



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **MADISON**



May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter

ORDER of WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

from Psalm 66

Leader: We bless you, O God. May the sound of praise be heard, for you have kept us among the living and have not let our feet slip.

People: **For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.**

Leader: You brought us into the net. You laid burdens on our backs. We went through fire and through water.

People: **Yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**

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

*Opening Hymn

In Christ There Is No East or West

(v1, v2, v3)

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we love you imperfectly: we do not always keep your commandments. We love each other imperfectly: we hurt those you call us to love through our actions and our inaction. We love ourselves imperfectly: we struggle to believe that we are truly your children, made in your image. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit, make us more faithful so that we might live as Christ has shown us, reflecting your love and grace.

(Silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***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

Prayer for Illumination

Living God, with joy we open our lives to your word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit, so that we might hear the good news of eternal and abundant life, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Reading

John 14:15-21

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Unity with God

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967

New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace.

The Gifts of Our Tithes and Offering

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Sanctuary Singers

Here I Am

***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**

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

***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

Kathleen Underwood

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.

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** - Please speak with Pastor Carol for additional information.
- **GET OUR ENEWS** - 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.

GOT SHOES?

We are collecting shoes for a Morris County-wide fundraiser titled Shoes to Saplings. You are invited to donate gently worn, used, or new shoes to support the Tree Treasury within the Morris County park system. There are collection bins in the narthex and outside the church office **through May 17**. The Morris Park Alliance will receive funds based on the total weight of the footwear collected through a partnership with the group Funds2Orgs. These funds will help to replace trees lost to the Emerald Ash Borer and the Beech Tree Nematode.

SOUND HEALING - MAY 19

Give yourself the best gift - a whole hour of peace and rest just for you. Join us in the **sanctuary** on May 19 from 6:30-7:30 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. Write Kathleen Underwood at kathleenunderwood@verizon.net for more information.

PICNIC - MAY 31

We'll be holding a picnic gathering at Lewis Morris Park (Sunrise Lake Shelter, 270 Mendham Road, Morris Township - follow signs to Sunrise Lake) on Sunday, May 31, beginning at noon. Attendance is free but please let Michael Callahan (mikefcallahan@gmail.com) know if you are attending so that we have an approximate count. Hamburgers/Hot dogs will be served and activities may include fellowship, games, hiking, biking, fishing, and all things fun. We hope to see many of you there.

YOUTH SUNDAY - JUNE 7

Please join us at the 10:15 am worship service on June 7. We will be celebrating our youth as they lead worship.

Immediately following the service, we will have fun, food and games. Weather permitting, we will have our annual PCM corn hole tournament with prizes for the first and second place teams!

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PILLOW CASES FOR PORT IN THE STORM

Here's a perfect excuse to clean out your linen closet. Port in the Storm is asking for new or gently used pillowcases, for which they are in desperate need. Port in the Storm, located in St. Augustine, FL, is a homeless shelter dedicated to supporting youth that have aged out of the foster care system. They are more than just a homeless shelter; they offer life skills training (cooking, cleaning, laundry), job skills development, housing assistance and overnight accommodations. Melissa Dewhurst's parents volunteer their time and energy to Port in a few ways. Her mom organizes homemade lunch deliveries, interview clothes, and collects linens and toiletries for the overnight needs. Her dad runs the bike ministry, collecting, repairing, and donating bikes that help get the youth to work. We will collect **through June 28**. Thank you!

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

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.

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.

- Laurie living with Parkinson's and recovering from a bad fall
- Yuka for pain relief
- A dear friend recovering from surgery and his wife, who is his caregiver
- 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
- Linda, Carol's mom, who is in a back brace. Prayers for healing.
- Tom, Rachel, and their beloved bird Max who is very sick
- Cooky for healing and recovery after a foot injury
- Jordan for healing and relief from pain
- Greg, a missionary in Uganda but back in North Carolina for treatment and rehabilitation
- Jackie and her children, as they grieve their husband and father
- Mike for healing and return to good health
- Doug, a friend of the Burnet family, who was recently diagnosed with a serious illness
- Thomas, as he recovers following hospitalization
- Immigrants
- Kathleen, caregiver for her parents
- Joe and his family for comfort and support during a very stressful time
- Susan, sister of Bob Landrigan, as she battles Parkinson's disease

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1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet


south or north, but one great fel - low -
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 race may be. All chil - dren of the
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F



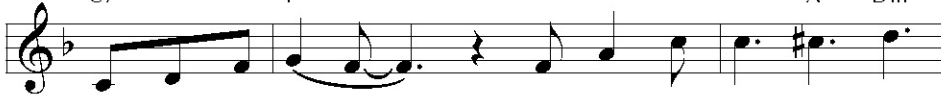
1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7




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

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm



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

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



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

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 heav - en - ly home.

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WELCOMING ALL
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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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