

THE PALISADES COMMUNITY CHURCH  
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VIRTUAL SUNDAY WORSHIP  
MAY 16, 2021



**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

Pianist: Francine Krasowska

**CALL TO WORSHIP responsive, from Psalm 98**

O sing to the Lord a new song,  
for God has done marvelous things.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.

**Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy.**

**OPENING HYMN**

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

#5

*O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!*

*My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread thro' all the earth abroad  
the honors of your name.*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Forgive us the sins of disunity, O Lord: pride and jealousy and narrow-mindedness. Forgive us the sins of false unity: lack of imagination, apathy, and indifference. Make us one in genuine love and mutual trust. Make us many in gifts and talents and vision. We pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### SPECIAL MUSIC

The Lord's Prayer by Albert Hay Malott

Soloist: Kamala Miller-Lester

### SCRIPTURE John 17:1-19

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

### SERMON

"Jesus' Prayer for Us"

Rev. Dr. Jill McCrory

### TIME OF PRAYER

Offering of Joys & Concerns (use chat feature or unmute)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *unison*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### TIME FOR GIVING

This church's budget comes from the pledges and gifts of friends and members.

You can give online through Paypal or send a check.

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts *unison*

**O God of mercy, we offer these, our gifts, to your church, that we may witness more faithfully, rejoice more fully, and serve with greater strength and presence, in the place and time you have given us. We pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

#390

*In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere  
their high communion find.  
His service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.*

*Join hands, then, people of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.*

**CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**PLEASE WELCOME OUR GUEST PASTOR, REV. DR. JILL MCCRORY!**

Jill McCrory is an ordained Baptist pastor who is known for her advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community. She has served as both interim and senior pastor for both Baptist and Metropolitan Community Churches in the Maryland/DC/Virginia area. Jill has been active in denominational activities, serving as chair of the Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists, on the board of the DC Baptist Convention, and as a member of the Alliance of Baptists. Her doctorate studies at Wesley Theological Seminary concentrated on leadership, with a concentration on marginalized communities. She is the co-founder and "ringleader" of Leadership Outfitters, LLC and Spiritual Outfitters, LCC both of which provide leadership development and strategic planning to non-profit organizations. A native Washingtonian, she is married to Jack (yes, Jack and Jill) and is mom to Morgan, a rescued terrier mix.

**Welcome!**

The Palisades Community Church is a progressive, welcoming, intentionally diverse congregation located in the northwest quadrant of Washington, DC. We are nearly one hundred years old: post-denominational, dedicated to religious inclusiveness, and committed to giving back to our community and world.

We believe that all people are unconditionally welcome and that the teachings of Jesus call us to love and serve all of our neighbors, both in the Washington, DC community and beyond.

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