

# The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair

Sunday, May 3, 2026

\*If you are able, please stand.



10:00 a.m.

Please turn off cell phones.

## WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

"Our movement into God is not spatial but transformational.  
God's 'place' is not a location but a relation into which we are drawn."

Sarah Coakley, *The New Ascetism*

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### Prelude

Anne Marie Juliano, piano

### \*Call to Worship

Garrett Pahl

One: In a world that often feels distant and uncertain,  
Jesus says, "Don't let your hearts be troubled."

**All: So we come as we truly are— questioning, longing, hoping, seeking.**  
Christ assures us: when we turn toward him, we are never alone,  
never outside his love.

**In every step toward him, we find we already belong.**

He is the way—not a path we must earn, but a relationship with God  
already opened to us.

**So we come—drawn by love, held in grace, ready to worship  
the One who is always with us.**

\*Opening Hymn 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Nettleton

Prayer of Preparation and Confession (unison)

Pastor Greg Horn

**Gracious God, because you are always making a place for us with you,  
you tell us, "Do not be afraid"— yet we confess how often we live as if  
that promise were not true. We hesitate to trust you. We cling to control,  
wander from your presence, and lose sight of who we are. Choosing self-  
protection over compassion, grasping instead of giving, withdrawing  
instead of drawing near, we have hurt others, wounded our own souls,  
and created emptiness where your peace longs to dwell.**

**Forgive us, O Christ. Call us back from our wandering hearts. Remind  
us that in every turning toward you, we are already being welcomed  
home. Free us from fear, restore us to love, and prepare us now to  
worship you with trust, openness, and joy.**

*We offer our silent prayers.*

Prayer Hymn 243 (seated)

*Be Not Afraid*

Taizé

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.)

## **Time for Children**

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

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

### **Scripture Reading** (p.622 of OT)

### **Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16** (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;  
do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.  
<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.  
Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.  
<sup>3</sup>You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,  
<sup>4</sup>take me out of the net that is hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.  
<sup>5</sup>Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.  
<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; deliver me from  
the hand of my enemies and persecutors.  
<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.

**One: The Word of the Lord.**

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Scripture Reading** (p.132 of NT)

### **John 14:1-7, 12-14** (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.  
<sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?'  
<sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'  
<sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

**One: The Word of the Lord.**

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**"Space, For Faith, Is the Final Frontier"**

**Pastor Greg Horn**

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## We Worship With Our Offerings

### Offertory Anthem

*Ubi caritas et amor*

plainsong/Durufié

Chancel Choir

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.  
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

*Where there is charity and love, God is there.  
The love of Christ has gathered us as one.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Let us honor and love the living God.  
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.*

### \*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.***

### \*Hymn 515

*I Come With Joy*

*Dove of Peace*

(verses 1, 3-5)

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Invitation to the Table

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

### 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

*One Bread, One Body*

Mark Hayes

Denise Silecchia

### Prayer after Communion

### \*Closing Hymn 621

*I Will Call upon the Lord*

Michael O'Shields

### \*Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

## GO WITH GOD – TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*The flowers decorating the chancel this morning  
are given in honor of William Robert Hofmann's 21st birthday.  
Love, Mom, Dad and Caleb*

**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.

**YOU ARE WELCOME AT THE LORD'S TABLE** – In the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Communion, or the Lord's Supper, is the sign and seal of God's grace already offered to you in Jesus Christ. The Spirit draws each and all of us to the 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 seek reconciliation with God and neighbor are welcome. Because experiencing the mystery of Christ's real spiritual Presence in Communion is not earned, fully understood, or accomplished by anyone of any age, children with parent/guardian permission 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' work of hospitality and compassion—which you can also support using Zelle ([treasurer@pcum.org](mailto:treasurer@pcum.org)), at [www.pcum.org](http://www.pcum.org) or by submitting a check to the church. Please *always* indicate "Deacons Fund." Thank you!



**PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY, MAY 29<sup>th</sup>** – Hey kids and parents! At 6:00 pm on Friday evening, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 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, May 25<sup>th</sup> to Millie Tourtelot at [millie@pcum.org](mailto: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](mailto:garrett@pcum.org)) and/or Sierra Joy ([sierra@pcum.org](mailto: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](http://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 tomorrow evening, May 4<sup>th</sup>, here in the PCUM sanctuary. This year MCC welcomes acclaimed young artists 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 following.

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

*Relationships* ✠ *Participation* ✠ *Service to Others and to the World* ✠ *Relevance and Authenticity*

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