

The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair



Sunday, July 25, 2021

10:00 a.m.

*If you are able, please stand.

Please turn off cell phones.

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

I wonder, then, if Mark isn't only demonstrating Jesus' power to heal, but warning us that if the structures we build are so narrow that they do not allow people access to the grace and the healing and the abundant life that God has to offer, but allow us to hoard it for ourselves, then those structures need to be altered.

- Reggie Weaver

Prelude

Trouble
(Psalm 31)

E. Noren

Eric Noren, acoustic guitar
Ben Shooter, electric guitar
Jordan Green, bass

*Call to Worship

Diana Stewart

Leader: O Holy One, you are our God.

**People: We will exalt you,
we give you thanks,
we will praise your name.**

L: For you have done wonderful things—

P: Plans formed of old, familiar and steady, have been shaken,

L: But you have been a stronghold for us,

P: A fortress to all who are needy and in distress.

L: You subdue the noise of violence and hatred,

you calm the storms that rage around us and within us,

P: As the shade of a cloud subdues the heat.

L: O Holy One, you are our God.

All: We exalt you, we praise your loving name.

***Opening Hymn**

I Will Call Upon the Lord

M. O'Shields

(sing 3 times)

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two parts: Part 1 (melody) and Part 2 (echo). The lyrics are: "I will call up-on the Lord who is wor-thy to be praised. So shall I be saved from my en-e-mies. I will call up-on the Lord. saved from my en - e - mies. I will call up-on the Lord. Refrain The Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock, and let the God of my sal-va-tion be ex - alt - ed. The Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock, and let the God of my sal-va-tion be ex - alt - ed." The score includes guitar chords (D, G, A, A7) and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

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

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

*Hymn

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

Amy Grant

Refrain

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my
path. Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a
light un-to my path. When I feel a-fraid, and I
think I've lost my way, still you're there right be - side me.
Noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Reading from God's Word – Exodus 34:1-10 (NRSV)

¹The Lord said to Moses, “Cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets, which you broke. ² Be ready in the morning and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai and present yourself there to me, on the top of the mountain. ³ No one shall come up with you, and do not let anyone be seen throughout all the mountain; and do not let flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain.” ⁴ So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone. ⁵ The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, “The Lord.” ⁶ The Lord passed before him, and proclaimed,

“The Lord, the Lord,
a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,
⁷ keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation,
forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin,
yet by no means clearing the guilty,
but visiting the iniquity of the parents
upon the children
and the children’s children,
to the third and the fourth generation.”

⁸ And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. ⁹ He said, “If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, I pray, let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.”

¹⁰ He said: I hereby make a covenant. Before all your people I will perform marvels, such as have not been performed in all the earth or in any nation; and all the people among whom you live shall see the work of the Lord; for it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Song

Depths
(Psalm 130)

E. Noren

Eric Noren, vocals/guitar
Ben Shooter, guitar
Jordan Green, bass/vocals

***Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord
O Lord, hear my voice
Let your ears hear my cry, Lord
For mercy of my sins***

*If you mark all of our iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you, Lord
That you may be feared*

*My soul waits for the Lord
And in his word I do hope.
My soul waits for the Lord
More than those who watch the dawn*

*Friends, hope is in the Lord
For in the Lord there is grace
And with him there is full redemption
From all our sins*

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

Reading from God's Word – Mark 2:1-12 (NRSV)

³⁰ When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. ³ Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ “Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸ At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, “Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and take your mat and walk?’ ¹⁰ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹ “I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.” ¹² And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“When the Roof Caves In”

Pastor Greg Horn

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

T. Dorsey

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me
2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
near; when my life is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I

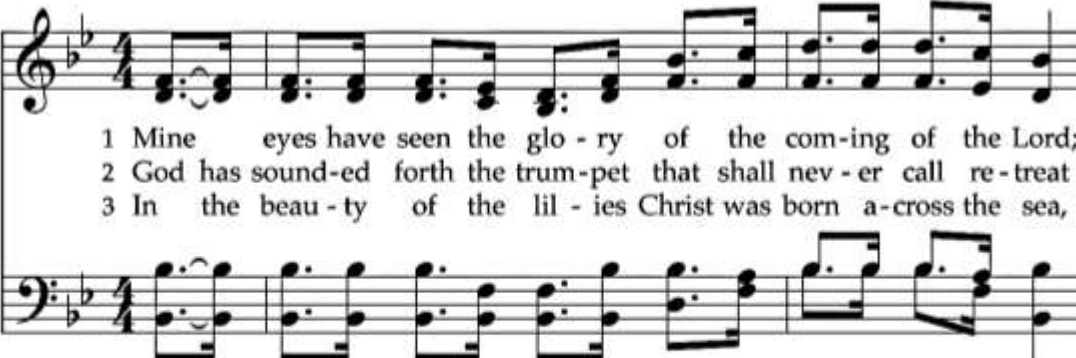
light; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
fall; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

Prayers of the People (Prayer Dedicating the Offering)


***Closing Hymn**

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

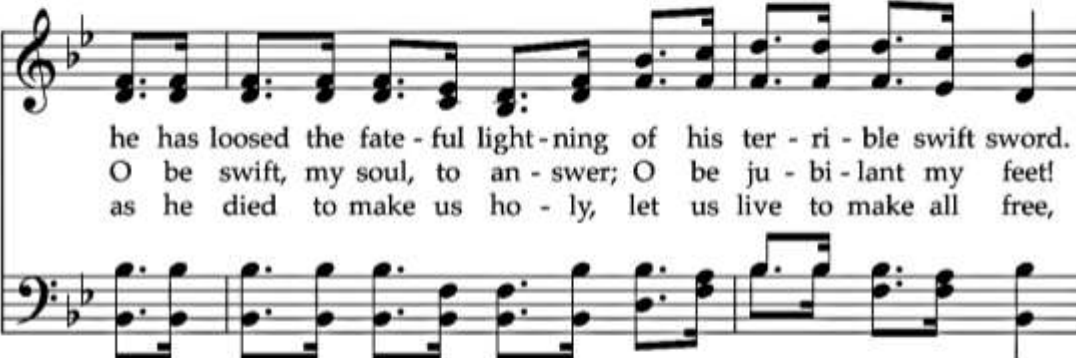
Battle Hymn




1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 God has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
and is sift - ing out all hu - man hearts be - fore the judg - ment seat;
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me;



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword.
O be swift, my soul, to an - swer; O be ju - bi - lant my feet!
as he died to make us ho - ly, let us live to make all free,



Refrain
God's truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on. Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le -
while God is march - ing on.

lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry,
glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! God's truth is march - ing on.

*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

*Trouble
(reprise)*

E. Noren

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 worshippers are warmly invited to gather outside the church on the East Lawn to greet one another after the service.

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PCUM’s COVID GUIDELINES: With the maximum number of PCUM worshippers' 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 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 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 are 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 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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