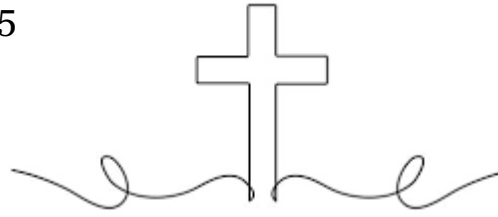


# The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair

Sunday, September 14, 2025  
14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

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



## WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

"We offer direction to the lost and show hospitality to strangers not merely because they need it, but because we need it, too... we are all strangers here, we are all lost and in need of being found. This is not our house, our table, our food, our lodging; this is God's house and table and food and lodging. We were pilgrims and wanderers, aliens and strangers, even enemies of God, but we, too, were welcomed into this place. To show hospitality to the stranger is... to say, 'We are beggars here together. Grace will surprise us both.'"

Thomas Long, *Building Vital and Faithful Worship*

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### Prelude

*Preludio, Op. 83, No. 1*  
Anne Marie Juliano, piano

Joaquin Turina

### \*Call to Worship

Pastor Greg Horn

One: Come, let us gather again in the Presence of God;

**All: Come, let us allow ourselves to be found again in Christ.**

Come, let us remember God's faithfulness—  
in the shadows as much as in the light;

**Come, let us look to the future with hope.**

### \*Opening Hymn 740

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

Doris Akers

### Invitation to Confession and Worship

Laura Phillips

From the beginning, God made us in God's own image. And yet we seek to make our own way, departing from God's intentions for us. Let us return today to our Lord, acknowledging our mistakes both individually and together, trusting God's grace more than our own performance.

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

**Gracious God, our sins are whatever separates us from you,  
and our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.**

**Forgive what our lips tremble to name  
and what our hearts can no longer bear.**

**Set us free from a past that we cannot change,  
and open to us a future in which we can be transformed.**

**Through Jesus Christ, the light of the world, we pray.**

*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 836** (seated)

*Abide With Me*  
(verses 3 & 4)

*Eventide*

## 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

**Solo**

*You Will Be Found*  
Sierra Joy

Pasek & Paul

## Time for Children

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

**Scripture Reading** (p.706 of OT)

**Psalms 132:1-5** (NRSV)

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord, remember in David's favor all the hardships he endured;  
<sup>2</sup> how he swore to the Lord and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,  
<sup>3</sup> "I will not enter my house or get into my bed;  
<sup>4</sup> I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids,  
<sup>5</sup> until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Scripture Reading** (p.95 of NT)

**Luke 15:1-10** (NRSV)

- <sup>1</sup> Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."  
<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup> ‘Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, “Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.” <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

At Home In the Lost and Found”

Pastor Greg Horn

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*Hymn 173**

*A Woman and a Coin*

*Life Restored*

**Prayer of the People**

**We Worship With Our Offerings**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Offertory Anthem**

*A Place Near Your Altar*

Jordan Green

Chancel Choir

*How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God, almighty?  
My soul yearns and even faints for the court of the Lord.  
My heart and flesh cry out for the living God!  
Save me a place near your altar. A place near your altar for me.  
Blessed are those with strength in you Lord, God, almighty.  
We are praising you in the court of the Lord.  
My heart and flesh cry out for the living God!  
Even the sparrow has found a home and the swallow  
a nest for herself where she may have her young.  
A place near your altar for me. A place for me.*

**\*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 649** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

John Newton

(verses 1, 2 & 3)

**\*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 Bonnie McKenna,  
with prayers for Kathleen M. Halston.*

**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.



**REGISTRATION FOR PCUM'S 2025-2026 SUNDAY SCHOOL IS NOW OPEN!** Parents, PCUM's Sunday School program year starts on Homecoming Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>! The church's weekly Sunday School for kids Pre-K through 7<sup>th</sup> Grade meets year-round on Sunday mornings. Sunday School learning starts in the sanctuary; then, after the Children's sermon, kids gather for a fun, faith-building music time before dividing into smaller groups for developmentally-appropriate, interactive Bible story lessons led by children's program leaders Millie Tourtelot, Sierra Joy, and volunteer teachers. On several Sundays throughout the year, kids lead their church family in song or by sharing what they've learned in Sunday School. In the summer, children of all ages learn about their part in God's creation and showing Christ's love by tending vegetable beds and donating their produce to the Human Needs Food Pantry of Montclair.

Sign up today. **You can register your child(ren) for Sunday School by visiting [www.pcum.org](http://www.pcum.org).** You can easily register multiple children at once. Registering for PCUM's Sunday School ensures that you stay up to date and don't miss important announcements about Sunday School or other children's activities. If you have questions about Sunday School or other ministries for children and families at PCUM, please reach out to Millie Tourtelot, Dir. of Christian Education, at [millie@pcum.org](mailto:millie@pcum.org).

**CONFIRMATION INFORMATIONAL MEETING** – Next Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m., an informational meeting will be held for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents interested in PCUM's 2025-2026 Confirmation Class. The meeting will be held upstairs in the Confirmation Room. The first meeting of PCUM's 2024-2025 Confirmation experience for 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 8:45 am.

**SING WITH THE CHANCEL CHOIR:** PCUM's vibrant music ministry needs you! You don't have to sing every Sunday. Come as you are and sing when your schedule permits. Contact Dir. of Music Ministries, Anne Marie Julano for more information at [annemarie@pcum.org](mailto:annemarie@pcum.org).



**HOMECOMING SUNDAY – NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>!** Mark your calendar for next Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> when the PCUM family will kick off the 2025-2026 program year of worship, service, ministry, learning, and relationship-building with **Homecoming Sunday**. After worship on the 21<sup>st</sup>, you are invited to join visitors, friends, and members on the East Lawn (and curved driveway) to connect with old and new friends. There will be music, children's games (including the annual favorite, the dunk tank!), and food for everyone!



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

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**Custodian:** Jimmy Abad

**PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT @ PCUM**– Kids and parents! Friday evening, September 26 at 6:00 p.m. families with children 2nd grade & younger (older siblings are welcome!), are invited to a FREE evening of movie-watching, fellowship and fun for kids and families! Meet other parents while your children play with church friends under the supervision of the Children's Ministries staff. Pizza and salad for everyone, as well as a short child-friendly film screening. RSVP to Millie Tourtelot at [millie@pcum.org](mailto:millie@pcum.org). Two more Pizza & Movie Nights are scheduled for Fridays, October 24<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar now!

**FALL “MEMBERSHIP EXPLORATION GROUP”** – If you would like to learn more about faith, about PCUM, about others, and about yourself, you are invited to be part of the fall Membership Exploration Group. Just indicate your interest on the Ritual of Friendship pad or contact Pastor Greg Horn ([greghorn@pcum.org](mailto:greghorn@pcum.org)) or the Church Office ([pcum@pcum.org](mailto:pcum@pcum.org)). The group consists of several Sunday lunch conversations that fit your schedule—food and childcare for everyone provided—where questions are asked and answered and new friendships are made.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP MEETS EVERY WEEK!** PCUM’S vibrant 2025-2026 Middle School Youth Group meets Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. throughout the year ahead! All teens and tweens 6th–8th grade are warmly invited to come out to have fun, share dinner, and meet old and new friends. Contact Garrett Pahl ([garrett@pcum.org](mailto:garrett@pcum.org)) and Sierra Joy ([sierra@pcum.org](mailto:sierra@pcum.org)).

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** – On Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to join Christians of all denominations around the world in celebrating *World Communion Sunday*. The PCUM family of members and friends will gather at the Lord’s Table and take up the *2025 Presbyterian Peace & Global Witness Offering*, which supports the efforts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking in the way of Jesus, the Lord of Peace.

**ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY:** On Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, PCUMers will celebrate the church’s 118<sup>th</sup> year of ministry and service with the recognition of longtime members during the worship service.

**DEDICATE FLOWERS** – You can honor/memorialize loved ones by dedicating flowers for any Sunday morning worship service throughout the year. A few dates remain open for 2024. The suggested donation for two bouquets is \$80. Sign up on the Flower Calendar in the Deacons’ Corner or online at [www.pcum.org](http://www.pcum.org).

**VOLUNTEER TO SERVE HUNGRY NEIGHBORS** – Twice each month, you are invited to join fellow PCUM volunteers serving hungry and food-insecure neighbors. PCUM prepares and serves an evening meal here in Montclair on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month and a lunch meal in Newark on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. **Sign up at [www.pcum.org/serve-others](http://www.pcum.org/serve-others)**.

**THE MONTCLAIR MUSIC CLUB’S** next concert will be Monday evening, October 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm in PCUM’s sanctuary. You are invited to share in this varied and enjoyable musical experience featuring arias and an opera duet with soprano Julia Rolwing and baritone Daniel IhnKyu Lee; opera transcriptions and fantasies performed by pianist Ryan Bridge; and a cabaret act with soprano Mia Riker-Norrie, harpist Violetta Maria Norrie and pianist Rebecca Eng. Admission is free, but donations are cheerfully accepted. Reception immediately following the program in Fellowship Hall.

**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! 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. 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!