

The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair



Sunday, June 20, 2021

10:00 a.m.

*If you are able, please stand.

Please turn off cell phones.

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Search Me (Psalm 139)

Eric Noren

Eric Noren & Ben Shooter, guitars



*Call to Worship

Andrew Kennedy

Leader: Come, let us worship and give thanks to Almighty God.

People: We come to lift up our songs, our prayers, our praises.

L: Come, let us honor Christ Jesus.

P: In return for the gift of abundant life, let us love Christ with everything we've got – with our hearts, our minds, our spirits.

L: Come, let us be filled with Holy Spirit

P: For the Spirit is calling us forth to life, even now.

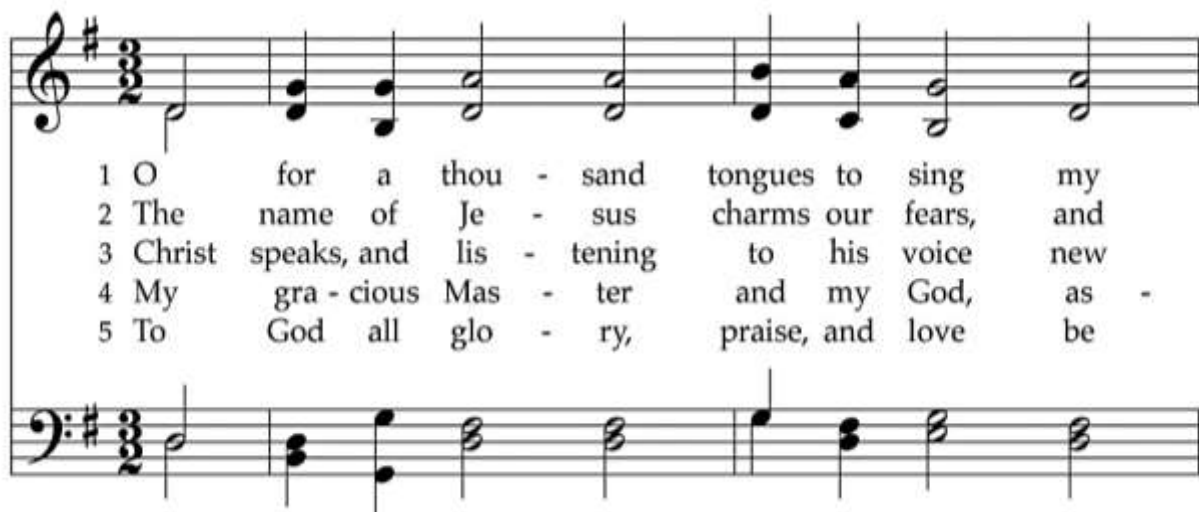
All: Rejoice, O people, celebrate the Kingdom of Heaven that is within you—and in our midst today!

*Opening Hymn

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

(verses 1, 2, 4)



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

Prayer of Preparation and Confession

Pastor Greg Horn

our silent prayers of preparation and confession

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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

*We Give God Glory

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
 and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
 and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
 World without end, without end. Amen. (sing 3 times)
 As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

Welcome & Life of the Church

Time for Children

Hymn

Spirit of the Living God

Daniel Iverson

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Reading from God's Word – Psalm 77:1-20 (NRSV)

- ¹ I cry aloud to God,
aloud to God, that he may hear me.
- ² In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord;
in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying;
my soul refuses to be comforted.
- ³ I think of God, and I moan;
I meditate, and my spirit faints.

- ⁴ You keep my eyelids from closing;
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
- ⁵ I consider the days of old,
and remember the years of long ago.
- ⁶ I commune with my heart in the night;
I meditate and search my spirit:
- ⁷ “Will the Lord spurn forever,
and never again be favorable?”
- ⁸ Has his steadfast love ceased forever?
Are his promises at an end for all time?
- ⁹ Has God forgotten to be gracious?
Has he in anger shut up his compassion?”
- ¹⁰ And I say, “It is my grief
that the right hand of the Most High has changed.”
- ¹¹ I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD;
I will remember your wonders of old.
- ¹² I will meditate on all your work,
and muse on your mighty deeds.
- ¹³ Your way, O God, is holy.
What god is so great as our God?
- ¹⁴ You are the God who works wonders;
you have displayed your might among the peoples.
- ¹⁵ With your strong arm you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.
- ¹⁶ When the waters saw you, O God,
when the waters saw you, they were afraid;
the very deep trembled.
- ¹⁷ The clouds poured out water;
the skies thundered; your arrows flashed on every side.
- ¹⁸ The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.
- ¹⁹ Your way was through the sea,
your path, through the mighty waters;
yet your footprints were unseen.
- ²⁰ You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Song

Secret Place (Psalm 91)

Eric Noren

Eric Noren, vocals/piano Ben Shooter, guitar
Tres Williams, saxophone Jordan Green, vocals

*When you dwell in His secret place you are with His holy grace.
The Lord is your refuge there for you. In God please trust.
May God save you from the snares and dangers you meet in your days,
His wings are there to shelter you and be your shield.*

***May His love be around you. Rescued and safe.
May His love be inside you. Humbled with grace.***

*When you dwell in His secret place you are with His holy grace.
Do not fear the terrors of night or arrows flying in the day.
A thousand fall at your side, no evil will come near your way.
His wings are there to shelter you and be your shield.*

*His angels will come to hold you up from the pain at your feet.
His angels come to where you are as you crush the snakes you meet.*

**Children age 3-8 are invited to the East Lawn for supervised activities and fun.

Reading from God's Word – Revelation 21:1-5 (NRSV)

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

Sermon

"Grasp the Hidden Hand of God"

Pastor Greg Horn

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn**

We Fall Down

Chris Tomlin

We fall down; we lay our crowns at the feet of Je -

- sus: the great-ness of mer-cy and love, at the feet

of Je - sus. And we cry ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -

(Em) (D/F#) (Gmaj7) (D/F#) (Em) (Bm7)(A)
 F#m E/G# Amaj7 E/G# F#m C#m7 B

ly. And we cry ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. And we cry

(Gmaj7) (D/F#) (Em) (Asus) (A) (D)
 Amaj7 E/G# F#m Bsus B E

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lamb.

We Worship With Our Offerings

Prayers of the People

***Closing Hymn** *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* spiritual
 (verses 1, 3, 4)

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your
 2 It's our faith makes us hap - py; it's our
 3 We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are
 4 Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery

lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your lamps
 faith makes us hap - py; it's our faith
 climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are climb - ing
 round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery round goes

trimmed and burn - ing, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 makes us hap - py, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 Ja - cob's lad - der, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 high - er, high - er, for the time is draw - ing nigh.

Refrain

Sis - ters, don't grow wea - ry; broth - ers, don't grow wea - ry;
 chil - dren, don't grow wea - ry, for the time is draw - ing nigh.

***Charge and Benediction**

***We Give Praise to God**

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Postlude

Search Me (Psalm 139)

Eric Noren

*You know everything I do, formed me in my mother's womb.
 I praise you! I'm wonderfully made!*

GO WITH GOD – TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

WELCOME and thank you for your part in this service of worship. If you are a visitor here at the Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair (PCUM), you are especially welcome. May you sense in this place the presence and the love of God in Christ. You and your fellow worshipers are warmly invited to gather outside the church on the East Lawn to greet one another after the service.



PCUM’s CURRENT COVID GUIDELINES: PCUM is transitioning back to worshipping together in the sanctuary. With the maximum number of PCUM worshipers' health and well-being in mind, the Session has adopted a comprehensive, cautious set of protocols to govern this transition. After this initial period, if infection rates keep dropping and vaccination rates continue to rise, the Session will move to ease restrictions further. For this first phase back, here are several of the most important protocols/restrictions to keep in mind:

* **Registration** (online and--if seats are available, in-person) **and check-in will be required.** Those registering will be asked to provide the names of each person who will be worshipping as part of their family or group. Links to register for Sunday in-person worship can be found on the church website at www.pcum.org or in church emails.

* **All worshipers**, either individuals or groups (families), **will sit in pre-assigned, safely-distanced worship-seats.**

- * **Ushers will guide you to your assigned seats.** Please follow ushers' instructions at all times.
- * The **maximum number of persons** allowed in the sanctuary at one time will be **120**.
- * **Masks will be required for all worshipers** (who are not leading worship) whether speaking or singing, at all times while in the building.

This is the start of a new phase in our community's recovery to "normal," and each of us has their own level of comfort as to how quickly we get there. Again, it is the first step, one we're all taking together. In order to maximize the number of PCUM worshipers who will feel welcome in this initial phase, PCUM's leaders have chosen to err on the side of caution by requiring masks at this time. In addition, all or most children and younger teens in our church family have not yet been vaccinated. Thank you for respecting and adhering to this requirement.

* **All worship leaders will be fully vaccinated and distanced from worshipers.**

* In this initial phase, there will be **no Sunday School classes** or other Sunday educational programming. A safely-distanced children's sermon will be offered during worship. Weather and logistics permitting, in the last 20 minutes of each service, church leaders plan to invite children outside to the East lawn for music and activities.

* In order to maintain social distancing, **movement within the sanctuary will be restricted.**

* **Worshipers are respectfully asked and strongly encouraged to ARRIVE EARLY** (at least 10 minutes early) during this initial transition phase. This will allow time for you and other worshipers to be checked-in and seated--and allow the service to start on time. Late-comers will be seated only at a specific, pre-determined moment, well after the service has started.

* **A Sunday offering will be received.** Offering plates will be stationed near the entrance to the sanctuary so that worshipers may make their offerings as they arrive or depart.

* The **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** (Communion) will be celebrated this Sunday, June 6th, using **pre-made, sealed Communion elements**, which will be distributed to all worshipers as they arrive.

* **Worship services will continue to be live-streamed** on PCUM's YouTube channel.

Please continue to pray for God's blessing for this church's ministry and a safe, healthy return to indoor worship. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Greg Horn at greghorn@pcum.org.

PCUM's *Core Values:*

Thoughtful, Nourishing Worship † *Vibrant Ministry to Children & Youth*
Relationships † *Participation* † *Service to Others and to the World*
 † *Relevance and Authenticity* †



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