

***We Offer One Another a Sign of Peace**

Announcements *Please see insert.*

Baptism of Naila Romero-Alston The Rev. Wallace M. Alston

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

1st Reading Psalm 84

Anthem "I see the Morning Breaking" by Douglas E. Wagner

2nd Reading Ephesians 3:14-21

Sermon "The Church That People Love" The Rev. Wallace M. Alston

*** Hymn #407** *Cuando El Pobre*

Offering our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory Music

***Doxology #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**

Joys and Concerns

The Prayer of Jesus

*** Hymn #473** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*** Charge and Blessing**

*** Choral Response**

Postlude

**All that are able please stand.*

Palisades Presbyterian Church

Palisades, New York 10964

May 20, 2007

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



Reflection:

“For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body – whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.”

(1 Corinthians 12:13)

The Palisades Presbyterian Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 20, 2007

Welcome! Worship at Palisades Church begins with meditation. The music, the quote on the cover, the quiet of this place is all meant to encourage and deepen your own inner work. Thank you for entering the spirit of this place, this hour, by honoring the silence.

Prelude

Church Bell

Introit *Little Ones* by Michael J. Shapiro

*Invitation to Worship

Leader: How better to come together than in the name of the One who welcomes all?

All: There is no better way to reflect the God who has made us than by joining together in worship and praise to the Eternal Creator.

Leader: And what better way for a community to celebrate its blessings than to welcome a child into this mystery we share?

All: It is truly the Way of our faith, leading and learning from those whom we lead, as we follow in the path of the One who calls us all!

**All: Come, then, one and all, let us worship God together.
Amen**

*Hymn #430 *Come Sing, O Church in Joy!*

Unison Prayer

(RJB)

You formed us from the dust of stars.

You took the smallest, oldest, once burning embers of creation and brought eternity to life – in ways that leave us awed, humbled, and loved.

And then you gave us the invitation to be part of creation, through the smallest of fingers and eyes and smiles, looking up to us.

Looking into our faces for the gentleness that can only follow such wonder as seeing a child in love – through you - with us.

Imagine, in love – through you – with us.

Be like a child, you told us,
seek your gentleness, strength,
protection, and *hesed*.¹

Help us to remember these things
and that relying on you
is not weakness.

How could reliance on you be anything other
than the stars, themselves, reborn...and more?

¹*steadfast love*

Silent Personal Confession

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn #316 Breathe on me, breath of God.
Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love
and do what Thou wouldst do.