

Announcements *Please see insert.*

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

1st Reading Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1

Anthem

2nd Reading Luke 16: 1 - 13

Reflection *Voices of the Trying*

*** 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 #438** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

*** Charge and Blessing**

*** Choral Response**

Postlude

**All that are able please stand.*

Palisades Presbyterian Church

Palisades, New York 10964

September 23, 2007

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



Reflection

If I am not for myself, who will be? If I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?

Hillel the Elder (Pirkei Avot 1:14)

The Palisades Presbyterian Church
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 23, 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.

Also, welcome to Elder Harriet Sandmeier, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Hudson River and Elder Henry Shaw, Commissioned Lay Pastor and Member of Palisades Presbyterian Church, who will be participating in this morning's service. Thank you Harriet and Henry for joining us. We are also very happy to have Max Sandmeier with us, as well!

Prelude

Church Bell

Introit

***Invitation to Worship**

Leader: O people, approach the Unapproachable; stand radiant in its splendor and become children of the Light!

People: Let us love one another, for they who love one another abide in the Light and do not lose their way.

Leader: O people, enter into the Eternal; stand radiant in its glory and become children of the Day!

People: Let us love our God, for they who love God dwell in the Light of the Day and have no need for hiding.

All: Come, let us worship God together.

*** Hymn #11** *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?*

Unison Prayer: Adapted from *A Prayer for Light*

Timidly and humbly we ask our Creator:
Let the Light of your ever-present Shekinah
enfold and protect us.
Let us be bathed in your healing mysterious love.
Let this journey we share be our chance
to bring faithfulness, justice, peace of mind,
love, joy and kindness back to our life
through service to our sisters and brothers.
Dear God, please cleanse our souls of hurt and bitterness.
Remove our resentments,
our sometimes vengeful judgmental thinking.
Let us be witness to your ever-present grace
to face each blessing and trial with faith,
an open mind, courage, love and kindness.
And, during those times, when we find ourselves lost,
let your wondrous Light fill our hearts
and guide us back to you
through those you call us to serve.
Amen.

Silent Personal Confession

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Our God, our Creator,
Be gracious unto us and answer us
For we are unworthy.
Deal with us in charity and loving-kindness
As we welcome your assurance and forgiveness.

*** 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**