

The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair

Sunday, June 19, 2022

*If you are able, please stand.



10:00 a.m.

Please turn off cell phones.

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

"All human beings change. We are never just what we are at any given moment. Our bodies change, our relationships change, our lives change and so do the ways we present and identify ourselves. We are trajectories, potentials, ongoing revelations of selves that are always unfolding.

We are invited to see that we, however distantly, share in God's indefinability, because we, like God, are not limited to or determined by the terms by which we identify ourselves."

Joy Ladin, *The Soul of the Stranger*



Prelude

Anne Marie Juliano

Introit

Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship**

Amy Bortey

One: We come into the presence of the Lord this morning to worship.

All: Search us, God, and know our hearts.

We come into the presence of the Lord this morning to grow in faith.

Meet us, God, that we may know you more fully.

We come into the presence of the Lord this morning
in response to the urging of the Spirit.

**Surround us, God. Knit us together and guide our path,
that our lives might reflect your purpose for all of creation.**

***Opening Hymn 29**

O God, You Search Me

Bernadette Farrell

Invitation to Worship and Confession

Graham Bridgeman

In Christ, God invites us into relationship, promising a connection rooted in love and offering us a place to be fully seen and known. But if we're honest, we don't always want that. We are ashamed, we are afraid, we suspect – or know – we are unworthy.

This morning we are invited to be brave, to hold space collectively for each other, and to trust that God's grace is bigger than our doubts, as we open our hearts to God in confession.

Prayer of Preparation and Confession

Creative and loving God, you have searched us out and known us, and all that we are is open to you. We confess that we have sinned: we have put up walls between ourselves and you, closing our hearts to your gifts. We have put up walls between ourselves and our neighbors, giving in to fear, ignorance, and arrogance and failing to respect the gifts of all your peoples.

We have used our power to dominate and our weakness to manipulate; we have evaded responsibilities and failed to confront evil; we have trusted false gods and listened to their promises; we have denied dignity to ourselves and to each other.

Forgive us for what we have done to hurt others, spreading pain rather than peace and shutting out rather than welcoming in. And hear also those things we do not or cannot speak aloud, but that burden 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.*

Welcome & Life of the Church

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

Moment for June 26th Arts & Crafts Showcase

Colleen Brambilla

Time for Children

(All children are invited forward.)

Harry Gritsch

***Hymn 749**

Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading (p.710 of OT) – Psalm 139:1-16 (NRSV)

¹O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
²You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
³You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.
⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
⁷Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?
⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
⁹If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.
¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"
¹²even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.
¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.
¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
¹⁶Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading (p.231 of NT) – Galatians 3:26-29 (NRSV)

²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.
²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.
²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.
²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring,
heirs according to the promise.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"People Like Us"

Graham Bridgeman

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn 754**

Help Us Accept Each Other

Baronita

We Worship With Our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem *Christ Has Broken Down the Wall*

Mark Miller

Chancel Choir

Christ has broken down the wall.

Let us join our hearts as one.

Christ has broken down the wall.

We're accepted as we are.

Through God's love all is reconciled.

We're accepted as we are.

Cast aside your doubts and fears.

Peace and love freely offered here.

Cast aside your doubts and fears.

We will tear down the walls.

God has called us, one and all.

Christ has broken the wall.

*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 372

O For a World

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*Charge and Benediction

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

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.

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.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY AND CONSIDER CATCHING UP OR PAYING AHEAD ON YOUR PLEDGE as the warmer summer season approaches. Especially as the PCUM ministry moves out of the pandemic, your financial support of your church’s ministries in the coming weeks and months—when financial obligations must still be met—is a precious 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 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.

ARTS & CRAFTS

PCUM's first annual

Arts & Crafts Showcase

Sunday, June 26th ~ from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm

during Coffee Hour

The whole PCUM family of PCUM friends and members is invited to share the fun at the church's first ever Arts & Crafts Showcase—to be held immediately following 10:00 worship on **Sunday, June 26, during Coffee Hour.**

The Showcase is your opportunity to “show and tell” by displaying a sample or two of the arts and crafts work output that you really enjoyed making. By sharing our creative works and learning about each other's interests, we all get to know one another better. Here's how you can participate in the fun:

- 1) **Just Do It:** If you have a creative art or craft that you enjoy, **just pick something you've created to share. You don't need to be a pro.** All ages—and all levels of experience — are encouraged to submit your amazing creations! You're welcome to contribute more than one.
- 2) **Drop Off at PCUM on June 25th:** Bring a sample of your creative arts & crafts work that you want to display to the church on Saturday, June 25, between 10 a.m. and noon. The Church Life team (Colleen, Erika and Nadine) will be there to help you.
- 3) **Show & Tell on Sunday, June 26th** — Then, during Coffee Hour following 10 a.m. worship, please stand by your display to answer questions and share what you enjoy about your creative activities and find out about others' interests, too.
- 4) **Wrap Up:** Please be prepared to take your displayed item(s) home with you after coffee hour (around 12:15 p.m.).

If you have questions or need a different drop off time, please email Colleen Brambilla at colleenbrambilla@hotmail.com.



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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