



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **MADISON**



June 15, 2025
Trinity Sunday

ORDER of WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: God of all creation, you set the stars in motion. You launched waves crashing against the shore. You know the heights and depths of the world.

People: **You count the hairs on our heads, and you call us each by name.**

Leader: God our Brother, you have compassion on the crowds. You uphold the oppressed, feed the hungry, and welcome the stranger.

People: **You give us wisdom and teach us how to be fully human.**

Leader: God, the Spirit, you give birth to us. You pray for us when we do not have the words. You tend to us and care for us.

People: **Creator, Christ, and Spirit, awaken us to your presence as we gather in this place.**

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

*Opening Hymn

I've Got Peace Like a River

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.

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we give you thanks for this vast creation. Too often we treat it as a resource to be used for our needs and profit. We pollute the air, poison the water, and contaminate the soil. We do not count the cost of our actions, and we fail to be faithful caretakers of your beauty. Forgive us, O God. When we feel helpless, show us what we can do. Through your Spirit, we pray. Amen.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Congregational Response**

*You alone can rescue,
You alone can save,
You alone can lift us from the grave;
You came down to find us, led us out of death,
To you alone belongs the highest praise,
Amen.*

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(You may pass the peace to one another.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

God, we can feel anxious with the violence in the world. We feel stressed when we don't know how to respond. Settle our hearts and minds. Open us to your Spirit and hope. Through Jesus, we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading

John 16:12-15

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Production of Hope

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

from the Brief Statement of Faith

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

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.

GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Closing Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
(v1, v3)

*Benediction

*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

Susan Mennella

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 your pew, to give us contact information. Please stay after the service today for fellowship time and refreshments in the Narthex. It's a great way to get to know one another!

WHILE YOU WORSHIP WITH US:

- **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** - Please write your request for prayers to be included in the service in the book on the podium found at the center entrance of the sanctuary. You'll also have a chance to share them during the service.
- **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** - Classes are offered for those who would like to become members of our congregation. Please call the church office or speak with Pastor Carol for additional information.
- **GET OUR NEWSLETTER** - Keep current with our news and activities through email. If you are not currently getting it, you can sign up by putting your email on the Welcome Card, or you can contact the church office.

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

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FATHER'S DAY WISHES

We wish all of our fathers a very happy Father's Day. May God continue to bless them with good health, happiness, love, and much prosperity.

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

Worship services for the summer will be held in Webb Chapel beginning today, June 15, through August 31.

SINGING BOWL - JUNE 17 AND JULY 29

Give yourself the best gift - a whole hour of peace and rest just for you. Join us in the sanctuary on June 17 and July 29 (Tuesday) from 7 - 8 pm as Nichole Maldonado-Gorsak leads us through gentle stretching suitable for all levels and then a soothing, restful sound bath. Bring a non-perishable food donation for the Interfaith Food Pantry. For more information, write Kathleen Underwood at kathleenunderwood@verizon.net.

DINNER AND DISCUSSION - JUNE 24

Please join us on Tuesday, June 24 at 6:30 pm for a "Dinner and Discussion." Pastor Carol will lead the group in a short Bible study as we gather for dinner (pizza) in the Parlor. If you're interested, please contact Jim Burnet (jimburnet@gmail.com) so we know how much dinner to order! A \$6 donation is suggested to cover dinner costs.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME! - JULY 13

On July 13 (Sunday), Ethan Gorsak will be umpiring the Somerset Patriots vs. the New Hampshire Fisher Cats game at TD Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater. Game time is 1:05 pm. Let's support Ethan! Tickets are free - courtesy of Ethan being able to get them for us -- and RSVP is REQUIRED. Please respond by June 30 to mnal36608@gmail.com.

BREAKFAST AT NAUTILUS DINER - JULY 23

Join us for an enjoyable morning of fun and fellowship at the Nautilus Diner, 97 Main Street, Madison on Wednesday, July 23 at 7:15 am. July 23 is National Vanilla Ice Day! Why not have a milkshake for breakfast? Please contact Jim Burnet with any questions at jimburnet@gmail.com.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

We will be having a new member dinner and class coming up. If you're interested, please let Pastor Carol know (carolhoward@pcmadison.org).

PRAYER LIST

One of the spiritual practices that our community embodies in our life together is holding one another's concerns, joys, sorrows, and thanksgivings before God in prayer. As a people of God, we offer prayers for those of the church, the community, and the world.

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 if you would like to add anyone to the prayer list. Thank you for helping us maintain a more current prayer list.

- Bob, as he recovers from knee surgery
- Joe and his family for comfort and support during a very stressful time
- Bob for daily strength and fast healing following knee replacement surgery
- Cristin for strength, rest, and peace as her father's caregiver
- Walter, who had his leg amputated below the knee, and Tami, his wife, as they deal with his rehabilitation
- Susan, sister of Bob Landrigan, as she battles Parkinson's disease
- Roy, mourning his dad's passing
- Jeanne, to regain strength after a stroke, and for Mari, her caregiver
- Marques and his family, feeling stress and loss as they care for his dad living with dementia
- Kaitlynn, for recovery from injuries after a serious car accident
- Jo-Anna, for comfort and peace after the passing of her brother Nick after a long battle with cancer
- John, who is in a clinical study for treatment of a rare disease, that he received the treatment (not the placebo), and his wife and caregiver, Cathy
- Misty for health issues
- Jordan for healing from daily pain, and Cathy, his wife and supporter

623 I've Got Peace like a River

1 I've got peace like a riv - er; I've got peace like a
 2 I've got joy like a foun-tain; I've got joy like a
 3 I've got love like an o - cean; I've got love like an

1
 riv - er; I've got peace like a riv - er, in my
 foun-tain; I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my
 o - cean; I've got love like an o - cean, in my

2
 soul. I've got riv - er, in my soul.
 soul. I've got foun-tain, in my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean, in my soul.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

NOTES



UPCOMING EVENTS

**TUES
JUNE 24**

DINNER AND DISCUSSION!

Casual bible discussion and yummy pizza.
\$6 suggested donation to cover dinner costs.

**SUN
JULY 13
@ 1:05PM**

SOMERSET PATRIOTS BASEBALL @ 1PM

Nichole's husband Ethan is umpiring the game.
Come help us cheer on the Patriots and support
Ethan's dream to be a major league umpire!

**WEDS
JULY 23**

BREAKFAST AT NAUTILUS @ 7:15AM

July 23 is national Vanilla Ice Cream day! Why
not have a milk shake for breakfast?!

**TUES
JULY 29**

SINGING BOWL REFLECTION @ 7PM

Sound healing and reflections in the Sanctuary
Please bring a non-perishable food donation.

**WEDS
AUG 13**

DINNER AND DISCUSSION!

Casual bible discussion and pot luck. Please
reach out to Jim B so we don't all bring salad!

**TUES
AUG 26**

SINGING BOWL REFLECTION @ 7PM

Sound healing and reflections in the
Sanctuary. Please bring a non-perishable
food donation.

**SUN
SEPT 7**

RALLY DAY!

Support our youth as we start off the new
Sunday School year!



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WELCOMING ALL
AS A LOVING COMMUNITY
CENTERED IN CHRIST,
GROWING IN FAITH,
SERVING IN JOY, AND
LIVING IN GRATITUDE

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WORSHIP
Sunday Service 10:15 am

SESSION

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