



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

Palisades Presbyterian Church

PALISADES, NEW YORK 10964

JULY 30, 2006

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 2006; Worship at 10:00 A.M.

Reflection:

If one has a new way of thinking, why not apply it wherever one's thought leads to? It is certainly entertaining to let oneself do so, but it is also very illuminating and capable of leading to new and deep insights.

– Frank Oppenheimer, Physicist

Prelude

Church Bell

Call to Worship

One: We gather together in peace.

ALL: "Peace be with you!" we say to each other.

One: Our hearts beat with the pulse of anticipation,

ALL: For serenity in this age and for all times to follow.

One: We trust in you and the work you call us to, and

ALL: We strive not to become weary or discouraged.

One: Strengthen us with your presence and one another,

ALL: As we lift our voices in prayer, worship, and song.

* Hymn # 132

Come Great God of All the Ages

Call to Confession:

Let us call near to God with sincerity of heart and full assurance of faith, our guilty hearts sprinkled clean, our bodies washed with the pure water or your grace. Let us pray together.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor. Further us with your continual help, so that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we find grace, forgiveness, and the opportunity to carry your Good News to others. Give us, always, a reverence for the truth, the desire to think and speak truly, and to fear no one or no thing, knowing you are always with us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

*** Hymn #316** *Breathe on me, Breath of God
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me,
Glows with thy fire divine.*

Sharing the Peace

Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

1st Reading 2 Samuel 11:1 – 15

Gospel Reading John 6: 1-21

Sermon *Confused by the Lights*

***Hymn # 84** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

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.*

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Offering our Joys and Concerns for Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus

*** Hymn # 147** *Blessings and Honor*

*** Charge & Benediction**

Now, let us go forth into the world sustained by God the Creator, loved by Jesus Christ, and empowered with the joy and presence of the Holy Spirit to radically love God and one another. Amen.

Postlude

**All that are able please stand*

Announcements & Summer Planning

“A Day on the Town for Kids”: From now through July, Mission is raising money for a day on the town for inner city kids. We are asking those who can to contribute \$22.00 to support a young person for a day of activities to be planned by Howie. Please make checks payable to “Palisades Presbyterian Church.” With a notation “A Day on the Town for Kids.” Thanks for whatever support you can offer. Any amount is welcomed!

- Sunday July 30: Gulf Coast Youth Summer Trip Returns
- Sat., August 5: Habitat for Humanity Benefit Gathering from 3:00 – 5:00 featuring Tilly Grey. (Sue Webb)**
- Sunday, August 6: Communion Sunday. Guest Preacher: Jenna Tiitsman, Candidate for Minister of the Word and Sacrament. (Ray on Study Leave for Interim Training)
- Sunday, August 27: Guest Minister: The Rev. Susan DeGeorge. South Presbyterian Church, Dobbs Ferry
- Sunday, Sept 10: Sunday School Resumes
Welcome Back Picnic at the Douglas Home
- Tuesday, Sept 12: Session Meeting: 7:30 P.M.
Karen Consolini, Bigelow Green, Fred Griffing, John Guzewich, Bill Menke, Bob Rasmussen, Kathi Tiitsman, Stephen Van Dyk, Sue Webb, Clerk of Session: Kim Brainard; Ray Bagnuolo, Moderator.
- Friday, Nov. 10: 5:00 P.M. Wedding Rehearsal
- Saturday, Nov. 11: 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. Wedding

Deacons of the Palisades Presbyterian Church:

Dallas Abbott, Margaret Allen, Maria Gagliardi, Nancy Griffing, Richard Hansen, Cass Ludington, John McKay, Ann McKie, Annemarie Sellinger, Suzanne Shaw, Cathy Shiga-Gattullo, Ivan Szendro



Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser

On Saturday August 5th there will be a fundraiser benefiting Habitat for Humanity from 3:00 – 5:00pm at the Palisades Presbyterian Church, 117 Washington Spring Road, Palisades, NY. Tilly Grey, a former Palisades neighbor, wrote "On The Path With Heart: In Africa with Habitat for Humanity International" and will read excerpts from her book and recount stories from her 5 years of travels across Africa with this organization.

Jim Killoran, the executive director of Habitat for Humanity Westchester, will speak as well on current projects and future plans for the organization in the area. There will be a reception and book signing with all proceeds split between Habitat for Humanity International (Africa), and Habitat for Humanity Westchester. Please call Sue Webb at 845-353-1836 for further information.

About the Author

Tilly Grey was born in Sneden's Landing New York in 1938, the daughter of Broadway actress Sally Bates and documentary film director Pare Lorentz. She attended Palisades Elementary School through the 8th grade, spent her teen years in Rome, Italy and returned to America to go to college in 1956.

However, Grey's childhood dream was to be a reporter so she dropped out of college in her second year and went to work as a general assignment reporter for The Durango Herald News, a small daily paper in Colorado. She later worked for newspapers in Pennsylvania and California.

Grey moved back to Rockland County with her two children after she was divorced in 1964. She received her degree from Columbia School of General Studies and later earned a Masters degree at Long Island University.

Grey became director of Skunk Hollow High School, a private alternative high school in Pomona, in 1970. "Although I had no experience running a school, no one else wanted the job, so I thought I'd try it." Grey says. She moved from Skunk Hollow to East Ramapo's School Within A School program four years later. Grey says she made the decision to leave teaching and find a new career on her 50th birthday. "I was sitting in my condo eating a frozen dinner when I heard a voice in my head ask, "Is this what you want to be doing when you are 60? I don't think so." A year later she quit her job and volunteered at Habitat for Humanity International's headquarters in Americus, Georgia, a move that mushroomed into a totally new job and lifestyle.

Grey's book, "On The Path With Heart: In Africa with Habitat for Humanity International" is the story of what happens when she signs on to become a Habitat international partner (an underpaid staff member or overpaid volunteer) at the age of 58 and goes to Africa for six months to report on the low-cost housing mission's work there. Five years later, she is still on the job as Habitat Africa/Middle East correspondent.

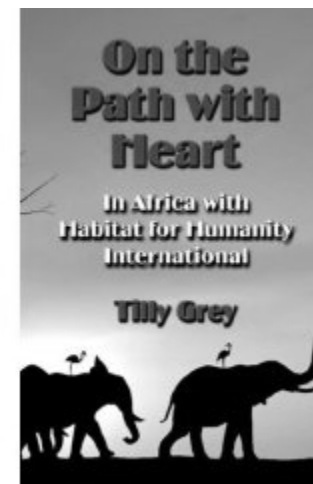
To her surprise, Grey discovers in Africa that so-called missionaries can be a lot of fun. "They work very hard and play hard as well." She also discovers they are very tolerant of her life style which includes playing blackjack and gambling on the horses. Their stories are chronicled from Botswana where the Great Synchronized Swimming Competition takes place, to Tanzania where the Habitat staff pulls off a major build with the President of Tanzania.

Africans running Habitat programs in their communities in Uganda, Zimbabwe, and Kenya teach Grey about their culture, she finds a lot in common with a South African widow during the night she spends inside a former black township and in Kenya she learns that it's malaria that kills most Africans and elephants that African women fear most. "What did I fear most in Africa? Anything on four wheels."

Grey finds stories everywhere; among leprosy survivors in Uganda who are becoming part of a community for the first time in years, with orphan head of households in Burundi who are beginning life over after a brutal civil war, and on the road in Botswana when the truck breaks down. Then there is the one about the mother-in-law who climbs into bed with her one night in Uganda.

"This is a book about people. Not just the people I met in Africa, but about myself as well. The title "On the Path with Heart" is a quote from Carlos Castenada. I used it because working in Africa for Habitat gave me a chance to use all the reporting and teaching skills I had accumulated in my life and do it to help a terrific organization. One day I was climbing up a steep path in Uganda to interview new homeowners and I heard myself humming under my breath. I stopped walking for a moment to savor the thought - I am happy."

Grey's job with Habitat came to an end in 2002. She now lives in Florida and still volunteers with Habitat, serving on the Women Build Council. "But," she says, "My son Norman lives in New City so I still think of Rockland County as "home."



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Participants

Ministers	All the People
Interim Minister	Ray Bagnuolo
Organist and Choir Director	Michael Shapiro
Lay Reader	Nina Von Eckardt
Ushers	John McKay and Stephen Van Dyk
Deacon of the Month	Margaret Allen
Coffee Hour Deacons	Cass Ludington and Sue Shaw

If you are a visitor, please sign the guest book in the Narthex 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;
Fridays, 10 A.M.: Chair Tai Chi.

Please check the bulletin insert and our website for other events and announcements.