

The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair

Sunday, May 24, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

*If you are able, please stand.



Day of Pentecost

Please turn off cell phones.

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

"The Holy Spirit is God's presence in the immediate moment, active and alive... It is the Spirit that integrates the fragmented pieces of our lives, healing our inner divisions so that we may become agents of harmony and wholeness in a broken world. To be filled with the Spirit is to be anchored in a peace that the world cannot give, and a courage that the world cannot take away."

Dr. Howard Thurman



Prelude

Anne Marie Juliano, piano

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 68)

The Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett

One: Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame:
We remember how, on the day of Pentecost,
you filled disciples with joy and courage,
empowering them to preach your Word and share your good news.

All: **Come, Spirit of Power,
Reset our minds and hearts that we might be
witnesses of your redeeming love and justice.**

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Peace:
You break down barriers of language, race, and culture,
and heal the divisions that separate us.

**Come, Spirit of Wholeness,
Reunite us all in the love of Christ.**

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Jesus:
by your power Jesus came to preach the gospel to the poor;
to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives,
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who were oppressed.

**Come, Spirit of Fire,
may our worship in the sanctuary extend
to the ordinary spaces of life,
that we may bear witness to the
light, love and liberation
that is ours in Jesus Christ!**

*Opening Hymn 66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

spiritual

Prayer of Preparation and Confession (unison)

Pastor Greg Horn

Holy One, ignite within us a fiery passion for your mission in the world today. Warm us by the Spirit's dancing tongues of flame, that we may feel your kindling blaze within, urging us to do your greater good. Make us wholly present to experience a new birth, and awaken possibilities within us to share your love in the world.

Forgive us for the times we have not done right by You and your people. For the times when we witness injustice and say nothing, when we see oppression and remain silent, when we hoard the gifts you entrust to us, and fail to use them as you direct us. Show us how to use these gifts, and to listen for your Holy Spirit and guidance in all that we do.

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 288

Spirit of the Living God

Daniel Iverson

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.)

Solo

Prayer of Mother Teresa
Katherine Platte

Craig Courtney

Scripture Reading

Psalm 145:1-13 (NIV)

- ¹ I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.
- ² Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.
- ³ Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.
- ⁴ One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.

⁵ They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
⁶ They tell of the power of your awesome works—
and I will proclaim your great deeds.
⁷ They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
⁸ The LORD is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.
⁹ The LORD is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.
¹⁰ All your works praise you, LORD;
your faithful people extol you.
¹¹ They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,
¹² so that all people may know of your mighty acts
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures through all generations.
The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21 (NRSV)

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us
(verses 1 & 2)

Ebenezer

Prayers of the People

Hymn 338 (seated)

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies**Materna*

We Worship With Our Offerings

Offertory Music

*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 307

*God of Grace and God of Glory**CWM Rhondda*

*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
and in celebration of the marriage of Julie Platte and Martin Gritsch
which took place yesterday in this sanctuary.*

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.

CHILDREN are central to PCUM’s Sunday morning identity—sharing in and contributing to the prayers, music, sacraments, and Spirit of God’s worshiping people before departing after the Children’s Sermon to Sunday School.

CHILDCARE for toddlers and a nursery for younger children are available during worship in the North Wing. Parents who decide to keep their child in the sanctuary, please be sensitive to those around you. A room off the narthex is designed for parents with restless children. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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.

PCUM WELCOMES THE REV. DR. DIANE GIVENS MOFFETT as today's preacher and worship leader. Dr. Moffett is the former president and executive director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, where she guided and directed over 300 employees, including 75 mission co-workers in 80 countries. She was the first black woman to hold this position, continuing a history of "firsts" in service to the church spanning more than 33 years in pastoral ministry. Dr. Moffett was the first woman to serve as senior pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, North Carolina; the first woman pastor at Elmhurst Presbyterian Church in Oakland, California; and the first woman to serve as associate pastor at Elmwood United Presbyterian Church in East Orange, New Jersey.

Dr. Moffett holds a bachelor of arts degree in sociology and social welfare from the University of California at Berkeley, and both a master of divinity and doctorate of ministry from San Francisco Theological Seminary. Her sermons are published in numerous sources, and she is author of the book, *Beyond Greens & Cornbread-Reflections on African American Christian Identity*. Dr. Moffett is married to Mondre Moffett, a trumpeter and professor of music at Simmons College of Kentucky and former host of Saint Stephen Baptist Church's television broadcast, *Black Music Footprints*. They have three daughters and six grandchildren.

PCUM WELCOMES KATHERINE PLATTE as this morning's soloist. Katherine, who grew up singing in this congregation, is married to Javel and mom to Genevieve and Ezekiel. She is a graduate of Montclair High School and the Hartt School of Music, the performing arts conservatory of the University of Hartford in Connecticut. Welcome home, Katherine!

PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY, MAY 29th – Hey kids and parents! At 6:00 pm on Friday evening, May 29th, 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 25th to Millie Tourtelot at millie@pcum.org.

ADULT STUDY CLASS ON PCUM STAINED GLASS WINDOWS: Next Sunday, May 31st, 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 window with the theme, *Moses and the Ten Commandments*.

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.

YOUTH BANQUET FOR RISING 5TH-12TH GRADERS: On Wednesday, June 3rd, from 7-8:30 pm, all rising 6th through 12th graders are invited to PCUM'S annual Youth Banquet! Join friends for food, games and fun—and to welcome the incoming 6th graders who will be joining Youth Group in the fall.

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.

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PCUM's Core Values:

Thoughtful, Nourishing Worship † Vibrant Ministry to Children & Youth

Relationships † Participation † Service to Others and to the World † Relevance and Authenticity

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