

# **The Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly**



***For Every Heart a Home***

**October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost at 10:30am**

**Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie**  
**Liturgist: Dori Persson**  
**Ushers: Roger Maxfield and Barbara Silio**  
**Coffee Hour: Christina Chan**

*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. Please join us for coffee hour in the Church House after the service. 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.*



## **Prelude**

## **Welcome, Sharing the Peace and Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

### **\* Hymn 69**

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

## **Prayers of Approach and Confession**

Liturgist

## **Kyrie Eleison**

<b>Martin sings:</b>	Kyrie Eleison
<b>Congregation &amp; Cantor:</b>	Kyrie Eleison
<b>Martin sings:</b>	Christe Eleison
<b>Congregation &amp; Cantor:</b>	Christe Eleison
<b>Martin sings:</b>	Kyrie Eleison
<b>Congregation &amp; Cantor:</b>	Kyrie Eleison

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

## **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**

## **Collect for the Day**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

## **Choir Anthem**

*Total Praise*, by Richard Smallwood

*Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills, knowing my help is coming from You. Your peace, You give me in time of the storm. You are the source of my strength. You are the strength of my life, I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen.*

## **Reading**

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Liturgist

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. In those days they shall no longer say: 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.' But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**\*Hymn (Psalm 119 vv 97-104)** *O Lord, How Much I Love Your Holy Law!* (see page 5)

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming."' And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

**\*Hymn 840**

*When Peace Like a River*

**Sermon**

*Sweeter Than Honey*

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

**Sharing our Gifts** , during which we hear *Oh the Life of the World is a Joy and a Treasure* by Kathy and Ian Galloway

*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**

**\* Hymn 450**

*Be Thou My Vision*

**\*Benediction with Sung Celtic Amen**

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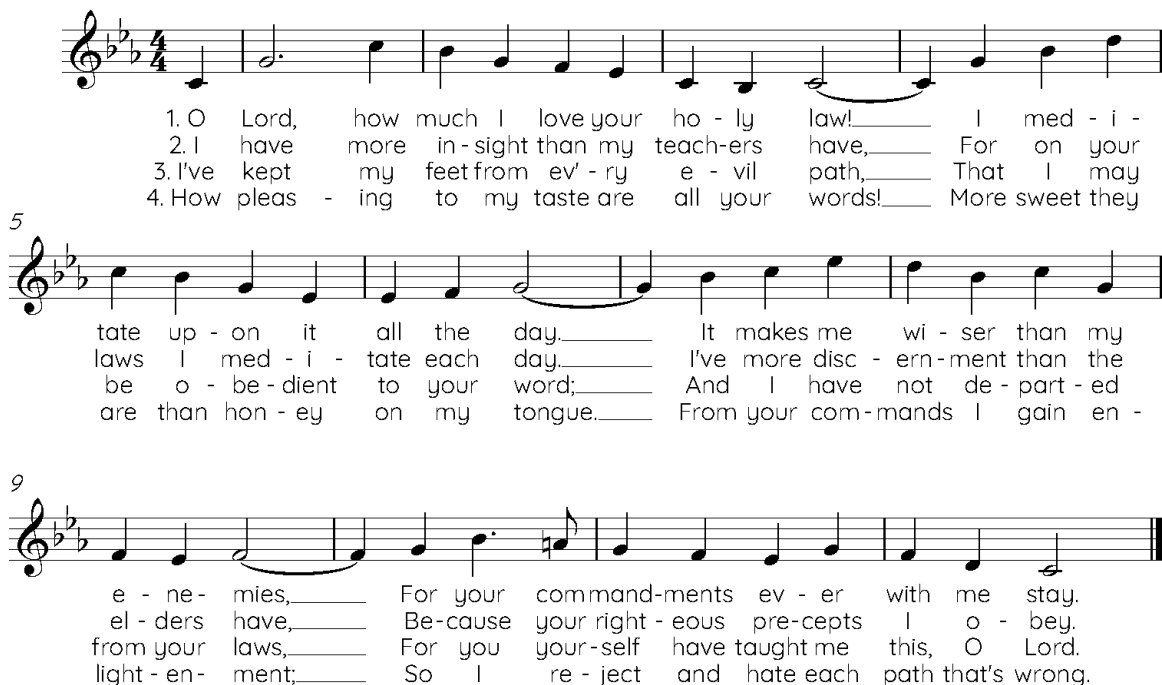
***Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)***

**Postlude**

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

# Psalm 119

Andrew Gordon



1. O Lord, how much I love your ho - ly law! I med - i -  
2. I have more in - sight than my teach - ers have, For on your  
3. I've kept my feet from ev' - ry e - vil path, That I may  
4. How pleas - ing to my taste are all your words! More sweet they

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tate up - on it all the day. It makes me wi - ser than my  
laws I med - i - tate each day. I've more disc - ern - ment than the  
be o - be - dient to your word; And I have not de - part - ed  
are than hon - ey on my tongue. From your com - mands I gain en -

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e - ne - mies, For your command - ments ev - er with me stay.  
el - ders have, Be - cause your right - eous pre - cepts I o - bey.  
from your laws, For you your - self have taught me this, O Lord.  
light - en - ment; So I re - ject and hate each path that's wrong.

## Announcements

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30am in the Chapel with band (30 minutes)**

10am Coffee Hour in the Church House

**10:30am in the Sanctuary with choir (one hour)**

11:30am Coffee Hour in the Church House

**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.

**Fall/Winter Brochure.** Copies of our outreach program brochure are available in the narthex today. Take one for yourself and please help by sharing copies with family, friends and neighbors.

**Adventures in Faith** meets Wednesday at 12 noon in the church house. Everyone is welcome. Bring your lunch if you like, drinks and treats provided.

**Fall Clothing and Coat Drive for Greater Faith Works of Paterson.** The drive ends this week at noon on Thursday October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please drop donations in the church office. Any questions, contact Mary Jane Eimer at mjeimer@aol.com. Thanks for your generosity for those in need.

**Meet the Artist.** Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup> at 4pm we welcome Gwyneth Leech. This NYC based artist joins us to speak about and show her paintings which capture the drama of the city. She will also reflect on her murals that transformed the drab interior of St. Mary's Cathedral in Glasgow, Scotland in the 1990's.

**Sanctuary Space** will next be on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Come and go as is helpful to you between 7-9pm. Let the pressures of life melt away as you connect with essence in the calm and beautiful candlelit main Sanctuary. Open to all faiths and none.

**Congregational Meeting, Sunday November 9th, 2025:** Notice is given that there will be a congregational meeting for the sole purpose of electing the Nominating Committee on Sunday November 9th in the Sanctuary following the 10.30am Joint Intergenerational Service.

**Emmie Parsell's 104th birthday!** On November 9<sup>th</sup>, everyone is welcome to come join in celebrating Emmie's birthday at coffee hour in the Church House following our congregational meeting.

**Movie Night.** *How to Train Your Dragon* with pizza and popcorn for kids 3 years to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm in the Church House. Free admission. RSVP by Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> at (201) 567-0111

**The Presby Readers** will be meeting Sunday, December 7th at 4pm at Viki Shima's home. We picked a "short" book this go round. Join us to discuss Peter Bringley's, *All the Beauty in the World: The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Me*. Come with a few discussion points and book suggestions for the new year!

## 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
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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

*Doodle away . . .*

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