

The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair

Sunday, October 27, 2024

*If you are able, please stand.



10:00 a.m.

Please turn off cell phones.

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

*A lifestyle of gratitude can have a ripple effect way beyond you.
Imagine waking up and being thankful for another day,
so thankful that you decided to do something--anything--about it.
That decision can affect everyone you meet; they, in turn,
go into the rest of their day encouraged, even inspired, by your gratitude
and carry that same positive energy forward. But it doesn't stop there!
The ripple started by your gratitude is small at first
and then gets wider and wider and wider,
reaching further and deeper than you can see or comprehend.*

Shaun Hick, *The Ghost and Its Shadow*



Prelude

Bridge Over Troubled Water
Anne Marie Juliano, piano

Paul Simon

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 46)

Graham Bridgeman

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

All: Amen.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

Today our Lord reassures us: "Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Let us worship the living God!

*Opening Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

Prayer of Preparation and Confession (unison, based on a prayer by Martin Luther)

**Behold, O God, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it.
I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and
make me grateful, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not
have a strong and firm faith; at times I fear, I worry, I cannot trust you
altogether. Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I
have sealed the treasure of all I have. Therefore, I will remain with you,
of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give.**

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.

Prayer Hymn 701 (seated) *Lord, Prepare Me*

Sanctuary

Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

***We Give God Glory** (Hymn #582)

*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 Millie Tourtelot, Dir. of Christian Education
(Please fill out the Friendship Pad completely and pass it along.)

Moment for Stewardship

Andrew Kennedy

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time for Children

(All children are invited forward. Afterward, all children may attend Sunday School.)

Scripture Reading (p.704 of OT)

Psalm 126 (NRSV)

¹When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. ²Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." ³The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. ⁴Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. ⁵May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. ⁶Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading (p.279 of NT)

James 2:14-18 (NRSV)

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. ¹⁸But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Deeds Not Words"

Graham Bridgeman

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn 699

Fill My Cup

Isaiah Jones, Jr.

Prayer of the People

We Worship With Our Offerings

Offertory Anthem

If I Can Help Somebody

Alma Androzzo

Angela Starks

*If I can help somebody, as I pass along,
If I can cheer somebody with the word or a song,
If I can show somebody he is traveling wrong,
Then my living shall not be in vain.*

*If I can do my duty as a Christian ought,
If I can bring back beauty to a world up wrought,
If I can spread love's message that the Master taught,
Then my living shall not be in vain.*

***We Give Praise to God** (Hymn #606)

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.***

***Closing Hymn 625**

How Great Thou Art

Stuart Kine

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

GO WITH GOD – TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*The flowers decorating the chancel this morning
are given to the glory of God, by Fran, Jennifer, Warren and Marjorie
with gratitude for lasting and wonderful memories of Bill Adams.*

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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. After worship, you are warmly invited for refreshments and conversation on the church's East Lawn (inside in Fellowship Hall if raining).

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

CHILDCARE 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 preschool through 7th grade are located in the North Wing. Ask the ushers or Christian Education leaders for directions. If you are sending your kids to Sunday School for the first time, please step out briefly with your children as they are dismissed to fill out an emergency contact form before returning to the sanctuary.

TODAY IS THE FIRST OF FOUR STEWARDSHIP '25 SUNDAYS focused on God's love in our lives and God's call to each of us, and this whole church family, to let our gratitude renew and deepen our commitment to Jesus Christ by better serving all generations: children, youth, families, and adults. PCUM's theme is ***The Ripple Effect of Gratitude: Inspiring Impact Through Our Giving***. Guest speakers, special music, and growing in faith will guide us into the Thanksgiving season and the year ahead!

REGISTER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL – Sunday School learning starts on Sunday in the sanctuary; after the Children's sermon, kids gather for music time before dividing into smaller groups for faith-deepening activities and interactive Bible story lessons. You can **register your child(ren) for Sunday School online at www.pcum.org**. Sunday School sign-up forms are also available in classrooms. If you have questions about Sunday School or other children's/family programming, please reach out to Millie Tourtelot, Dir. of Christian Education, at millie@pcum.org.

PCUM'S MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. All teens and tweens 6th–8th grade are invited to come out to have fun, share dinner, and meet old and new friends. Contact Garrett Pahl (garrett@pcum.org) and Sierra Joy (sierra@pcum.org) for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMPOVER - Friday, November 15, 6:30 pm to Saturday, November 16, 9 am: Bring your sleeping bags!! Children in 3rd-7th grades are invited to join us for a fun "Campover" at the church where children will explore their faith and have the chance to make and deepen church friendships. The campover features pizza, worship, games, s'mores, and more! RSVP for this event by Monday, November 11, by contacting Millie Tourtelot at millie@pcum.org.

EXPLORE MEMBERSHIP! If you are interested in membership here at the Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair, please indicate on your Ritual of Friendship Pad today or/and contact the Church Office at pcum@pcum.org. The Membership Exploration Group builds new friendships, provides a fun place to ask and answer questions, and to get to know one's faith and one's self better. Topics include "My Story/Your Story" and "What is Christianity/Presbyterianism." **Lunch and childcare** always provided! Contact Pastor Greg Horn (greghorn@pcum.org) with questions or for more info!

DEDICATE FLOWERS – You can honor/memorialize loved ones by dedicating flowers for any Sunday worship service(s) throughout the year. Dates remain open! The suggested donation for two bouquets is \$80. Sign up on the Flower Calendar in the Deacons' Corner or online at www.pcum.org.

SERVE HUNGRY NEIGHBORS – Twice each month, you are invited to join fellow volunteers serving hungry neighbors. PCUM prepares and serves an evening meal in Montclair on the 4th Saturday and a lunch meal in Newark on the 3rd Saturday of each month. *Sign up at www.pcum.org/serve-others*.

PCUM NOW OFFERS ZELLE as a new option for online giving. Please use **treasurer@pcum.org** as the recipient, and note the purpose of the offering (pledge, non-pledge, Easter, deacons, etc.).

MONTCLAIR MUSIC CLUB will present its second program of the 2024-25 season on Monday, November 4th, at 7:30 pm in the church sanctuary. Among the instrumental and vocal performers on this interesting and varied program: Daryl Hester, vihuela and guitar; Carolyn Enger, piano; Rebecca Benitez, soprano with Antonio Sanzone, piano; and Sonia Susi, violin with Donovan Iemma, piano. Free and open to the public. Donations welcome. Reception immediately following the program.



Thoughtful, Nourishing Worship ✦ Vibrant Ministry to Children & Youth

Relationships ✦ Participation ✦ Service to Others and to the World ✦ Relevance and Authenticity

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