

Lightshine Choir for kids aged 6 upwards led by Christina Hart begins Saturday September 26th at 10-11.30am in the Church House. All kids are welcomed, regardless of faith background.

Scottish family ceilidh dance. Saturday September 26th we are having a fun social event for all ages – with an international potluck supper in Jim Henry Hall at 5pm. Please register using the QR code or call the church office to rsvp.



Sanctuary Space. Future dates through the end of the year to add to your calendar: Thursdays, October 22nd, November 19th and December 10th from 7-9pm. Introduction to meditation from 7-7:30pm with Jenny Jackson Miller then free time by candlelight with music and quiet until 9pm. Experience the gentle power of sharing in this together.

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	Tuesdays 4pm Room 203 Begins this Tuesday, the 15th	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
Lightshine Children's Choir	Saturdays 10am-11:30am Begins September 26th	Christina Hart office@tenaflypresby.org
Mommy/Daddy/and Me		Christina Chan Shanghai68@gmail.com
PresbyReaders	Meets monthly (Sundays at 4pm)	Mary Jane Eimer mjeimer@aol.com
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Men's Group		Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com or Jim Crook rjamescrook@gmail.com

We are coming, Lord, to the table

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

Prayerfully ♩ = 100

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

4b

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

8b

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

13b

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.

31

Oh, we are com - ing Lord.

Now We Are Nourished

John L. Bell

Ryu Hyung Sun

Brightly

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Voice 1

Voice 2

8

1. Now we are nour-ished by
2. Now Christ has turned us from
3. Now that our jour - ney of

10

Je - sus our Lord, now we are strength - ened to
stran - gers to friends, now we are af - firm that his
faith has be - gun, though some may stum - ble while

12

live by his Word, now we are sum-moned to love and o - bey,
love ne - ver ends, now for God's king - dom we'll work and we'll pray,
o - thers might run, Je - sus pre-cedes us in - to each new day;

15

now we will walk in his way. Hal-le-lu - jah! _____ Hal-le-lu - jah! _____
now we will walk in his way.
now we will walk in his way.

Hal-le-lu - jah! _____

20

— Je - sus who feeds us knows where he leads us;
Hal - le - lu - jah! _____

23

now we will walk in his way.

Organ Recital

featuring
world class assistant organist of
St. John the Divine Cathedral in New York

Daniel Ficarri



September 19th 3pm

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Beatrice Van Poznak and Margaret and Bob Cooper, all of whom loved organ music.*



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