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AI-generated content may be incorrect.**The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair**

Sunday, August 17, 2025 10:00 a.m.

10th Sunday after Pentecost \*If you are able, please stand.

Please turn off cell phones.

**We Gather Around God’s Word**

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**Prelude**  *Consolation No. 3*Franz Liszt

Anne Marie Juliano, piano

**\*Call to Worship**  Graham Bridgeman

One: Look! This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Listen! Can you hear the call to prayer?

**Let the sounds of praises echo throughout the earth.**

Shout for joy! Let us join our voices with the songs of all created things.

**Let us come together into the presence of our Maker**

**and give glory to God.**

**\*Opening Hymn 49**  *The God of Abraham Praise Leoni*

**Prayer of Confession & Preparation for Worship** (unison)

Millie Tourtelot, Director of Christian Ed.

**O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.**

**You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord.**

**Reconcile us to you by the power of your spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.**

*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 184** (seated) *Calm to the Waves Calm Seas*

**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**

(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.888 of OT) **Jeremiah 23:23-29** (NRSV)

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back--those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Scripture Reading** (p.274 of NT) **Hebrews 11:29-12:2** (NRSV)

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the sex worker did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**  “Waking from the Dream” Graham Bridgeman

**We Respond to God’s Word**

**\*Hymn 751** *From the Nets of Our Labor Hamilton*

**Prayer of the People**

**We Worship With Our Offerings**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Offertory Solo** *I Look to You* Robert Kelly

Matthew Waters-Bowens

**\*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 761** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service Beecher*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Go With God – To Serve God’s World**

*The flowers decorating the chancel this morning*

*are given by Christine Orzepowski*

*to the glory of God and in memory of her beloved sister*

*Anne Orzepowski*

*February 9, 1954 – August 14, 2022.*

**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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**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](http://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](http://www.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).

**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](mailto:denise@pcum.org). ***Thank you*** for taking this important step!

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*Thoughtful, Nourishing Worship*  *Vibrant Ministry to Children & Youth*

*Relationships*  *Participation*  *Service to Others and to the World* *Relevance and Authenticity*

**Pastor & Head of Staff:**

The Rev. Gregory A. Horn

**Director of Music Ministries:**

Anne Marie Juliano

**Director of Christian Education:** Millie Tourtelot

**Co-Youth Leader:** Garrett Pahl

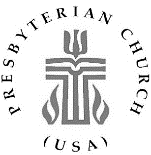
**Children’s Programs/Co-Youth Leader**: Sierra Joy

**Church Administrator:** Denise Silecchia

**Livestream Techs:** Tres Williams, Jerome Nelson

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.