

The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair

Sunday, August 10, 2025
7th Sunday after Pentecost



10:00 a.m.

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

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

Brighten the Corner Where You Are

Do not wait until some deed of greatness you may do.

Do not wait to shed your light afar.

To the many duties ever near you now be true.

Brighten the corner where you are.

Here for all your talent you may surely find a need.

Here reflect the bright and Morning Star.

Even from your humble hand the Bread of Life may feed.

Brighten the corner where you are.

by Ina Mae Duley Ogdon, 1934, selected verses

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Prelude

This Little Light of Mine

spiritual

Anne Marie Juliano, piano

Introit

Here I Am to Worship

Tim Hughes

Will Horn

***Call to Worship** (adapted, Psalm 33:20-22)

The Rev. Susan Friedl

One: Our souls wait longingly for the LORD;
God is our help and our shield.

**All: Our hearts rejoice in God;
in the LORD's holy name we put our trust.**

Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us,

as we have set our hope on you.

Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn 2**

Come, Thou Almighty King

Italian Hymn

Prayer of Confession & Preparation for Worship (unison)

Jean Anne Rose

Faithful and loving God, we confess that we have not lived in faith and love. We offer you great pageants of piety and ignore your call to do what is right. We busy ourselves with idle pleasures and fail to prepare for your coming realm.

Forgive us, God of grace. Give us the gift of faith, so that we might set our hope on the better things you have promised; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 469 (seated) *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Ken Medema

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.)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time for Children

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

Scripture Reading (p.14 of OT)

Genesis 15:1-6 (NRSV)

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading (p.91 of NT)

Luke 12:32-40 (NRSV)

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn 700**

I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

spiritual

Prayer of the People

We Worship With Our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Solo

What a Wonderful World

Thiele & Weiss

Elena Bachmann

***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 716** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

Beach Spring

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.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL – During the summer, PCUM’s children start their church-day in the sanctuary with their church family; then after the Children’s Time, kids gather in the North Wing for music and story time. From there, they’ll visit PCUM’s *Simple Gifts Children’s Garden*, where they’ll experience and learn about God’s love for them and all of creation and our calling to help others.

Vegetables grown by PCUM’s children will be donated to help families served by Montclair’s Human Needs Food Pantry. Kids of all ages—and especially children new to PCUM—are invited to participate in this fun, hands-on program! [Parents of kids 3 and under—please accompany your children.]

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PCUM WELCOMES THE REVEREND SUSAN FRIEDL as preacher and worship leader this morning. Susan is a retired member of Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey. In addition to serving churches in pastoral ministry, she completed her Master of Social Work with an emphasis on child welfare. Susan has served as a Court Appointed Child Advocate (CASA) and also worked with immigrant families and children in many capacities. She lives with her husband Rick in Ridgewood, NJ and Sunset Beach, NC. Most of her time is spent enjoying the company of her three granddaughters, two English Springer Spaniels, and one calico cat. Welcome, Susan!

SIGN UP TO HELP PREPARE & SERVE COFFEE HOUR – PCUM’s Coffee Hour is a treasured tradition, and YOU can help your church extend hospitality on Sundays! Sign up to help on the Coffee Hour Calendar in the Deacons’ Corner or online at www.pcum.org.

VOLUNTEER TO SERVE HUNGRY NEIGHBORS – Join fellow volunteers in an experience that feeds everyone! PCUM prepares and serves an evening meal in Montclair every 4th Saturday of the month and lunch in Newark the 3rd Saturday. *Sign up at 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.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR BREEZE! A new communication, information, and giving tool is now available to all members and friends of the PCUM family!—and you can help the Church Office by accepting the personalized signup link sent to you via email and signing up. Sign up for activities, get the latest updates on church happenings, track and update your church giving, send and receive text and emails to church friends and groups, view the church directory for photos, and more! It’s all in *Breeze*!

Everyone in the PCUM family should have received an email invitation to create your own Breeze account, which will give you access to your profile information and giving/pledge information, help the Church Office manage congregation-wide communication, and enable you to communicate with the PCUM family. **It is important and advantageous for you—and a huge help to the Church Office—when you create your unique Breeze account.** The Breeze invitation will time-out after 24-48 hours, so, to be sure you receive a new/active Breeze invitation, please contact Denise in the Church Office at denise@pcum.org. ***Thank you*** for taking this important step!



Thoughtful, Nourishing Worship ✝ *Vibrant Ministry to Children & Youth*
Relationships ✝ *Participation* ✝ *Service to Others and to the World* ✝ *Relevance and Authenticity*

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PCUM Family — Please consider *Recurring Giving*

With the busy summer season here and many of us away or just out and about enjoying the weather, the Church Office reminds you that you can do *RECURRING GIVING*, an easy way to continue giving to support PCUM—even when you aren't able to make it to church in person! Recurring offerings paid automatically through your bank account, a credit card, or a donor-advised fund take the pressure off you, make it easier to “remember,” and help PCUM's operating account remain healthy through the slower summer months.

There are a number of ways to set up recurring offerings. Below is **a guide** that will walk you through each method. As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to PCUM's Co-Treasurers, Laura Phillips and Melinda Hofmann, at treasurer@pcum.org.

Credit card and ACH

Credit card and ACH offerings can be set up either from the PCUM website's online giving page or from your Breeze dashboard page. (If you have not yet set up your Breeze account, please contact Denise at denise@pcum.org and ask her to send you an invitation.) Processing fees are charged for either method, and the Church always appreciates it when you choose to include those fees with your offering.

From PCUM's online giving page (www.pcum.org/give):

Under Offerings/Pledge giving, click “give online”. Enter the amount, then click on the dropdown arrow on the line that says “Give this one time”, and you will see various options for frequencies (weekly, monthly, etc.). You can also choose the start date. Select payment method, and then hit continue. Next enter your contact and payment information; then choose if you would like to add processing fees. Finally, click the “Give \$” button.

From your Breeze account (log in at pcum.breezechms.com):

Click “Give Now” at the top of the page, or, from your dashboard, “Give a gift”. Then, follow the directions outlined above for the online giving page.

Zelle

Zelle is a convenient way to send money online directly from your bank account to PCUM's operating account, usually with no fee.

- You will need to set up Zelle transfers through your bank directly.
- Most banks have an option to set up a recurring payment via Zelle that will allow you to choose the frequency and the start date.
- Zelle payments to PCUM should be sent to the email address treasurer@pcum.org. PCUM receives a notification from our bank (TD Bank) each time a Zelle transfer is received.
- If you have questions about setting up Zelle payments, you will need to contact your bank directly. If you would like to check if a payment has been received, please contact Laura or Melinda at treasurer@pcum.org.

Donor-Advised Fund

A donor-advised fund (DAF) is a charitable investment account that enables donors to contribute cash or assets, receive an immediate tax deduction, and then recommend gifts to qualified charities over time. If interested in setting up a DAF, you should speak with a qualified investment advisor or accountant.

- PCUM, as a 501(c)(3) religious organization, is a qualified charity for most DAFs. You will need to check to see if your DAF allows gifts to religious organizations.
- Most DAFs will allow you to set up recurring automatic giving. PCUM will then receive a check in the amount and at the frequency you direct.