



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2022

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 447

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

Lead on, O King eternal,
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home:
Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal,
We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords' loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy
The heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal:
We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted over us;
We journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Prophet Isaiah wrote, Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom!

People: My soul hates your worship mixed with your hypocrisy! Instead, learn to do good and seek justice: rescue the oppressed, defend the orphans, and treat the widows fairly!

Leader: The Prophet Ezekiel wrote, Thus says the Lord, God of Israel:

People: This was the guilt of Sodom: they were arrogant, they had prosperous ease and excess of food, and yet they did not aid the poor and the needy.

Leader: The Prophet Amos wrote: Thus says the Lord—hear this Word:

People: You who oppress the poor and crush the needy... I shall overthrow you as I overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

Leader: Matthew and Luke both report that, when Jesus sent the disciples out two-by-two to spread the good news, he said to them,

People: If any town does not show you hospitality, shake the dust of that town off your sandals and leave—it will be worse for them than it was for Sodom.

Leader: God of Love and Justice, turn our hearts toward doing good and seeking justice.

People: Ignite us to rescue the oppressed, defend the orphans, and help the widows, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

WORSHIP SONG

“Almighty/Step by Step”

Almighty most Holy Lord
Faithful through the ages
Almighty most Holy Lord
Glorious Almighty God
(Repeat)

Oh God You are my God and I will ever praise You (2x)
I will seek You in the morning
I will learn to follow your ways
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days

I will follow You all of my days
I will follow You all of my days
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days

(You may be seatedd)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you are our faithful lover, our generous parent, our patient teacher, our constant friend. We live by the hope of your promises, seek to follow your way, and rely on the gift of your Spirit, by whose power we breathe, and move, and pray. **Amen.**

WORSHIP SONG

“I Will Sing Praise to God”

I will sing praise to God
He has lifted me up
He heard my cry for help
And He filled my cup

Chorus:

His favor extends for a lifetime
His grace gives me strength each day
My soul shall sing His praise
Forevermore

I'll put my trust in Him
God, my refuge and strength
For when my life seems lost
He will show me the way **(Chorus)**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Barbara Louderback

(We invite all children through 5th grade to come up to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message for them. They will then be dismissed to their Sunday School teacher, or if you prefer they may return to their seats with you.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

The truth about us is this: we all sin and fall short of the glory of God. Yet God promises to pour out grace upon us, giving us confidence to show ourselves as we are and be freed from shame. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-faithful God, how often we turn away from you, yet you remain constant to us. We run from you, but you call us back. In our words and our deeds we dishonor you, yet you still profess your love for us. We cut ourselves off from you and from others, but you will not let us go. Forgive our faithless and fickle ways and increase our gratitude, that we might grow in faithfulness to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! When you were buried with Christ in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God. By that power we are made clean and set free to live in gratitude and love with zeal. As you have received Christ Jesus, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and abounding in thanksgiving.

(Please stand if you are able)

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE

“Gloria Patri”

Glorify 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.

(You may be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“This Train, Swing Low, When the Saints” Medley

Lily Meade, Melissa Meade, Christine Van Tassel, Coralie Van Tassel

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As we wait for the coming of God’s good reign, we answer the invitation to take part in God’s work, bringing our tithes and offerings with joyful gratitude.

OFFERTORY

Keith Rounds

(Please place your offering in the plate in the Narthex as you enter/exit the Sanctuary.)

(Please stand if you are able)

DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise 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.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings we pray, that through them we may do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our Sovereign and our God. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 11:1-13

11 He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’² He said to them, ‘When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.³ Give us each day our daily bread.⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.’⁵ And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread;⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.”⁷ And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.”⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.⁹ So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish?¹² Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion?¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Why Bother Praying?”

Donna Mazeika, Director of Children & Youth

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

HYMN NO. 403

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

CHARGE

Go out into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold onto what is good. Render no one evil for evil. Uplift the fainthearted. Support the weak. Laugh with those who laugh and mourn with those who mourn. Do this in a spirit of joy and appreciation for you are God's child. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May the grace of Christ attend you, the love of God surround you, and the Holy Spirit keep you, this day and forevermore.



Prayer Concerns: Elias, son of Pastor Carlos from El Salvador
Town of Ahuachapan, El Salvador
Karen Meade
Donald Fiedler (cousin of Sandee Wilson)
Ed Bray (brother of Alice Bray)
Ed Larlick (friend of Dorothy Smith)
Kate McCullough (cousin of Susan Zimmerman)
Larry Arnold (friend of Sandee Wilson)
Rima Mironas (mother of Dalia Lucas)
Margaret Litchko (friend of Sandee Wilson)
Family of John Hansen (friend of Wendy Wirsch)
Kristen Post (cousin of Debbie Watson)
Bill Reiss (father of Robin Haug)
Jonathan Wilson (son of Sandee Wilson)
Lester Weinraub (friend of John Shaffer)
Shawn Moyer (nephew of Debbie Watson)
David Rankin (nephew of Debbie Kapinos & Paul Rankin)
Sue Ellen Nolan-Greeby (sister of Bill Watson)
Amy Miller (niece of Bill Watson)

Ongoing Concerns: Debbie Edwards
Lynda Comstock
Betty Neely
James Phillips
Patricia Phillips
Joan George
Kerry Zimmerman



PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are both given in loving memory of Gertrude, Lou, Marian, Warren, and Sam Smith from their family. Deacons Cindy Anderson & Sandee Wilson will deliver the flowers. Each week the flowers can be a bright moment for someone needing prayers or praise. If you know of someone please let the assigned deacons delivering flowers know after the service.

Pulpit flowers are needed for July 31st, August 7th and August 28th. If you are interested in donating pulpit flowers, please contact Dorothy Smith at 215-343-1142.



Save the Date!

This summer we will be doing VBS on Sunday, August 14th through Wednesday, August 17th. Our theme this year is "Compassion Camp; Changing the World with Lovingkindness." As always we will be looking for lots of leaders and helpers so please put these dates on your calendar! You can register your children on the website electronically or you can pick up a registration forms in the auditorium during coffee hour.

BOOK BAGS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES



The mission team will be purchasing backpacks and school supplies for our annual summer drive. If anyone is interested in donating to defray the cost monetary donations may be made electronically, via check or cash (please specify for school supplies). We will be assembling the backpacks in early to mid-August. If you have questions or are interested in helping please contact Barb Landis.



Kyle Montgomery, Hong Tran, Lisa Montgomery and Beth Augustine went to El Salvador to work in a pop-up medical clinic. We were joined by 18 other Christians from all across America, who went to serve with what gifts we had to give. We were met by the church pastor, Carlos, at the airport from Oasis church - who was full of energy and beaming with love. They gave us translators from their high school so that we were able to communicate and pray with the patients, who were grateful for the free care and free medications. Beth worked in triage taking medical histories, blood pressures, temperatures, and weights. Lisa worked in the pharmacy filling and distributing medications we had brought from the United States and some from El Salvador itself.

The people of El Salvador are so beautiful, especially the little kids with long eyelashes and big smiles. God gave us a busy but meaningful week as we were able to see and care for over 1000 people. We were provided with good food to eat such as tropical fruits and pupusas and were given good accommodations (including air conditioning!) The patients were so friendly and open with the details of their lives, sometimes living in squalor with shacks of tin roofs and dirt floors, with no electricity, and only well water that is carried by jars to their homes.

We hope to go again next year to serve those in dire need, by demonstrating God's love (and some medical aid). Thank you for your support and prayers for us, and for helping us to care for our sisters and brothers in El Salvador.

WHOLYFIT™

WholyFit is a women's ministry. We've been worshipping with our minds, bodies and souls at Neshaminy since 2016. It's low impact and great for all ages and physical abilities. We are taking a break in July but will resume meeting every Tuesday night from 7-8 pm in the Lloyd Rickner auditorium on August 2. Every first Tuesday of the month features live music from Keith Rounds. Please note no class on August 16th due to Vacation Bible School. Email Chelsea Rounds at mrsrounds@gmail.com if you are interested in WholyFit Devotional Exercise.



FOOD COLLECTION

The need for assistance is great right now and you can help! We still collect non-perishable food items for the Coordinating Council of Health and Welfare's Warminster Food Bank. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off in the bin right inside the double-glass doors closest to the office any Sunday directly before or after the worship service. This ongoing mission is coordinated by the Deacons. If you have any questions please contact Sandee Wilson at 215-343-6060.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

In an effort to save on postage and paper costs, future contributions statements are now available by email. Please email Marianne at financemanager@nwpc.net or call (X103) if you would like your contribution statements to be delivered to your email address.

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

TODAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge
—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
—Sunday Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium
—Handbell Rehearsal 10:30 am Choir Room

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—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
—Sunday Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium
—Handbell Rehearsal 10:30 am Choir Room
—Youth Group 6 pm Youth Room

Church Staff

Rev. Mark Lyndaker-Studer, Pastor
Donna Mazeika, Director of Children & Youth
Rev. Sameh Shaker, Pastor of Visitation
Dr. Suzanne Zak Carver, Director of Music
Keith Rounds, Contemporary Music
Marianne Tierney, Business Manager
Cheryl Overton, Church Administrator

Remembering that the members of Neshaminy-Warwick Presbyterian Church are the ministers and missionaries of our faith community, our Pastoral Staff and Support Team provide leadership and specialized ministries.