



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

Palisades Presbyterian Church

PALISADES, NEW YORK 10964

August 6, 2006

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship at 10:00 A.M.

Reflection: "There is no heart so whole as a broken heart."

- Rabbi Nachman of Braslav

Prelude

Church Bell

Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: We open our hearts to seek out the signs of God.

All: So that we can know God, so we can trust in God's presence.

Leader: We search high and low, we search far and wide for some sign that God is with us.

All: In a time so troubled we need the greatness of that salvation.

Leader: We look far and wide for the momentous, for the terrific, for the awesome, for the God we will know by the crash of cymbals and the call of the trumpet.

All: And we find God much closer. In the stillness of morning, in the devastation of rubble, in the quiet of the pew, in the depth of our hearts.

* **Hymn # 517** *We Come As Guests Invited*

Prayer of Confession (unison)

You are a God of immeasurable grace, your love is unending, there is no horizon to your mercy. Yet we look at the shambles of our world or our families or the selves we hide behind fronts and disguises, and we consider ourselves incapable of the work you give us. We convince ourselves that we could not possibly love our family so generously, love our neighbors so generously, love ourselves so generously. We could not possibly care for so many in need, build such an impossible peace, build such an impossible justice. Oh God, we confess that we have forgotten that you love our brokenness. We confess that we have forgotten the sheer power of your grace. And as we wait patiently for your salvation to find us, we confess that we have forgotten that your Spirit is already in our very breath.

Silent Confession

Choral Response

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 Psalm 51: 1 – 12; 16-17

Gospel Reading John 6: 24 - 37

Sermon *Ode to Socks, Jenna Tiitsman*

*Hymn #514 *Let Us Our Talents and Tongues Employ*

Invitation to the Lord's Table – *All Are Welcome!*

Leader: Friends, welcome to the feast of the people of God!

People: **One day, they will come from east and west,
and from north and south, and sit at table in the
kindom of God. Today, God spreads the table
before us here.**

Leader: When Jesus was at table with his followers, waiting
for death, he took the bread, and blessed and
broke it, and gave it to them. And then, risen from
death into new life, he met his followers at table, he
looked into their disbelieving eyes, he took the
bread, blessed and broke it and gave it to them.

People: **Then their eyes were opened and they
recognized him.**

Leader See him here now. Grace reaches out to each of us, undaunted by life or by death, to exactly where we are, saying softly: come, come.

People: **Come! Come! This is the table of wide welcome.**

Great Thanksgiving:

Leader: God be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader:

We give thanks with hearts that lift in joy. God has not called us to the table because we are clean from sin. God has not called us because we are more worthy than others or even just worthy enough. God has called us because we are God's, each of us knitted by God's own hand in our mother's womb, our breath blown into us by God's own lips, made in God's own image.

Even as we stumble, even as we war, even as we find ourselves unable to call to God, God calls to us: come, come. Come dirty. Come broken. Come without the courage to come. Come anyway. Come.

Come into the great communion. Listen for the movement of the spirit. You will hear the rustling of the disciples who first ate this meal with Jesus. You will hear the women to whom he appeared. You will hear all the saints. You will hear the whole community spread over the earth, longing for love, longing for peace, longing for Jesus, crying for justice to roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The promise that God will walk with God's people is fulfilled; God is here. We find Jesus in the humble bread and cup. God's song rises above the lamentation of the earth. We join in the singing!

People Sing Hosanna!

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Leader:

Jesus offered food to all who gathered around him. Here, eat and be renewed. Jesus healed all who were sick, whose bodies were broken. Here, find that same transforming touch. Jesus was broken and descended into death. Here, find comfort — we are known by him even in the places we feel most alone. Jesus was risen to life and ascended to God. Here, find the deep source of hope — it is given that we might live it out now, tasting the meal that is to come, building the community of God in our broken world.

Listen. Christ's love is a call: come, come. Calling us into the great mystery of faith:

People:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader:

God of Mercy, pour out your spirit over your gifts. Fill this bread and this cup with your grace, that in eating this bread and drinking this cup, we are joined into the body of Jesus, joined with the whole of your community. Call us to share in this meal now, that in communion at this table we find the impossible presence of what is to come, when all who hunger will be fed and all who thirst will drink deeply of the living water.

People: Amen

Blessing of the Bread & Cup:

On the night of his arrest, Jesus took the bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, he took the cup, saying, this is the cup of the new covenant, sealed in my blood, shed for you and for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup we remember that there is nourishment in the fragments. We cry out to a broken world that we know the possibility of Love's resurrection.

Communion of the People

All are welcome at this table.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison)

O God, through this bread and this cup, you have made us one with you and with each other. May the unity we find at this table be a gift that we carry out into your suffering, divided world. Help us to find strength in knowing that you, the God of peace, are always with us.

Amen.

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 (Insert)** *How Can I Keep From Singing*

* Charge & Benediction

May the God of hope fill us all with joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
May the love of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all, always.

* Choral Amen

Postlude

**All that are able please stand*

Announcements for the Week of August 6, 2006

Please be sure to visit our Presbytery Website for Information and News from within the Presbytery of Hudson River

www.hudrivpres.org

Please let Ray know of any announcements or corrections!

Sunday, August 13:

Readings: 2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33
John 6: 51-58

Lay Reader: Sue Webb
Drivers for Phoebe: John McKay; Sue Shaw
Ushers: Roger Buck & Robert Rasmussen
Deacon of the Month: John McKay
Coffee Hour: Margaret Allen; Ann McKie

Sunday, August 20:

Readings: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3-14
John 6: 35, 41 – 51

Lay Reader: Mary Ann Garland
Drivers for Phoebe: Richard Hansen; Jack Hoffmeister
Ushers: Arnold Finck & Robert Moore
Deacon of the Month: John McKay
Coffee Hour: Margaret Allen; Ann McKie

Sunday, August 27: Guest Minister: The Rev. Susan DeGeorge.
South Presbyterian Church, Dobbs Ferry

Lay Reader: Jack Fuller
Drivers for Phoebe: _____; Sue Webb
Ushers: Fred Griffing; Ann McKie
Deacon of the Month: John McKay
Coffee Hour: Margaret Allen; Ann McKie

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

Henry Roth Memorial Prize

In memory of Henry Roth, a “Henry Roth Annual Prize in Fiction” has been instituted at The City College of New York.

If you are interested in contributing to this fund, please make checks payable to “The City College Department of English” with a notation: *Henry Roth Annual Prize in Fiction*.

Check can be sent to:
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Participants

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| Ministers | All the People |
| Guest Worship Leader | Jenna Tiitsman |
| Guest Organist | Pat McDowell |
| Lay Reader | Carol Knudson |
| Ushers | James Rubenstone and Richard Hansen |
| Deacon of the Month | John McKay |
| Coffee Hour Deacons | Margaret Allen and Ann McKie |

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:

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| Tuesdays, | 10 A.M.: | Tai Chi; |
| Wednesdays, | 10 A.M.: | Play Group; |
| 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.