

**Announcements**

**Children's Message** John Guzewich

**Prayer for Illumination**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

**Anthem** *O Savior Sweet* by J.S. Bach  
Arranged by Clarence Dickenson

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** The Gospel of Mark 12:38-44

**Sermon** *God is Blessing Us!*

**\* Hymn 377** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

**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 525** *Here I Am, Lord*

**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  
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**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*The Palisades Presbyterian Church Welcomes You*

*Reflection:*

“We’ve said it again and again in these pages: the secret message of Jesus isn’t primarily about ‘heaven after you die.’ It doesn’t give us an exit ramp or escape hatch from this world; rather, it thrusts us back into the here and now so we can be part of God’s dream for planet Earth coming true. But even so, since mortality rates are still pretty high, it’s natural for us to ask what the message of the [kindom] of God has to say about ‘heaven after your die.’”

- From The Secret Message of Jesus by Brian D. McLaren p. 183

**Prelude**

**Church Bell**

**Introit**

**Call to Worship**

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Leader: We will exalt you, O God our Creator and bless your name  
forever and ever

**All: Every day we will find time to be grateful and praise your name.**

Leader: Your promise is an everlasting promise;  
and your grace endures through all the ages.

**All: Creator, you are faithful in all things and merciful in all ways.**

**Hymn #292** *All Beautiful the March of Days*

**Prayer of Confession (In Unison)**

Gracious God,  
you call us to faithful living,  
giving ourselves to you and to one another  
after the example of Jesus.  
Yet sin, that is distance from you, prevents us  
from sometimes listening, following...  
We become caught up with our own goals,  
worship our own sort of gods,  
and place hope in things that are fleeting.  
Wash us anew, please.  
Forgive us again, please.  
Give us the courage to hear your call  
and the faith to follow where you lead again.  
Please.  
Amen.

**Silent Confession**

**Choral Response**

**Declaration of Forgiveness:**

We have asked for your forgiveness, Wonderful Counselor, and we know it has been received. We contemplate our distance from you, and wish it shortened, pray that it will be so, ask for your help in drawing closer. We have found evidence of your nearness in many ways, especially in one another. We thank you, as we know you God, for knowing us better than we could ever know ourselves and for giving us what we need to carry on into the mystery and power of your will. 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.

**Offering of a Sign of Peace**