

**May Dates:**

- 2: Deacons Meeting
- 9: Session Meeting
- 13: Habitat for Humanity Workday
- 16: Parish Life Meeting
- 21: Stanley Barlow Reads to Us!
- 23: Mission Meeting

**Children's Shakespeare Theater**

The Tempest on May 5, 6, 12, 13, 14

**June Dates:** 10: Strawberry Festival

**July Dates:** 14: *A Bastille Day* French Dinner!  
23-30: Gulf Coast Youth Summer Mission Trip (BB)

**Aug. Dates:** 5: An afternoon with Tilly Grey

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**Participants**

Ministers	All the People
Interim Minister	Ray Bagnuolo
Organist and Choir Director	Michael Shapiro
Lay Reader	Carole Knudson
Ushers	Richard Hansen & James Rubenstone
Deacon of the Month	Dallas Abbott
Coffee Hour Deacons	Richard Hansen & John McKay

**If you are a visitor**, please sign the guest book in the Narthex (in the back of the church) and join us for coffee hour to learn more about the life of this church. Speakers are installed in the choir room in the Parish House so parents of infants and toddlers may hear the service.

Weekly Gatherings: Tuesdays, 10 A.M.: Tai Chi; Wednesdays, 10 A.M.: Play Group; 12:15 P.M.: Bible Study; Thursdays, 8 P.M.: Choir Rehearsal; Fridays, 10 A.M.: Chair Tai Chi. Please check the bulletin insert and our website for other events and announcements.



*We are a Christian community welcoming  
all as we seek to grow in faith and serve others.*

**Palisades Presbyterian Church**

PALISADES, NEW YORK 10964

## Palm Sunday

April 9, 2006; Worship at 10:00 A.M.

Reflection: “The palaeoclimte record shouts out to us that, far from being self-stabilizing, the Earth’s climatic system is an ornery beast which overreacts even to small nudges.”  
- Wallace Broecker, *Cooling the Tropics*.

*“As the prelude begins, please conclude your conversations and quietly prepare for worship.”*

### Prelude

### Church Bell

### Introit

**Call to Worship** (Adapted from *Worship Resources* for the dedication of the gifts on *One Great Hour of Sharing* Sunday)

One: Holy Spirit, Life-Giver, who moved over the waters in the creation, who led your people through the waters of the Red Sea to liberation, and who comforted your exiled people by the waters of Babylon, draw us together as we gather in your name.

**All: Creator God, we thank you for your love in all creation, especially for your gift of water to sustain, refresh, and cleanse all life. We ask your blessings on this gathering.**

One: As we come together from many places and mingle the waters of our experience and faith, may we find sustenance, insight, and refreshment for the tasks of restoring wholeness to ourselves and our world.

\* **Hymn #89** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

### Prayer of Confession (unison):

Help us, God. Please. Mend our hearts so that we may unclench our hands. Open our fingers to feel the textures of your grace - and to share our hands and hearts with each another. Help us to join as one, weaving our shared being and blessings into a fabric of wholeness. Help us to serve one another with whatever gifts you have placed in our hands. We ask these things in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, who set his face on Jerusalem, always trusting in your presence, even when he was in doubt. Forgive us, please, when we forget to trust like he and the children he loved did, and when we forget to share with one another - the gifts with which we have been blessed. Amen.

## Announcements

**Easter Lillies:** Easter lillies can be purchased in memory of loved ones and will grace the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Following the service, the deacons distribute the plants to members and friends who are ill or who have had special concerns during the year. Please ask an usher for an order form before leaving today.

**Lay Readers Needed:** If you are interested in serving our community in this way, please contact Steven Van Dyk at [vandyks@si.edu](mailto:vandyks@si.edu) or 212-662-0377

### Holy Week Continues:

#### Tuesday, April 11

Session Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

#### Maundy Thursday, April 13

Maundy Thursday Worship at AME Zion Church.  
6:30 Pot Luck Dinner; 8:00 P.M. Service. All are invited.

#### Good Friday, April 14

- Meditation at 12:00 Noon. Sanctuary remains open until 5:00 P.M.  
- Services at Greenbush Presbyterian Church at 7:30 P.M.

#### Easter Sunday, April 16

- Sunrise Service at 6:30 A.M. at Cass & Nick Ludington’s home.  
- Easter Morning Service at 10:00 A.M. at the church.  
- Easter Egg Hunt for Children – Following Worship

Tu 18 Parish Life Committee at 7:30 P.M.

Sa 22 Ann Gray Memorial Service – 10:30 A.M.

Su 23 The Rev. David Prince, Interim Executive Presbytery

Tu 25 Mission Committee Meeting: 7:30 P.M.

F 28 S.O.N.G. Workshop for Adults: 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

F 28 Midnight Run

Su 30 - 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party and Brunch for Dorothy  
- S.O.N.G. Workshop for Children (13 and 14 year olds):  
4:00 – 6:00 P.M

## Prayer for Illumination

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Isaiah: 50: 4-9a	
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>Jesus, Our King</i>	By Michael Shapiro
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	Mark 11: 1 - 11	
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>Beyond the Dust</i>	Ray Bagnuolo
<b>* Hymn # 306</b>	<i>Fairest, Lord Jesus</i>	

## Offering our Gifts and Tithes

- \* Hymn # 592**     *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

## Offering our Joys and Concerns for Prayer

### The Prayer of Jesus

- \* Hymn # 88**     *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

### \* Benediction

### \* Choral Amen

## Prayer of Dedication

## Postlude

*\*All that are able please stand*

*You were welcome here long before you arrived!*

## Silent Confession

## Choral Response

**Declaration of Forgiveness:**     **Response: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

- \* Hymn # 316**     *Breathe on me, Breath of God  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love,  
And do what thou wouldst do..*

## Sharing the Peace

**Children's Message**     John Guzewich

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**Dedication of Gifts:**     (Children will remain for the dedication.)  
At this time, we dedicate the gifts that have been collected for *One Great Hour of Sharing*. Please join us in the following responsorial:

### *Litany for the Whole World*

*Leader:* Creator God, we give you thanks for calling us as stewards. Open our eyes to the intricacies of your creation. Help us feel the textures of the world. Unstop our ears that we may hear your word. Breathe into us the sweet aromas of life that we may taste the fruit of your promise even now.

**People: Even now, O God, in Africa.**

*Leader:* Africa, where your church grows rapidly. Where faith is exuberant. Where a bright mosaic of culture shows the vibrancy of your love. And where nations, such as Dhubar, seem forgotten.

**People: Such pain, famine, and thirst must never be forgotten. Africa, where violent civil unrest and ethnic strife fill so many lives.**

*Leader:* Help us to stand with those who suffer, respond when we are called, give in appropriate ways so that wells will not run dry, creeping deserts may be slowed, so that tears of orphans will turn to tears of joy, so that chains of despair may fall away. Help us that your realm may be realized, even now;

**People: Even now, O God, even in Asia.**

*Leader:* Asia. So vast, so deeply rooted in tradition. Where your church is small but where faith is great. Gentle Asia, beautiful Asia, Asia seeking peace and resolution.

**People: God of wisdom, teach us respect. Help us learn from those who express their faith in different ways. Deepen our understanding of tradition and serenity, prayer, and power. Help us discover new meanings of witness in this ancient land.**

*Leader:* Awaken us to the poverty and despair caused by systems of power from which we unwittingly profit. Guide us in responsible stewardship, that your reign may extend throughout the world, even now;

**People: Even now, O God, even in the Middle East.**

*Leader:* The Middle East. The cradle of the church; the birthplace of Jesus; the land many of us call holy. Where the pain of the cross, especially in these days ahead, is so vivid; where the dry earth is watered by tears of its children.

**People: Show us again that we cannot feed the hungry with threats. We cannot quench thirst with religious intolerance. We cannot build for the future on the sands of hate. We cannot rely on war.**

*Leader:* Lift us above strife. Infuse us with mutual respect, that the captives might be freed, the frightened might be comforted. Lift us, loving God, as you lifted the stone from your son's tomb. Show us your grace, even now;

**People: Even now, O God, even in Europe.**

*Leader:* Europe and its magnificent heritage of faith. Where art, music, and architecture inspire generation upon generation with the beauty and the majesty of your gospel message.

**People: Where, like us in the United States, poverty, homelessness, and oppression are tools of the powerful to marginalize those whose voices are silenced. Europe, like us, divided and distracted, filled with those like us who refuse to give up hope.**

*Leader:* God of grace, help us to trust in your eternal promise. Point us toward the pathways of peace as we enter Holy Week 2006, so that all may be as one for another, and so that separations, exclusions, and fears are set aside for your grace and presence. We continue our prayers,

**People: Even now, O God, in Latin America**

*Leader:* Where the weak and the poor struggle, surely wondering why they are so welcomed in the work others will not do -- and so rejected for membership in the communities they and their families help to prosper. Latin America, so rich in creation and abused by the dominant powers, with promises of shallow commitment. A place, God, where so many mistakes have been made in your name.

**People: Your faithful in Latin America have taught us by example. Kindle within our hearts our own integrity of faith. Inspire within us a new sense of your church.**

*Leader:* make us aware that through such a commitment, your peace and justice will be revealed, not in some distant time and place, but right now, right here;

**People: Here O God, in North America, right here.**

*Leader:* North America. Where so much affluence hides so much poverty and disease. North America, the sometime hollow land, with so much to give. Make us bold in your spirit, but humble in our work. Help us assume the servant's role as Jesus did. Help us share our blessings as the Samaritan did. Help us put ourselves in others' shoes, sandals, mountain boots, and military fatigues, and walk in the footsteps of your bare and calloused feet.

**All: Here, O God, and throughout all the earth, in this one great hour of sharing in our congregation at Palisades Presbyterian Church and beyond, on this Palm Sunday, bless us. Bless us to do more of your work than we know we can achieve. We are confident of your abiding care and pledge ourselves to a deepened commitment in your name.**

**Amen.**