

A WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

August 17, 20259:00 a.m.

CHIMESWE GATHER IN CHRIST’S NAME

PRELUDE“There is a Happy Land”George Shearing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

INTROIT“Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord”Jacques Berthier (Taize)

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.
People: We come to worship the God whose love transforms hate into blessing.
Leader: Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.
People: We gather as one body, sharing in each other’s joy and pain.
Leader: Do not repay anyone evil for evil.
People: We seek the Spirit’s power to overcome evil with good.
Leader: If it is possible, live peaceably with all.
People: We worship the Prince of Peace, who calls us to love even our enemies.
Leader: Do not be overcome by evil.
All: But overcome evil with good—this is our worship and our witness!

*HYMN“For the Fruit of All Creation”No. 36

CALL TO RENEWAL (Liturgist Only)Ellen Gove
And so we live our lives imperfectly, for we are flawed. But we are also loved by the God in whose Image we were created. Let us remake ourselves toward that Image as we make our confession before God and each other.

PRAYER OF RENEWAL (In Unison)Ellen Gove
Gracious God,
You have shown us a better way than vengeance, a higher road than retaliation. Forgive us when we have let anger take root, when we have rehearsed the wrongs done to us instead of practicing forgiveness. Teach us to leave room for Your justice, and to trust that Your mercy is stronger than our desire to settle the score. Make us people who feed our enemies when they are hungry, who bless instead of curse, who live peaceably whenever possible. Renew our hearts by Your Spirit, that we might overcome evil with good, and walk in the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION

GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESSEllen Gove
As far as the east is from the west, so have our sins been separated from us. They have been thrown into the sea of forgetfulness, and there, they are remembered no more.
Our thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen and Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE
Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you. And also with you.
Let us greet each other with the peace of Christ.

OFFERTORY“Pavanne”Brian Glyncannon

*DOXOLOGYPraise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR CHRIST’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGRomans 12:14-21
RESPONSEMay these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart,
be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. (Ps. 19:14)
Thanks be to God!

SERMON“The Best Revenge?”Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

ANTHEM“Listen, God is Calling”Kenyan, arr. Austin C. Lovelace

WE RESPOND TO CHRIST’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN CHRIST’S NAME

*HYMN“Great God of Every Blessing”No. 694

*BENEDICTIONRev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

CHORAL BENEDICTION“Amén, We Praise Your Name”S. African, trans. David Dargie

POSTLUDE“Let All Things Now Living Give Thanks”James Mansfield

* Please stand, if able

SERVING TODAY

Liturgist – Ellen Gove **Usher** – Lynn Thomson

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Those affected by natural disasters and ongoing wars; Peter C. Jackson; Blanca Campbell and Jim Nina; Jill Tuttle Albiani; Barry and Benetta Taylor; Rev. John Moore; Maria Wippick; Jim Preston; Kathy Zarchin; Teri Brennan; Carol Taplin; For the peace and comfort for the family and friends of Linda Bonaccorso

We will gladly list names of any individuals in need of prayer. You may share names by turning in a note from the pew or by emailing the church office prior to Thursday a.m.

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This Week

Aug. 18 th	Nutrition Program	7:00-1:00
Aug. 19 th	Food Pantry	4:00-6:00
Aug. 20 th	Meals on Wheels	7:00-11:00
Aug. 21 st	Bible Study	10:00
Aug. 22 nd	Nutrition Program	7:00-1:00
	Food Pantry	10:00-1:00
	Perlman Recital with SIFM	7:00
Aug. 23 rd	Lemonade Stand	8:00-1:00

Shelter Island Presbyterian Church

August 17th, 2025

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Shelter Island Presbyterian Church Mission Statement:

“We envision the Shelter Island Presbyterian Church as a spiritual heart of our small island community -- a congregation that keeps its doors open to all and offers service and support to friends, neighbors, and visitors from beyond our shores. We will encourage the spiritual growth of our church's people in Jesus Christ through worship, service to others, stewardship, study and fellowship with one another. We will work to increase our spiritual engagement with youth, young families and our growing senior population. Inspired by God's Word, we look forward to our future with faith and confidence in God's purpose for us. AS WE BELIEVE, SO WE DO.”

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