



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of MADISON



August 9, 2026

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER of WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus calms the raging seas and speaks into silent stillness.

People: He brings us peace and restores our salvation.

Leader: May we find the wisdom to recognize God in unexpected places.

People: Let us worship God!

(Music for the hymns is in the back of the bulletin.)

*Opening Hymn

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Prayer of Confession

God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You know our exhaustion, our cynicism, our sense of defeat. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we are quick to lose perspective and criticize too much. We confess the ways we are tempted to give up on your path. We pray for your forgiveness. Amen.

(Silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

An asterisk(*) indicates that those who are able are invited to stand. Bold letters denote that we say the words in unison. Italic fonts direct us to sing.

***Congregational Response #582**

Glory to God

*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.*

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

(You may pass the peace to one another.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Hymn # 464

Our Father, Which Art in Heaven

Prayer for Illumination

**Spirit of God, fall upon us. Open us to your life-giving word.
Quiet the voices within us that distract us from your will. Focus
our minds on the message you intend for us so we may faithfully
discern your way. Amen.**

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 85:8-13

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him
and will make a path for his steps.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Battered by Waves

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves

and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

The Gifts of Our Tithes and Offering

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God whom we adore.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Amen!

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Closing Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign Where're the Sun

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins.
We are the church, sent out in Jesus' name,
to be Christ's body in the world.

WORSHIP LEADER

Ethan Gorsak

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MADISON!

We'd love for you to join us in our activities, so please fill in the Welcome Card, which can be found in the room by the parking lot entrance.

WHILE YOU WORSHIP WITH US:

- THE LORD'S SUPPER is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.
- FOR YOUNG ONES - Although children are always welcome in worship, nursery care for children from six months through three years of age is provided in our playroom in the Parish House. Please ask an usher to direct you.
- JOINING OUR CONGREGATION - Please speak with Pastor Carol for additional information.
- GET OUR ENEWS - Keep current with our news and activities through email. Place your email address in the offering plate.

LEARN MORE ABOUT US by visiting our website at www.pcmadison.org and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ThePresbyterianChurchofMadison.

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SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES IN WEBB CHAPEL

Summer worship services will be held in Webb Chapel through **September 6**.

BIBLE STUDY - WEDNESDAY EVENING, 8/12

Please join us in the Parlor for a Bible Study at 6:30 pm on Wednesday evening, 8/12. Please note the change of day this week.

INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

In the second quarter of 2026 we donated 318 pounds of food, bringing our year-to-date total to 473 pounds. From the acknowledgement letter: "Your donation makes a difference for the many low-income working families, seniors, people with disabilities, and others in crisis who turn to us for support. ... The most recent study conducted by the United Way indicates that about 25% of Morris County households earn too much to qualify for federal benefits, yet still struggle with making impossible choices between paying rent, childcare and other necessities, and putting food on the table." The IFP is encouraging donations of breakfast and lunch items for children who miss out on their free school meals during summer break - items such as individual boxes of cereal and packs of crackers, whole grain cereal or granola bars, pouches of tuna, canned fruit, 100% juice boxes and shelf-stable milk.

RAMP UPDATE

We received the following note from Carol Graham, President Emeritus of the RAMP Board of Trustees: "To the community of Presbyterian Church of Madison - For the families and the volunteers of RAMP, I want to express our deep gratitude for your generous ongoing support. In this challenging time for refugees and those who provide assistance, your help means so much. Best wishes for the coming year." We continue to collect quarters each Sunday - a full tube holds a little over \$40, which the Mission Team has been matching for the last several years. We have donated \$180 so far this year due to an extra \$10 in the tube in March.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY DONATING YOUR SPARE CHANGE TO HELP FIGHT FOOD INSECURITY?

The Mission Team has created an easy way for you to put those extra pennies, nickels, and dimes to good use. Every Sunday, you'll find a container where you can drop off your coins. Quarters designated for RAMP should continue to go in the tube and will be matched by an amount from the mission budget. All coins collected (except quarters) will be counted at the CoinStar machine at Stop and Shop, and every cent will go directly to Feeding America, which is a nationwide network of 200 food banks and 60,000 food pantries and programs, providing food and support to people facing hunger.

According to their website, every dollar donated helps provide at least 10 meals. Families can get involved by having children sort coins into two piles—quarters for RAMP and all other change for Feeding America.

ONLINE GIVING

Thank you for supporting the vision and ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Madison. Scan the following QR code to use our secure online giving form to make a one-time donation or conveniently schedule recurring gifts.



Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

PRAYER LIST

During the week, each one of us can make it a part of our daily spiritual practice to pray. You are invited to participate, as you are able, offering prayer in light of God's healing love.

If you have an update for the prayer list, please email Rev. Carol Howard at carolhoward@pcmadison.org or call the church office at 973-377-1600. Thank you for helping us maintain a more current prayer list.

- Prayers for the Coyne family of Chatham after the passing of Peter Coyne
- Debbie and daughter Sarah for a permanent solution to their homeless situation
- Prayers for John and Louise
- David's grandson for his faith-focused journey
- Laurie living with Parkinson's disease
- Gratitude for Yuka's healing and traveling blessings for her trip to Japan
- Jack living with Parkinson's and Melissa (his daughter) and Lynn (his wife) as they encourage and support him
- Lucy and family, after the recent passing of their father
- John and his wife, Kathy, as he starts a new clinical trial at Mayo Clinic for a rare form of Parkinson's
- Jordan for healing and relief from pain
- Jackie and her children, as they grieve their husband and father
- Doug, a friend of the Burnet family, who was recently diagnosed with a serious illness
- Immigrants
- Kathleen, caregiver for her parents
- Susan, sister of Bob Landrigan, as she battles Parkinson's disease

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D)

(Em)

F

Gm



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7)

C7

(D)

F



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7)

F7

(G)

B^b

(Em)

Gm

(D)

F

(Bm)

Dm

(Em)

Gm

(F#)

A

(Bm)

Dm



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G)

B^b

(Em)

Gm

(D)

F

(Bm)

Dm

(Em)

Gm

(A7)

C7

(D)

F



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) B $\flat$ (D) F (G) B $\flat$ (D) F (G) B $\flat$ (D) F (Em) Gm (D) F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) F (G) B $\flat$ (C) E $\flat$ (G) B $\flat$ (Em7) Gm7 (A7) C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) C7 (D) F (F $\sharp$) A (Bm) Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) Dm7 (D) F (Bdim7) Ddim7 (Em7) Gm7 (Dm)(A7)(D) Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Our Father, Which Art in Heaven 464



1 Our Fa - ther, which art in heav - en:
 2 On earth as it is in heav - en:
 3 And for-give us all our debts:
 4 And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion:
 5 For thine is the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry:



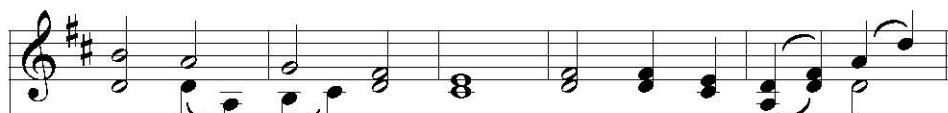
Thy king - dom come; thy will be done:
 Give us this day our dai - ly bread:
 As we for - give our debt - ors:
 But de - liv - er us from e - vil:
 For - ev - er and ev - er, a - men:



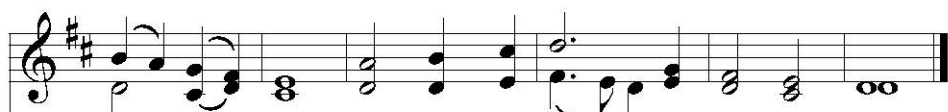
265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

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GROWING IN FAITH,
SERVING IN JOY, AND
LIVING IN GRATITUDE

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WORSHIP
Sunday Service 10:15 am

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