

# The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair



Sunday, September 26, 2021

10:00 a.m.

\*If you are able, please stand.

Please turn off cell phones.

## WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

*Loving God,  
all night I slept in your shadow, sheltered by you.  
As I enter into the gift of this day, I trust that you are with me.  
May I see signs and wonders of your presence  
in the world today, for you alone are God.  
I ask that this day afford me opportunities to celebrate  
and share with others the abundance of your grace and love.  
Help me to be open to all people you bring my way,  
for you yourself make no distinctions, but are Lord of all.*

— a prayer from Iona

**Prelude**

Anne Marie Juliano

**Introit**

*I Was Glad*  
Chancel Choir

Craig Curry

*I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"  
I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us worship the Lord!"*

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving. Come into his courts with praise.  
Sing of his mercies, made new every day, and praise his holy name.*

**\*Call to Worship**

The Rev. Rebecca Hart

**Leader:** A new day has dawned—God's gift of life renewed in you and me.

**People:** **Praise God for this new day! Praise God for the creative Spirit in our midst.**

**L:** Be still and know that God is here. Let the Spirit rest on you.

**P:** **We are ready to pray and thank and rejoice. We are ready to move from fixed positions to the openness of disciples. We are ready to hear God's new Word to us.**

**L:** In Jesus Christ, God seeks us, finds us, speaks to us.

**P:** In Christ, God is at work in us, and in the world around us—  
inviting us to respond by choosing a new way of living.

**All:** **Come to us, O God, and guide our worship. Give your Word to us in fellowship and scripture, in proclamation and in song. Speak the Word we need, and let that Word bring life.**

**\*Opening Hymn***Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**Westminster Abbey*

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
 4 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness;  
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
 to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

**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

(All children are invited forward. Afterward, children through 7<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to Sunday School classes. If this is your child(ren)'s first time in Sunday School, please accompany them to check them in. Thank you)

## 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. *Fine* 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 – Psalm 118:19-24 (ESV)

- <sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.  
<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.  
<sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.  
<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.  
<sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.  
<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: The Word of the Lord  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

### *Welcome to God's Love* Chancel Choir

Mark A. Miller

*Families of all shapes and kinds  
Love the only tie that binds  
This gathering of open minds  
Welcome to God's love*

*Every person has a place  
In this holy sacred space  
Earth's entire human race  
Welcome! Welcome! Come and feel God's love!*

*No proof required of your worth  
A gift to you before your birth  
From God who made the heavens and earth  
Welcome to God's love*

*We'll love each other and take care  
Of every need encountered there  
Within God's heart there is room to spare  
Welcome! Welcome! Welcome to God's love!*

## Reading from God's Word – Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

- <sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.  
<sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Leader: The Word of the Lord  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

“A Simple Prayer”

The Rev. Rebecca Hart

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*Hymn

## *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Houston

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at  
3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and  
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

*Refrain*

star of my life is Je - sus.  
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at  
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

# Prayers of the People (Prayer Dedicating the Offering)

## \*Closing Hymn

## *Come, Live in the Light!*

*We Are Called*

Musical staff with treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), and 3/4 time signature. Chords G, C, D, G are indicated above the staff.

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your  
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

Musical staff with treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), and 3/4 time signature. Chords C, D, Em are indicated above the staff.

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Musical staff with treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), and 3/4 time signature. Chords Em7, C, G, Am7 are indicated above the staff.

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the  
to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and  
and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

Musical staff with treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), and 3/4 time signature. Chords G, C, Dsus, D are indicated above the staff.

free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
vio - lence will be no more.  
broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

*Refrain*

Musical staff with treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), and 3/4 time signature. Chords G, C, D, C, D, G, C are indicated above the staff.

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

Musical staff with treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), and 3/4 time signature. Chords D, Em, Em7, C, D are indicated above the staff.

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

Musical staff with treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), and 3/4 time signature. Chords C, D, G, C, D, C, G are indicated above the staff.

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

## **\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*We Give Praise to God – We Offer Our Gifts to God** (plates at main door)

*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**

### **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.

**PLEASE ASK AN USHER** for anything you might need. Whenever possible, please help your fellow worshipers by exiting and entering the sanctuary at times other than during prayers or scripture readings.

**CHILD CARE** for toddlers and a nursery for younger children are always available during worship in the North Wing, located off Fellowship Hall (adjacent to sanctuary). Ask an usher for directions.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** for all children age 3 through 7th grade are located in the North Wing. Church School leaders are available to help students & parents find their classrooms. Register your child(ren) for Sunday School by filling out a registration form available in your child’s classroom.

*The flowers decorating the chancel this morning are dedicated  
to the life and memory of Susan Royer,  
beloved PCUM member and Elder.*

**THE REV. REBECCA HART PREACHING AND LEADING WORSHIP TODAY** – Becky & John Hart served as co-Pastors of PCUM from 1993-2006 alongside many incredible church officers and volunteers. This church is “inscribed on their hearts.” They recently retired to Charlotte, North Carolina. Along with Becky & John, all three Hart children send their very best to PCUM! Welcome home, Becky & John!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Come, join the (safely distanced) fun! Middle Schoolers (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders) meet Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for games, learning, and to build friendships. For more information, please contact Youth Director Jordan Green at ([jordan@pcum.org](mailto:jordan@pcum.org)).

**JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR** is a fun time of singing for children aged 2 ½ through first grade! All children are welcome to join Ms. Denise in Fellowship Hall this morning right after Sunday School for a 15-minute rehearsal while parents are gathered outside for fellowship time. We will follow current covid protocol, sing appropriately distanced and with face-coverings. See you there!

**PCUM'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR MINISTRY** (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders) teaches children to love music and lead their church family in worship. Kids not only learn the song, but they also learn how to sing. They also grow spiritually, grow in confidence and self-discipline, and grow to feel more at home in their church. Rehearsals are Thursday afternoons, from 4:00-5:00 p.m., in the Choir Room with Julie Platte. For more information, please email [juliebplatte@gmail.com](mailto:juliebplatte@gmail.com).

**CHANCEL CHOIR** rehearsals for adults are weekly on **Thursdays at 7:30p.m.** in the choir room. First-time (and sporadic) singers are always welcome! For more information, contact Director of Music Ministries, Anne Marie Juliano at [jajulianos@gmail.com](mailto:jajulianos@gmail.com) or (973) 930-5074).

### **Sunday School is Cool**



Green, Youth Director ([jordan@pcum.org](mailto:jordan@pcum.org)).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!** – PCUM is committed to our children, and **volunteer Sunday School teachers are needed** to join a rotating team of teachers who share their time, their questions, and their love with these amazing young people. Can you help? Lots of guidance and support provided! Contact Pastor Greg Horn or/and Jordan

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** – **Next Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**, you are invited to join Christians of all denominations around the world in celebrating World Communion Sunday. The PCUM family of members and friends will gather at the Lord's Table and take up the 2021 Presbyterian Peace & Global Witness Offering, which supports the efforts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking in the way of Jesus, the Lord of Peace. Each year, 75% of the Peace & Global Witness Offering's proceeds will be used by regional, national and global peacemaking ministries, while 25% of PCUM's offering this year will support local causes.

**HELP FEED & SERVE HUNGRY MONTCLAIR NEIGHBORS:** Dates are available for you (and your family) to serve at the M.E.S.H. Cafe, which prepares and serves the evening meal to hungry and homeless neighbors here in Montclair on the **1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays** of the month. There are opportunities to prepare food, serve meals, and sing and/or play music for guests. Volunteers are especially needed for October 3. Sign up at [www.pcum.org](http://www.pcum.org).

**HONOR OR MEMORIALIZE LOVED ONES** by dedicating flowers for PCUM's Sunday morning worship service on any Sunday throughout the remaining calendar year. The suggested donation for two standard bouquets is \$80; dedications appear in the morning bulletin. Sign up using the Flower Calendar in the Deacons' Corner or online at [www.pcum.org](http://www.pcum.org).

**CATCH UP OR PAY AHEAD ON YOUR PLEDGE** – As we come out of summer and enter into fall, your financial commitment to PCUM's ministry will go a long way toward helping your congregation's ministry navigate these challenging times. Please consider catching up or paying ahead on your 2021 pledge, or—if you haven't pledged—please prayerfully consider giving generously to the life and work of this church. You can give in-person, through the mail, or online. To give online, just go to [www.pcum.org](http://www.pcum.org) and click on the "Give" tab. If you have questions, please contact the Church Office at [pcum@pcum.org](mailto:pcum@pcum.org).



## **PCUM's COVID GUIDELINES:**

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 or in-person upon arrival) **and check-in will be required.** Those registering will be asked to provide the names of each person in their group. Registration links can be found on the church website at [www.pcum.org](http://www.pcum.org) or in church emails.
  - \* **All worshipers**, either individuals or groups (families), **will sit in assigned, safely-distanced seats.** Ushers will guide you to your assigned seats. Please follow ushers' instructions at all times. Movement within the sanctuary will be limited. **Worship leaders are fully vaccinated** and will be distanced from worshipers.
  - \* **Masks will be required for all worshipers** (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.
  - \* **Worshipers are respectfully asked and strongly encouraged to ARRIVE EARLY** (at least 10 minutes early) to 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, after the service has started.
  - \* **A Sunday offering will be received at the conclusion of each service**, as worshipers exit the sanctuary. Offering plates will be stationed near the entrance to the sanctuary so that worshipers may make their offerings as they arrive or depart.
  - \* On the first Sunday of each month the **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** (Communion) is celebrated using **pre-made, sealed Communion elements**, 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](mailto: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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