



**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*of* **MADISON**



July 6, 2025  
Season After Pentecost

# ORDER of WORSHIP

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship

from Psalm 30

Leader: I will praise you, O God, for you have drawn me up,  
and you did not let my enemies rejoice over me.

People: **O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have  
healed me.**

Leader: You brought up my soul from Sheol. You restored  
me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

People: **Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in  
the morning.**

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

#### \*Opening Hymn

*Make A Joyful Noise to God!*  
(v1, v2)

### Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we cling to the status of our work,  
accomplishments, and possessions. We believe that our value is  
in what we have accomplished and what we own. We think that  
we have to earn your love and approval. Forgive us. Help us to  
realize our inherent worth, as your beloved children. Renew in  
us the knowledge that we are enough. Through Jesus Christ, we  
pray.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

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.

## **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**

**Loving God, our world is full of confusing messages. We are bombarded with advertising, propaganda, and misinformation. Quiet our minds in this time. Help us to hear your voice as we seek your way, through your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **First Scripture Reading**

2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

**Leader:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## **Second Scripture Reading**

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you.

Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**                      *Not What We Expected*                      Rev. Dr. Edwin Aponte

## 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**

## **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

### **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

### **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**One:** The Lord be with you!

**All:** And also with you!

**One:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them to the Lord.

**One:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### **Sanctus**

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!*

*Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;*

*Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!*

*God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

### **\*Communion Hymn**

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

## **\*Communion of the People**

### **Prayers after Communion and the Lord's Prayer**

#### **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**

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

### **\*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.*

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## **WORSHIP LEADER**

Becky Moody

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES**

Worship services will be held in Webb Chapel through August 31.

## **SUMMER & SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO BENEFIT MADISON STUDENTS - JULY 1 THROUGH AUGUST 2**

The Madison Housing Authority is conducting their annual Back to School Program to provide school supplies to Madison students whose families are struggling financially.

As we did last year, PCM will help with a portion of the items needed. We will donate:

- 20 – 1” or 1-1/2” binders
- 20 packages of looseleaf notebook paper

A bin is located near the church office to collect donated supplies.

Please donate items at the church between July 1 and August 2, the sooner the better. If you wish to shop online, items can be purchased and shipped directly to Susan Mennella. Email Susan at [smennella@verizon.net](mailto:smennella@verizon.net) if you wish to pursue this option.

Please consider donating to help Madison students start their 2025/2026 school year with the tools they need to be successful!

## **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.

## **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 Cream Day! Why not have a milkshake for breakfast? Please contact Jim Burnet with any questions at [jimburnet@gmail.com](mailto:jimburnet@gmail.com).



## **SINGING BOWL REFLECTION - JULY 29 AND AUGUST 26**

Give yourself the best gift - a whole hour of peace and rest just for you. Join us in the sanctuary on July 29 and August 26 (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](mailto:kathleenunderwood@verizon.net).

## **DINNER AND DISCUSSION - AUGUST 13**

Please join us on Tuesday, August 13 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 (pot luck) in the Parlor. If you’re interested, please contact Jim Burnet ([jimburnet@gmail.com](mailto:jimburnet@gmail.com)).

## **RAMP UPDATE**

The quarter tube is practically empty, so please remember to save your quarters and bring them with you to worship each week. RAMP has recently accepted a family of seven from Afghanistan who had been living in Canada since 2021. They moved to Boonton in March of this year to be near family; several other RAMP families live in Boonton, and at least one is living in Madison. This is truly a case of neighbors helping neighbors.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

- 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

# Make a Joyful Noise to God! 54

(Psalm 66)

1 Make a joy - ful noise to God! All cre - a - tion sings your praise!  
 2 Come and see what God has done, great the bless-ings to the just:  
 3 Bless the Lord, our ref - uge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!

Great your won-ders here dis-played, un-ex-celled through-out our days.  
 walked the cho-sen through the sea, brought their en - e - mies to dust.  
 By whose jus - tice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt de-ferred.

Glo - rious is your sa - cred name, a - ges old, yet still the same.  
 Let us lift a thank - ful voice for God's mer-cies, and re - joice!  
 When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heaven-ly home.

# 4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred  
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;  
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
 three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with  
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to  
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.  
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.



## 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)  
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (an - y - time!)

I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)  
 work so (work so)  
 pray so (pray so)  
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, (my Lord,) an - y - time!  
 (an - y - time!)



# 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**

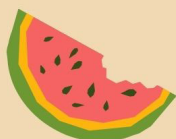
## **SINGING BOWL REFLECTION @ 7PM**

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!



## NOTES

### **Rev. Dr. Edwin Aponte**

Rev. Dr. Edwin David Aponte is the Dean of the Theological School of Drew University and Professor of Religion & Culture. He earned his PhD in Religion and Society from Temple University. Rev. Aponte is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and a new member of the Presbytery of the Highlands. He is the Co-Moderator of the Special Committee to draft a new confession for the PCUSA.

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

## STAFF

Reverend Carol Howard  
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Bookkeeper

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Director of Music

WORSHIP  
Sunday Service 10:15 am

## SESSION

Jim Burnet  
Becky Moody, Clerk

Stephanie Haedrich  
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