

# The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair

Sunday, May 4, 2025  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter



10:00 a.m.

\*If you are able, please stand.  
Please turn off cell phones.

## WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

"We do not think ourselves into a new way of living. We live ourselves into new ways of thinking... So get ready for a great adventure, the one you were really born for... get ready for some new freedom, some dangerous permission, some hope from nowhere, some unexpected happiness, some stumbling stones, some radical grace, and some new and pressing responsibility for yourself and for our suffering world."

Richard Rohr, *Falling Upward*

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### Prelude

*This Joyful Day*  
Anne Marie Juliano, piano

Mark Hayes

### \*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 30)

Andrew Bortey

One: In this resurrection season, O God of Hope,

**All: we offer you our worship.**

You have turned our mourning into dancing;

**You have taken off our sackcloth and clothed us with joy.**

Our souls may praise you and not be silent:

**O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.**

### \*Opening Hymn 403 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

*Unser Herrscher*

### Invitation to Worship and Confession

At times God invites us into confession and repentance from the depths of despair; at others, with a blinding light from the heavens. But often God invites us into relationship in the middle of our workday, our many tasks and distractions. Our unison confession today will be a sung prayer. Let us sing—and pray—together:

### Prayer Hymn 428 (seated) *Before I Take the Body of My Lord*

*Laying Down*

*our silent prayers of preparation and confession*

### 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.*

## **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

### **Time for Children**

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

#### **Scripture Reading** (p.621 of OT)

#### **Psalms 30:4-5, 8-12** (NRSV)

- <sup>4</sup> Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.  
<sup>5</sup> For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.  
<sup>8</sup> To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:  
<sup>9</sup> 'What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?  
Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?  
<sup>10</sup> Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!'  
<sup>11</sup> You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,  
<sup>12</sup> so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.  
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Scripture Reading** (p.141 of NT)

#### **John 21:1-14** (NRSV)

- <sup>1</sup> After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.  
<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' <sup>6</sup>He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.  
<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## We Worship With Our Offerings

### Prayer Dedicating Our Gifts

#### Offertory Anthem

*Because You Live, O Christ*

Shirely E. Murray (1987)

Chancel Choir

*Because you live, O Christ, the spirit bird of hope is freed for flying,  
Our cages of despair no longer keep us closed and life-denying.*

#### \*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.*

#### Communion Hymn 525 (seated)

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

spiritual

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Invitation to the Table

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

One: The Lord be with you

All: **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God!

**It is right to give God our thanks and praise...**

### 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.

### Words of Institution

### Communion of the People

#### Solo

*Ave Verum Corpus*

W. A. Mozart

Denise Silecchia

*Hail, true Body, born of the virgin Mary;  
Who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for all humanity,  
from whose pierced side, flowed water and blood.*

### Prayer after Communion

#### \*Closing Hymn 522

*I Am the Bread of Life*

Suzanne Toolan

(verses 1, 4, 5)

## \*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. After worship, you are invited for refreshments and conversation in Fellowship Hall.

**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. Please ask an usher for directions.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** for all children preschool through 7th grade are located in the North Wing. Ask the ushers for directions. Parents of kids participating in Sunday School for the first time: please step out briefly with your child(ren) as they are dismissed to register them and complete an emergency contact form.

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**YOU ARE WELCOME AT THE LORD’S TABLE TODAY** – In the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Lord’s Supper is the sign and seal of God’s grace in the body and blood of Jesus Christ. The Spirit draws us to the Lord’s Table, trusting that God’s love brings us into Christ’s Presence, nourishes us in hope, and sends us out to share in God’s work in the world. All who come seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor are welcome. Because experiencing the mystery and love of Christ’s real spiritual Presence in Communion is not something earned or accomplished, children who are being instructed in the significance of the Lord’s Supper at their level of understanding are invited to take their place at the table to receive Communion.

**SUPPORT THE DEACONS’ MINISTRY THE 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH!** On the 1st Sunday of each month, the PCUM family uses the green envelopes in your pew rack to support the Deacons’ ministries of compassion, care, and community-building. You can also give through Zelle ([treasurer@pcum.org](mailto:treasurer@pcum.org)) on the PCUM website ([www.pcum.org](http://www.pcum.org)) or mail your check to the church. Please *always* indicate “Deacons Fund.”

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**BREEZE IS HERE!** A new communication, information, and giving tool that everyone in the church family can use is now available! PCUM is now using *Breeze Church Management Software!*—and all friends and members of the congregation can benefit. Sign yourself or your family up for activities, get the latest updates on church happenings, track and update your church giving, send text and emails to church friends and groups, check the latest church directory for photos. It’s all in *Breeze*!

Last week, you should have received an email invitation to create your own Breeze account, which gives you access to your profile information and giving/pledge information. Over the summer, the Church Office will continue to add more features, such as an online directory, event calendar and online volunteer sign-ups, so **it’s important and advantageous to create your Breeze account**. Once created, you can access your account at [pcum.breezechms.com](http://pcum.breezechms.com) or on the *Breeze* app (Breeze ChMS in the app store). If you did not receive an invitation or have questions, please reach out to Denise in the Church Office ([denise@pcum.org](mailto:denise@pcum.org)). **Thank you** for taking this step to connect our PCUM community!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** meets Wednesdays 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.

**SAVE THE DATE: PCUM'S YOUTH BANQUET** will be Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, from 7-8:30 pm! All rising 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to a night of food and fun at PCUM! Look for more details soon!

**SIGN UP TO HELP PREPARE & SERVE COFFEE HOUR** – Hospitality is a priority of this church family. Sign up to help on the Coffee Hour Calendar in the Deacons' Corner or online at [www.pcum.org](http://www.pcum.org).

**VOLUNTEER TO SERVE HUNGRY NEIGHBORS** – Join fellow volunteers serving hungry neighbors for an experience that feeds everyone! PCUM prepares and serves an evening meal in Montclair every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month and lunch in Newark the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. *Sign up at [pcum.org/serve-others](http://pcum.org/serve-others).*

**DEDICATE FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP** – You can honor loved ones by dedicating flowers for any Sunday morning worship service. The suggested donation for two standard bouquets is \$80. Sign up on the Flower Calendar in the Deacons' Corner or online at [www.pcum.org](http://www.pcum.org).

**MONTCLAIR MUSIC CLUB'S** *Young Artists* program happens tomorrow, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary—and YOU are invited to what promises to be an amazing production. This special program honors the outstanding young talent of MMC teachers as well as others in our area. Come to hear the string trio with violinist Gabriel Anker (featured regularly in PCUM worship), violinist Liana Branscome and violist Elijah Spies; violinist Gabriel Anker and collaborator Ryan Bridge; soprano Abby Brodnick with collaborator Mary Pinto; pianist Jason Ruan and pianist Sathvik Subramanian. These accomplished young musicians have earned numerous awards and won many competitions. We are excited for them to share their great talent with us. 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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