

**Children's Message**    John Guzewich

**Prayer for Illumination**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**            Proverbs 1:20 - 33

**Anthem**                "What Wondrous Love Is This"    Arranged by Mark Hayes

**Gospel Reading**        Mark 8: 27 - 38

**Sermon**                *Whispered in the Sounds of Silence*

**\*Hymn #345**            **"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"**

**Offering our Gifts and Tithes**

**\* Hymn #579**            *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 522**            **"Lord When I Came Into This Life"**

**Charge and Benediction**

**Choral Response**

**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 17, 2006

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

**Reflection:**

We need to find God, and [God] cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass - grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls. – Mother Teresa

**Introit**

**Church Bell**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us stop for a moment and in our stillness give praise to God.

**All: Let us, together, know the peace of quiet and presence.**

Leader: In our stillness let us hear the gentleness of God's grace as the breath of our lives and the beat of our hearts.

**All: Let us embrace each other in the loving-kindness of such gentleness that touches the beginning of all things.**

Leader: Let us stop for a moment and in our stillness "be" praise to God.

**All: Let the touch of our voices and prayers not crowd out the gentleness nor the silence. Let us enter into the quiet as sojourners, on our way to a time and a place, where the Presence of God is the song, the conversation, and the prayer – all in one.**

**All: Amen.**

\* Hymn 461 "God is Here"

**Prayer of Confession (In Unison)** Adapted from A Wee Worship Book, 4th ed. 1999 Wild Goose Resource Group, Iona Community, Scotland

Expansive God, Great Spirit, Maker of Earth and Sky:  
early in the morning, at noon, in the quiet of the evening,  
under the star-flung skies,  
in the multi-colored company  
of your Church on earth and in heaven  
we celebrate your creation,  
your life, your death and resurrection,  
your interest in us;  
so, to you we pray,  
Lord, bring new life  
where we have turned hard-hearted,  
forgiveness where we feel hurt  
and where we have wounded,  
and the joy and freedom of your holy Spirit  
where we are the prisoners of ourselves.

**Silent Confession**

**Choral Response**

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

To all and to each  
where regret is real,  
God pronounces pardon  
and grants us the right to begin again.  
Thanks be to God! 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**