

**Announcements**

**Minute for Mission** Howie Friedman, Youth for Seniors

**Children's Message** John Guzewich

**Prayer for Illumination**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** James 2: 1-10; (11-13); 14-17

**Anthem** "I Will Sing With the Spirit" by John Rutter

**Gospel Reading** Mark 7:24 - 37

**Sermon** *Show Your Face, Please*

**\*Hymn #471** "O Praise the Gracious Power"

**Offering our Gifts and Tithes**

**\* Hymn #592** *Glory be to the Father (Mother);  
and to the Son; and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**Offering our Joys and Concerns for Prayer**

**The Prayer of Jesus**

**\* Hymn 535** "Go with Us, Lord"

**\* Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude**

*\*All that are able please stand*



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

**Palisades Presbyterian Church**

Palisades, New York 10964

September 10, 2006

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
The Palisades Presbyterian Church Welcomes You  
To Our Worship Service at 10:00 A.M.

**Reflection:**

When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace.  
- Jimi Hendrix (1942 – 1970 C.E.)

Justice in the life and conduct of the State is possible only as first it resides in the hearts and souls of the citizens.  
- Plato (428 - 347 B.C.E.)

**Introit**

**Church Bell**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Welcome to this sacred place, amidst the constellations of the universe and its elegant design!

**All: We are here together as God has called creation close in an Embrace of awe, and wonder, and mercy.**

Leader: Could we ever imagine ourselves more than we are this moment, here - in community, seeking God in worship, prayer, and song?

**All: We are clear that God is in one another and in our midst.**

Leader: We have embarked on a spiritual journey that exceeds all our expectations, beyond anything we could know.

**All: We enter this mystery willingly, and we acknowledge God's presence as we lift our voices from the deepest realm of our hearts!**

\* **Hymn 1** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

**Prayer of Confession (In Unison)**

Most holy and merciful God: we acknowledge and confess our slowness to sometimes do good, our blindness to injustice, and our unintentional complicity in deferring the dreams and hopes of the oppressed. We confess that we have sometimes been slow to heed your call to "do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly our God." We find ourselves becoming prisoners to our own desires and active participants in our own invisible fences of oppression. And then we wonder, "How did I get here...?"

Help us to see how our behavior needs to change to live more faithfully to the teachings of Jesus. Shake us from our sleep and hurried lives with grace-filled imperatives for mercy, justice, and compassion. Bless us with a deep knowing presence of your will and an inerrant sense of welcoming to all others, just as you have taught us to do.

We pray for these and all the things in our hearts. Amen.

**Silent Confession**

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. In Christ we are a new creation! The old life is gone; the new life has begun. Isn't that the best of news! We declare to each other, as Jesus has taught us, "Ask and it shall be given to you!" So have our sins been forgiven and we are once again – anew! And, just as God has forgiven us, let us forgive one another. Amen.

\* **Hymn #322**

*Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.*

**Sharing the Peace**