



Palisades Presbyterian Church

Palisades, New York 10964

September 30, 2007

Announcements *Please see insert.*

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

1st Reading Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Anthem *My Grace Is Sufficient for Thee* by Michael Shapiro.

2nd Reading Luke 16: 19-31

Reflection

* **Hymn #191** *God is Our Refuge and Our Strength*

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 #541** *Now the Day is Over*

* **Charge and Blessing**

* **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.*

Love without boundaries...

“It cannot be stressed too much: love of enemies has, for our time, become the litmus test of authentic Christian faith. Commitment to justice, liberation, or the overthrow of oppression is not enough, for all too often the means used - have brought in their wake new injustices and oppressions. Love of enemies is the recognition that the enemy, too, is a child of God. The enemy, too, believes he or she is in the right, and fears us because we represent a threat against his or her values, lifestyle, or affluence. When we demonize our enemies, calling them names and identifying them with absolute evil, we deny that they have that of God within them that makes transformation possible. Instead, we play God. We write them out of the Book of Life. We conclude that our enemy has drifted beyond the redemptive hand of God.

‘I submit that the ultimate religious question today is no longer the Reformation's 'How can I find a gracious God?' It is instead, 'How can I find God in my enemy?’”

From Jesus and Nonviolence: A Third Way by Walter Wink

The Palisades Presbyterian Church
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 30, 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

***Invitation to Worship**

Leader: Let our hearts touch far horizons,

People: So to encompass great and small.

Leader: Let our loving know no borders,

People: Faithful to God's call.

Leader: Let the dreams we dream be larger,

People: Than we have ever dreamed before;

Leader: Let the dream of Christ be in us,

People: And open every door.

**All: Let this be our song that no one stands alone;
And come, let us worship God together. Amen!.**

*** Hymn #414** *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*

Unison Prayer: From *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

Called as partner's in Christ's service,
We respond with deep commitment.
May we learn the art of sharing,
Side by side and friend with friend,
As equal partners in our caring for one another.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Let us follow, never faltering,
Reconciling folks on earth.
Blending our human skills together as
Gracious gifts from God unfold.

God grant us, please,
Ways to live that surround each other's sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our compassionate living,
Refusing to give in to what nags and takes us away
From your hope and confidence and peace
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**