

The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair

Sunday, April 26, 2026

*If you are able, please stand.



10:00 a.m.

Please turn off cell phones.

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

“At every bend in the road, in every predicament along the way, the disciples have felt Jesus' presence and have heard his familiar words; all their lives he has been the Good Shepherd, and they know his voice.

In the flurry of voices that fill the world, the followers of Jesus listen for the sound of the voice they know best, the voice that speaks compassionately, mercifully, lovingly and hopefully. When they hear this voice – but only this voice – they follow; they do not respond to the voices of strangers, the voices of bitterness, judgment, hatred and strife.”

Thomas Long



Prelude

Brother James' Air

arr. Larry Shackley

Karen Merchant and Anne Marie Juliano

*Call to Worship

Gary Diamante

One: In a world crowded with voices—competing, urgent, and loud—
we gather to listen for the voice of Christ.

**All: The voice that speaks hope into anxiety, the voice that calls us
by name, assuring us again and again that we are known.**

Jesus says, “My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.”
Not the voice of despair, not the voice of division—

But the voice of reconciliation, drawing us together as one.

Christ speaks life where the world predicts scarcity, Christ speaks mercy
where the world rehearses judgment.

We come to hear that voice again—the voice of abundant living.

So come, listen, and follow.

We turn our hearts to Christ, our Shepherd and our hope.

*Opening Hymn 244

This Joyful Eastertide

Vreuchten

Prayer of Preparation and Confession (unison)

**Good Shepherd, you call us by name, yet we confess how often we fail
and even refuse to recognize your voice. We listen instead to voices of
success, self-protection and self-interest—voices that lead us away
from you, and from ourselves.**

**Lord of love, you know us better than we know ourselves; you call us
into abundant life. We ask that you quiet the noise within and around
us, that we may hear your voice again. Open the gate of our hearts,
that we may enter life with you anew—and follow where you lead us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, our Shepherd and our hope.**

We offer our silent prayers.

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 243 (seated)

Be Not Afraid

Taizé

Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Pastor Greg Horn

*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.)

Reception of New Members (insert)

Elder Jean Anne Rose

*Hymn 740

Lead Me, Guide Me

Doris Akers

Time for Children

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

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading (p.617 of OT)

Psalm 23 (NRSV)

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading (p.126 of NT)

John 10:1-10 (NRSV)

¹Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

We Worship With Our Offerings

Offertory Anthem *Psalm 23 (A Psalm of Hope)*
Chancel Choir

Heather Sorenson

***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.*

Ordination & Installation of Leaders (insert)

Presentation

Questions to Leaders

Questions to the Congregation

The Laying on of Hands & Prayer of Ordination

(All ordained elders, deacons and ministers of Word & Sacrament are invited forward for the laying on of hands.)

Prayer of the People

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

***Closing Hymn 453** *Open Your Ears, You Faithful People*

Yisrael V'Oraita

***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 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. If you are sending your kids to Sunday School for the first time, please step out briefly as your children are dismissed to fill out a registration form before returning to the sanctuary.

RECEIVED TODAY AS MEMBERS of the congregation, fellowship, and ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair are **Christina Hawley & Jeffrey Taft, Sandra & Randal Gordon, Jeena Moon-Eiben & Matthew Eiben, Chaz Wolf & Gary Diamante, Andrea Park & James Downey, Chioma & Hugh Bloor, and Laurie & Neill Heins.** Welcome!

CELEBRATION OF THOSE CALLED AS ELDERS & DEACONS – Ordained and installed to the ministry of Elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair are **Hunt Bradshaw, Michelle Fertig, and Ben Johnson**. Installed (and previously ordained) today to the ministry of Elder are **Lauren Rahaghi, Judy Rauco, Martin Gritsch and Jennifer Snyder**.

Ordained and installed to the office and ministry of Deacon is **Gailene Sarbak**. Installed (and previously ordained) today to the ministry of Deacon is **Rand Leith**.

Thank you all! Presenting the newly-elected leaders on behalf of the Session is Elder Jean Anne Rose.

TODAY ADULT STUDY CLASS ON PCUM STAINED GLASS WINDOWS: After worship today, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, you are invited to the latest in a monthly series of 1-hour long class led by Pastor Greg Horn studying the beautiful stained glass "aisle windows" in PCUM's sanctuary. Come, gain insight into PCUM's history and contribute to a group study and discussion of the artistic and biblical interpretation of the aisle window on the east side of the sanctuary with the theme, *The Resurrection*.

READING GENESIS –THURSDAY LUNCHTIME ADULT STUDY: Through the end of April, from 12 noon to 1:30 pm, you are invited to join a study of popular author Marilynne Robinson's New York Times bestseller *Reading Genesis*. From the classic creation-narratives describing the human relationship to God to the stories of God's covenant with humanity and the first women and men to struggle with God's call to faithful living, the Book of Genesis contains many voices from our ancestors in faith. Classes are in-person at the church, with a remote option.

PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY, MAY 1st – Hey kids and parents! At 6:00 pm on Friday evening, May 1st, 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! Come, meet other PCUM parents while your children play with friends from Sunday School or the Nursery under the supervision of the Children's Ministries staff. There will be pizza and salad for everyone, as well as a short child-friendly film screening. Please RSVP by Monday, April 27th to Millie Tourtelot at millie@pcum.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS! What are you doing this Wednesday?!? PCUM'S vibrant Middle School Youth Group meets Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. throughout the year ahead—and YOU are invited! All teens and tweens 6th–8th grade are invited to come out to have fun and share dinner with friends. Contact youth directors Garrett Pahl (garrett@pcum.org) and/or Sierra Joy (sierra@pcum.org) for more information.

VOLUNTEER TO SERVE HUNGRY NEIGHBORS – Twice each month, you are invited to join fellow PCUM volunteers serving hungry and food-insecure neighbors. **Sign up at** www.pcum.org/serve-others.

DEDICATE CHANCEL FLOWERS: Honor/memorialize loved ones by dedicating flowers for any Sunday morning worship service throughout the year. The suggested donation for two bouquets is \$80. Sign up on the Flower Calendar in the Deacons' Corner.

MONTCLAIR MUSIC CLUB will present a Young Artists Concert, Monday evening, May 4th, here in the sanctuary. This year MCC is pleased to welcome acclaimed young artists including cellist Nicolas Mirabile with pianist Rachel Choo, soprano Abby Brodnick, and violinist Gabriel Anker with collaborator Mary Pinto, as well as pianists Derek Zhang and Alice Tung performing works by Beethoven, Respighi, Poulenc, Mozart, Brahms, Debussy and Granados. The program is 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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Custodian: Jimmy Abad

Reception of New Members
into the life and ministry of
the Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair

Words of Introduction

Pastor Greg Horn

Presentation to the Community

Constitutional Questions to New Members

Do you trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Do you intend to be His disciple, to obey His Word, and to show His love?

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, sharing in its worship and ministry through your prayers and your gifts, your study and your service, and, in so doing, fulfill your calling as a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Questions to the Church

Elder Jean Anne Rose

Do we, the members of the congregation just blessed by these new members, promise to love, encourage and support them, to call them by name, to share the good news of Jesus Christ with them through our own witness, and to walk with them as they grow to love and follow the living God?

We do.

The People's Promise

Leader: Friends, you are now members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and of the congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair.

People: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ Jesus.**

You have already shaped and blessed the life and ministry of this church family, and now you and we proclaim our desire to walk in faith together.

***Unison Prayer**

God of new life, we praise you for calling us to be a caring, learning, servant people and for gathering us into the Body of Christ here in this church. We give you thanks for choosing to add to our number these sisters and brothers in faith, that together we might show your love to the world.

From this moment onward, may we live in your Spirit and so love one another that we have the mind of Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair

Ordination and Installation of Church Leaders

Introduction

Pastor Greg Horn

Presentation of the Candidates for Ordination and Installation

Elder Jean Anne Rose

Constitutional Questions to elected Church Leaders

1. Do you trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
2. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
3. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
4. Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and continually guided by our confessions?
5. Will you be governed by your church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
6. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
7. Do you promise to further the peace, unity and purity of the church?
8. Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

for Elders: Will you be a faithful Elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

for Deacons: Will you be a faithful Deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

The Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

1. Do we, the members of this church, accept as Elders, called by God through the voice of this congregation, **Michelle Fertig, Martin Gritsch, Hunt Bradshaw, Lauren Rahaghi, Judy Rauco, Jennifer Snyder and Ben Johnson**

and

as Deacons, called by God through the voice of this congregation, **Gailene Sarbak,** and **Rand Leith** to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

2. Do we agree to encourage them, to pray for and support them as they carry out their ministry, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us—serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

The Laying on of Hands

(All ordained Elders, Deacons and Ministers of Word & Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are invited forward for the laying on of hands.)

The Prayer and Declaration of Ordination and Installation