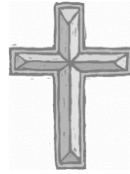


# The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair

Sunday, January 28, 2024

\*If you are able, please stand.



10:00 a.m.

Please turn off cell phones.

“All great spirituality is about what we do with our pain. If we do not transform our pain, we will transmit it to those around us.”

Richard Rohr

## WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD

**Prelude**

Karen Merchant, piano

**\*Call to Worship** (from Psalm 11)

Millie Tourtelot  
Director of Christian Education

One: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the congregation.

**All: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all  
who delight in them. Praise the LORD!**

Full of honor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

**He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

He provides food for those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.

**They are established for ever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.

**Holy and awesome is his name.  
Let us worship God!**

**\*Opening Hymn 1**

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

*Nicaea*

## Prayer of Confession and Preparation for Worship

**Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our fear and our desperate focus on ourselves often block out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own short-comings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word.**

**Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our broken and wonderful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace, that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us be.**

*our silent prayers of preparation and confession*

### **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 410** (seated) *God Is Calling through the Whisper* Polish carol  
(verses 1 & 2)

### **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.)

**Solo**

*Mary, Don't You Weep*  
Jordan Green

spiritual

## **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture Reading** (p.87 of NT)

**Luke 10:38-42** (NRSV)

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Time for Children**

(All children are invited forward. Afterward, all children may attend Sunday School.)

<sup>21</sup>They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He <sup>\*</sup>commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

“The Devil Makes Us Do It!”

Pastor Greg Horn

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*Hymn 181**

*Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit*

*Ebenezer*

**We Worship With Our Offerings**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Anthem**

*Prayer for Healing*

Eileen Berry & Molly Ijames

**Chancel Choir**

*Lord of this barren land swept by the flame  
Here in my wilderness I call Your name  
Refuge of wounded hearts, bend low to hear  
Binder of broken things, Father, draw near.*

*Friend of the sorrowing, knower of grief,  
Tenderly hovering, bringing relief.  
Be to my weary soul quiet repose,  
Be in my desert place, blossoming rose.*

*Come like a gentle wind bringing the rain  
Come like a healing touch and soothe my pain  
Fill with Your presence this desolate waste.*

*Lord of this barren land, make of these ashes a beautiful place. Amen.*

**\*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.***

**Prayer of the People**

**\*Closing Hymn 621**

*I Will Call upon the Lord*

Michael O'Shields

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

**GO WITH GOD – TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD**

**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 warmly 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.

**CHILDCARE** for toddlers and a nursery for younger children are always available during worship in the North Wing, located off Fellowship Hall (adjacent to sanctuary). Ask an usher for directions.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** for all children preschool through 7th grade are located in the North Wing. Ask the ushers or Christian Education leaders for directions. If you are sending your kids to Sunday School for the first time and have not yet registered your child, please step out briefly with your children as they are dismissed to Sunday School to fill out an emergency contact form before returning to the sanctuary.



**PCUM'S TODDLER SURVIVAL GROUP** for toddlers, infants & families meets on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the church nursery. There will be time for free play followed by a brief circle time on parents' laps featuring movement-songs, simple Bible stories, and praying together. The next Toddler Survival Group will be **next Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please RSVP to Millie Tourtelot at [millie@pcum.org](mailto:millie@pcum.org)!

**HYGIENE KIT PROJECT: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> DURING COFFEE HOUR:** PCUM's Sunday School children will be putting together 100 hygiene kits for Church World Service (CWS). These kits—filled with toiletry items like combs, towels and toothbrushes—are sent to help people during disaster relief missions. Children, youth and parents are invited to help assemble the kits during Coffee Hour on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> following the worship service. Also, donations of large cardboard boxes to help transport the kits are needed. Please drop boxes off at the church for Millie at any time between now and February 4.

**INFO MEETING! JUNE 28-JULY 8 MISSION TRIP TO KENYA** – Following worship next Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be an informational meeting for all teens and young adults interested in being part of this summer's mission trip to Nairobi, Kenya. We'll discuss plans, ask and answer questions, and go over the updated itinerary and travel logistics.

**CHILDREN'S FIRESIDE ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, February 14 @ 6:00 p.m.** Children of all ages are invited to a special fireside Ash Wednesday service at the home of Millie Tourtelot. This interactive service starts promptly at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 6:30 p.m., and children will have the option of receiving ashes if they wish. Those wishing to send their children should RSVP to Millie at [millie@pcum.org](mailto:millie@pcum.org).

**PCUM'S MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** meets Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. All teens and tweens 6th–8th grade are warmly invited to come out to have fun, share dinner, and meet old and new friends. Questions? Contact Youth Directors, Garrett Pahl ([garrett@pcum.org](mailto:garrett@pcum.org)) and Sierra Joy ([sierra@pcum.org](mailto:sierra@pcum.org)).

**DEDICATE FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP** – You can honor loved ones by dedicating flowers for any Sunday morning worship service. The suggested donation for two standard bouquets is \$80. Sign up on the Flower Calendar in the Deacons' Corner (on the way to Fellowship Hall) or online at [www.pcum.org](http://www.pcum.org).

**VOLUNTEER TO SERVE HUNGRY NEIGHBORS** – Join fellow PCUM volunteers to serve hungry neighbors here in Montclair on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month and in Newark on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. **Sign up at** [www.pcum.org/serve-others](http://www.pcum.org/serve-others).

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2023** will be sent via email on or around **January 31st**. Due to current system constraints, the statement can only be emailed to ONE email address. Please be sure your email address in the online directory is current; if you have multiple email addresses in your household and are concerned about which address it will go to, please contact [treasurer@pcum.org](mailto:treasurer@pcum.org).

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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