

The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair



Sunday, October 17, 2021

10:00 a.m.

*If you are able, please stand.

Please turn off cell phones.

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

"The acceptance of oneself is the essence of the whole moral problem and the epitome of a whole outlook on life. That I feed the hungry, that I forgive an insult, that I love my enemy in the name of Christ—all these are undoubtedly great virtues... But what if I should discover that the least among them all, the poorest of all the beggars, the most impudent of all the offenders, the very enemy himself—that these are within me, and that I myself stand in need of the alms of my own kindness—that I myself am the enemy who must be loved..."

Carl Jung, *Memories, Dreams, Reflections*

Prelude

Anne Marie Juliano

Introit

Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship**

Laurie Kroll

Leader: Amazing grace,

People: how sweet the sound

L: that saved a wretch like me.

P: I once was lost,

L: but now am found,

P: was blind, but now I see.

All: Lord of all, you have called us toward a new way of life.

Give us a vision of that new life today as we worship you.

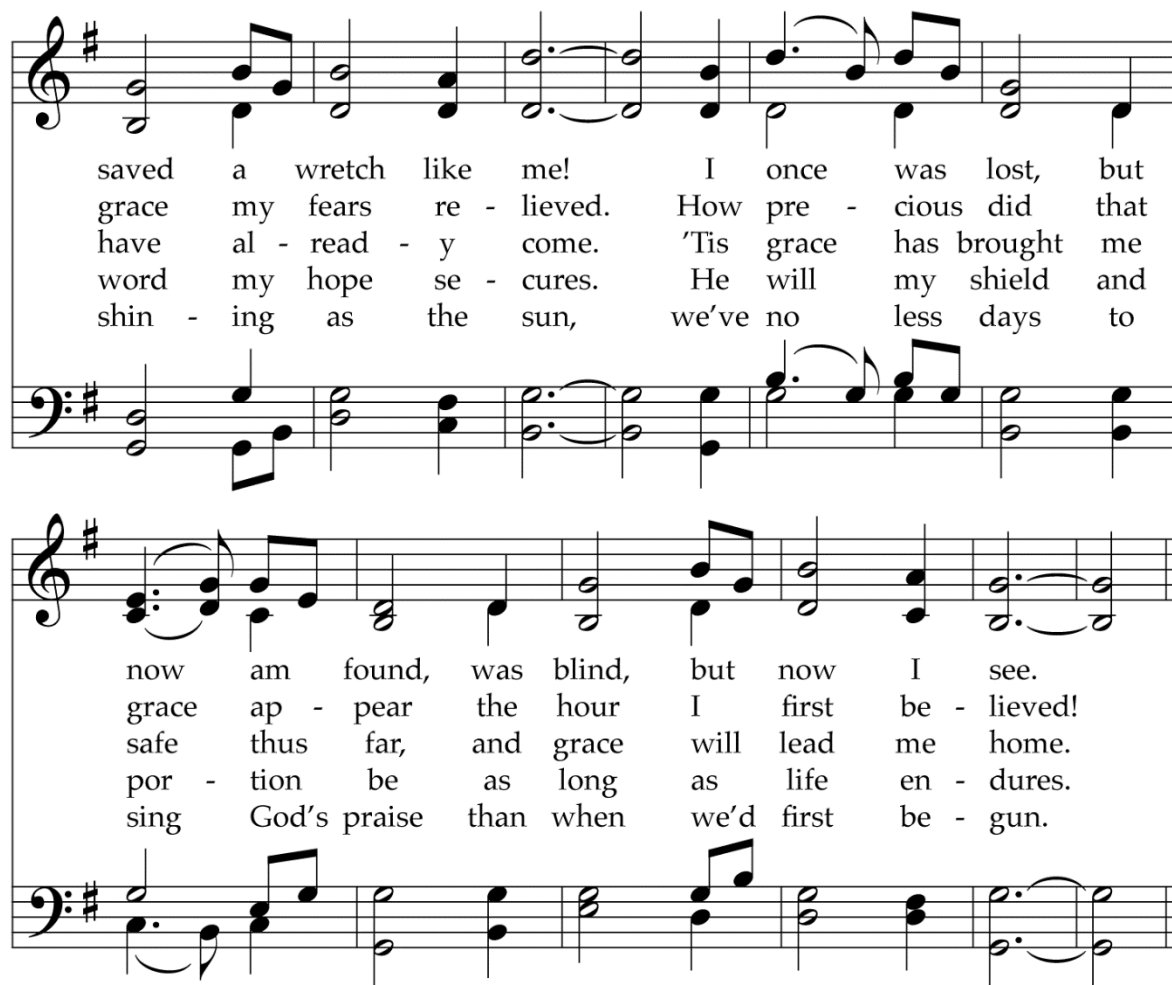
***Opening Hymn**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

John Newton

(verses 1, 2, 3 & 5)

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re-lieved. How pre-cious did that
 have al-read-y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se-cures. He will my shield and
 shin-ing as the sun, we've no less days to
 now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap-pear the hour I first be-lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por-tion be as long as life en-dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be-gun.

*Litany of Preparation and Confession

Pastor Greg Horn

Leader: Please join with me in approaching our God together
with open hearts, using words from a prayer by John Wesley:

**People: I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will. Put me to doing.
Put me to suffering.**

L: Let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you.

P: Exalted for you, or brought low for you.

L: Let me be full, let me be empty.

P: Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

L: I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.

**All: And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy
Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And this covenant,
now made on earth, let it be satisfied in heaven. Amen.**

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

The Sacrament of Baptism (insert)

Caroline Elyse Blackowski

Welcome and Introduction

Questions to the Child's Parents

Questions to the Child's Church Family

Elder Laura Phillips

The Apostle's Creed

The Act of Baptism

The Presentation

*Baptism Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Nettleton

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Time for Children

(All children are invited forward. Afterward, children through 7th 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

Reading from God's Word – Luke 23:39-43 (NRSV)

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Only by Grace Chancel Choir

Gerrit Gustafson

*Only by grace can we enter
Only by grace can we stand
Not by our human endeavor
But by the blood of the Lamb
Into your presence you call us
You call us to come
Into your presence you draw us
And now by your grace we come*

*Lord, if you mark our transgressions who would stand
Thanks to your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb*

Reading from God's Word – Mark 10:35-41, 44-45 (NRSV)

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶ And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷ And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹ They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, “...whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"On the Right and On the Left"

Pastor Greg Horn

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn

Faith Begins By Letting Go

Lux Prima

1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - ory's
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en -

had seemed sure, tak - ing risks and press - ing on,
 roots a - live so that hope may bear its fruit;
 larg - ing hearts, shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer,

though the way feels less se - cure: pil - grim - age both
 prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive, not through mer - it
 bind - ing up the bro - ken parts; till we find the

right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
 we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
 com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Prayers of the People (Prayer Dedicating the Offering)

*Closing Hymn

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Diademata

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an-them drowns all mu-sic but its own!
rich wounds, yet vis-i-ble a-bove, in beau-ty glo-ri-fied:
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab-sorbed in prayer and praise.
cre-a-tor of the roll-ing spheres, in-ef-fa-bly sub-lime.

A-wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
no an-gel in the sky can ful-ly bear that sight,
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc-ed feet
All hail, Re-deem-er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e-ter-ni-ty.
but down-ward bends his burn-ing eye at mys-ter-ies so bright.
fair flowers of par-a-dise ex-tend their fra-grance ev-er sweet.
thy praise shall nev-er, nev-er fail through-out e-ter-ni-ty.

***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.



RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM this morning is Caroline Elyse Blackowski, daughter of Alexandra & David Blackowski. Presenting Caroline to be baptized on behalf of her PCUM family is Elder Laura Phillips. Representing Caroline's church family and the circle of loved ones committing themselves to her support and nurture are her aunt, Alyson Thelin Davison, and her uncle, John Blackowski.

BAPTISM IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) celebrates the truth that God's love claims us even before we are able to respond in faith. In the PC (USA), baptism itself does not bring about salvation, but is an outward sign pointing to God's love for us and free gift to us of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The waters of baptism represent the washing away of all brokenness that separates us from God, our dying and rising with Christ, and an adoption into the covenant family of Christ's Body, the church. The entire congregation, on behalf of the worldwide Christian church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life.

SAVE THE DATE *Eastern Skies Concert*

On **Sunday, November 14th @ 3pm** in the PCUM sanctuary, you are invited to a special musical presentation called *Eastern Skies*.

Eastern Skies includes 8 original songs based on the Psalms written by PCUM's own Eric Noren.

The band includes:

Eric Noren (guitar/piano/vocals)

Ben Shooter (guitar)

Jordan Green (mandolin/bass/vocals)

Tres Williams (saxophone/vocals)

Rena Baker (vocals)

A freewill offering will be taken and will benefit PCUM's ongoing, volunteer-based Mission & service ministries that bring volunteers together to care for homeless and hungry/food-insecure neighbors in Montclair, Newark, and New York City (M.E.S.H., 7th street Bistro, and Midnight Run.)

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

PCUM'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR MINISTRY (2nd-5th 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.

CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsals for adults are weekly on **Thursdays at 7:00pm (note the new start time!)** in the choir room. First-time (and sporadic) singers are always welcome! For more info, contact Director of Music Ministries, Anne Marie Julianos at ajulianos@gmail.com or (973) 930-5074).

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 **1st & 4th Saturdays** of the month. There are opportunities to prepare food, serve meals, and sing and/or play music for guests. Sign up at 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.

CATCH UP OR PAY AHEAD ON YOUR PLEDGE – As we enter fully into fall, your financial commitment to PCUM's ministry will go a long way toward helping your congregation's ministry navigate these challenging times. 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 and click on the "Give" tab. If you have questions, please contact the Church Office at pcum@pcum.org.



PCUM's COVID GUIDELINES

The church's Session (elected board of elders) has adopted a comprehensive, cautious set of protocols to protect its visitors, members, and friends during this pandemic. When infection rates drop, the Session will move to ease restrictions further.

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 worshiping 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. In order to maximize the number of PCUM worshipers who will feel welcome in worship, 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.

* A safely-distanced **children's sermon** and **Sunday School** classes will be offered during worship.

* 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) is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month, 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.

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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The Sacrament of Baptism of

Caroline Elyse Blackowski

Questions to the Child's Parents

Do you intend your child to be baptized?

Do you trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Do you promise to worship and serve God wherever you may be and to live and teach your faith to your daughter that she may grow and live all her days in the presence of the living God?

Questions to the Child's Church Family

Elder Laura Phillips

Do you, the brothers and sisters in Christ of this child of God, representing the church universal in every time and place, *promise*, through your prayer and example, to *support and encourage* Caroline from this day forward?

We do.

Do you, the people of the church, *promise to tell* Caroline the good news of the Gospel, *to show* her the reality of God's love in your words and actions, *to pray* for her that she may grow to know the love and the teaching of Jesus Christ, and—by your fellowship and your own commitment to Christ's church— *to strengthen* her family ties within the household of God?

We do.

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Act of Baptism