

The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair

Sunday, May 29, 2022

*If you are able, please stand.

10:00 a.m.

Please turn off cell phones.



WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

"I'm grateful to have a place, some place, any place, regardless of denomination, where I can go into intuitively, without thinking, for no other reason than its doors are open and there is room for one more."

- Rev. Renita J. Weems, "*Holy Ground*," *Listening for God*



Prelude

Anne Marie Juliano

Introit

And the Trumpet Shall Sound

G.F. Handel

John Weidemann, bass
Max Morden, trumpet

*The trumpet shall sound,
and the dead shall be raised incorruptible,
and we shall be changed.*

***Call to Worship**

based on John 1
Graham Bridgeman

One: In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
Through the Word, all things were made.

**All: God who cherishes every created thing,
thank you for grounding us in love.**

In the Word was life, and that life was the light of all people.

**God who became flesh and lived among us,
thank you for showing us how to live.**

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.

**God, who is greater than all that threatens to overwhelm us,
thank you for giving us hope in times of despair.**

***Opening Hymn 300**

We Are One in the Spirit

Peter Scholtes

(They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love)

Welcome & Life of the Church

Pastor Greg Horn

(Please fill out the Friendship Pad completely and pass it along.)

Invitation to Worship and Confession

Throughout the Scriptures, in every age, we see affirmation of how good it is for the people of God to gather together to worship God. Together we come to honor to the One who loves us beyond understanding, and to discover how that love lives among us.

Prayer of Preparation and Confession

Triune God, whole and wholly beyond our understanding, meet us in our broken places and hear the prayers of our hearts. You call us into community, but we stand alone. You reach out, but we turn away. You invite us in, but we reschedule. You offer us abundance freely, but we cling tight to what we have, convinced scarcity will prevail.

Forgive us, God, for those times we have listened selectively, showed up sparingly, and responded begrudgingly to the needs of those around us. Help us to live lives that more fully reflect your heart for the world. Strengthen our faith and help our unbelief. And hear silent prayers of our hearts:

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.*

Time for Children

(All children are invited forward.)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading (p.706 of OT) – **Psalm 133** (NRSV)

¹How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

²It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

³It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading (p.136 of NT) – **John 17:20-26** (NRSV)

²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them."

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"A Prayer at the End of the World"

Graham Bridgeman

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn 103**

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

O-So-So

We Worship With Our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Duet

Will the Circle Be Unbroken

Tony Alonso

Will Horn & Jordan Green

*Will the Circle be unbroken? Will the power of death prevail?
Will the voices seeking justice be rejected and grow frail?
Will revenge replace forgiveness? Will our pride replace God's peace?
Will the innocents be victims and the violence increase?*

*Will the words our God has spoken be revised or be ignored?
Will the love that made and formed us be rejected for the sword?
Will the God who cries, "Forgiveness is the only way to peace."
be blocked out by cries of anger? Will the fighting ever cease?*

*Here the body blessed and broken, and the blood of Christ outpoured
is the only food of freedom for the servants of the Lord.*

*Hear the stories shared at table call us all to peaceful ways:
Show us Christ in all creation, show us love's the only way.*

*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.***

Prayer of the People

*Closing Hymn 346

For the Healing of the Nations

St. Thomas

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

GO WITH GOD – TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*The flowers decorating the chancel this morning
are given by Bonnie McKenna,
in memory of her beloved father, James McKenna.*

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 Fellowship Hall immediately following this morning's service for refreshments and conversation.

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PLEASE ASK AN USHER for anything you might need. Whenever possible, help 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 through 7th grade are located in the North Wing. Ask the ushers or Christian Education leaders for help finding classrooms.

ANNUAL MIDDLE SCHOOL & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH BANQUET JUNE 14th – All rising 6th graders through high school seniors in the larger PCUM family are invited to gather for dinner, ice-cream and outdoor games **from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14th**. Please RSVP by emailing Youth Director Jordan Green at jordan@pcum.org, and feel free to contact Jordan with questions. More Youth Banquet info will be coming via email!

PCUM IS “MASK OPTIONAL” – Following local Montclair ordinances, PCUM is worshiping and sharing in fellowship and ministry with a “mask optional” policy. Worshipers and all participating in on-site church activities will decide whether or not to wear a mask and be encouraged to value each other’s choices and health by maintaining social distance wherever possible.

DURING 10:00 AM WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH, the PCUM family will celebrate 3rd graders receiving their Bibles.

COVID IS STILL IMPACTING CHURCH FINANCES. PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY AND CONSIDER CATCHING UP OR PAYING AHEAD ON YOUR PLEDGE as the warmer summer season approaches. Your financial support of PCUM’s ministries now and in the coming months—when financial obligations must still be met—is a gift to your church’s health and ministry. Thank you for your dedication at this important time!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: HELP FEED & SERVE HUNGRY NEIGHBORS: Saturday dates are available for you (and your family) to join other volunteers from PCUM to serve hungry neighbors here in Montclair on the 1st & 4th Saturdays of the month—and in Newark on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Prepare food, serve meals, and sing and/or play music for guests. **Sign up at** <http://www.pcum.org/serve-others/local-opportunities-to-serve-homeless-neighbors>. A life-changing experience!

SIGN UP TO DEDICATE FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP – You can honor loved ones and beautifully the PCUM family’s worship experience by dedicating flowers for 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. Thank you.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL - YOU CAN HELP! The summer program starts Sunday, June 26. Summer Sunday School is for children ages 3 through 3rd grade. Teachers are needed for Sundays from June 26th through September 4th. You can teach on several Sundays or just one or two.

All the supplies you need to make this a fun experience for you and the kids are provided, and training is available. ***If you would like to share yourself and sign up to teach your church’s children*** on one or more summer Sundays, please contact Christian Education Elder Laurie Kroll at annielgk@aol.com, or Pastor Greg Horn or the church office at pcum@pcum.org.

GOT MUSIC? PCUM’s Music Ministry needs YOU! Singers, instrumentalists (soloists and ensembles) are needed to share in leading summer worship services. ***If you would like to share your musical gifts*** by offering your talents one or two Sundays this summer, please contact Dir. of Music Ministries, Anne Marie Juliano at annemarie@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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