

Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading "Trust in the Slow Work of God"
- Teilhard de Chardin

Interlude

Gospel Reading Luke 10: 38 - 42

Sermon *The Presents of Presence*

Meditation

* **Hymn #394** *There is a Balm in Gilead*

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 #540** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

* **Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

**All that are able please stand.*

Palisades Presbyterian Church

Palisades, New York 10964

July 22, 2007

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



As we prepare for worship...

Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love
the questions themselves. Do not now seek the answers, which
cannot be given you because you would not be able to live them.
And the point is to live everything. Live the questions

- Rainer Maria Rilke
Austro-German lyric poet, author of Duino Elegies
and Sonnets to Orpheus, 1875-1926)

The Palisades Presbyterian Church
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 22, 2007

Welcome! Worship at Palisades Presbyterian 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

*** Invitation to Worship**

Leader: The mystery that was hidden for long ages has been disclosed by God!

People: Witness Jesus and the prophets who foretold him! In him is hidden the treasure and teachings of wisdom.

Leader: The breath that has long been held, waiting for the promise of truth and healing has been given to us.

People: Witness Jesus, in whom is found the wealth of forgiveness, patience, and the assurance of serenity.

All: The time is fulfilled! The day is come! Let all in heaven unite with us! Come! Let us worship God together.

*** Hymn #486** *When the Morning Stars Together*

Prayer of Confession

Dear God, help us to receive you into our homes. Today's Gospel lesson reminds us that sometimes, like Mary, we sit at your feet, listening to your teaching; other times, like Martha, we are distracted with much serving, complaining about the work that has been left to us alone.

Then you answer us, saying, "You are anxious and troubled about many things, but only one thing is needed."

Only one thing is needed.

How often we forget, Creator, that what we most need is to better learn how to wait for you. We forget; because waiting is not easy for us. We have too little patience and, perhaps, too much ambition; we have little time and much talk. We fidget in silence. We squirm in idleness. We teach our children that those who say nothing have nothing to say, and that those who hesitate are lost.

Please, interrupt us. Disrupt our distractedness with a call to calm and attention. Help us to remember that waiting for you must come before waiting upon others. We ask your forgiveness for the times we forget these things and so much more. Amen.

Silent Personal Confession

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.

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