



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2022

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 426

"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thine erring children lost and lone.

4 O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
The wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

5 O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things Thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls us to service,

People: rather than honor.

Leader: God call us to love the unknown,

People: rather than the familiar.

Leader: We come to this time of worship,

People: trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,

Leader: who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

People: Sing aloud to God our strength. Shout for joy to the Lord of Life.

Leader: Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People: Glory to God forever.

WORSHIP SONG

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Blessed Be Your Name In the land that is plentiful

Where Your streams of abundance flow

Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name When I'm found in the desert place

Though I walk through the wilderness

Blessed Be Your name (*Chorus*)

Chorus:

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in, Lord Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me

When the world's 'all as it should be'

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering

Though there's pain in the offering

Blessed be Your name (*Chorus*)

You give and take away

You give and take away

My heart will choose to say

Lord Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your glorious name (*Chorus*)

(You may be seated)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God, in Jesus you show us a way of humility and hospitality with power to transform our world. Give us the grace to love those things that please you and the courage to live them to your glory. **Amen.**

WORSHIP SONG

“Give Me Jesus”

In the morning, when I rise
In the morning, when I rise
In the morning, when I rise
Give me Jesus

*Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all this world
Just give me Jesus*

When I am alone
When I am alone
Oh, when I am alone
Give me Jesus

When I come to die
When I come to die
Oh, when I come to die
Give me Jesus

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Donna Mazeika

(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

Let us confess our sins to the Lord who is our helper.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, all that we have is a gift from you, yet we do not live lives of gratitude. We ignore strangers and turn away from those in need. We seek honor for ourselves and allow pride to take root in us. Forgive our foolish ways, O God, and restore us to you, that we may walk in the way of love. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved, your sins are forgiven, for God promises to never leave us. Therefore, be at peace and stand secure in the Lord.

(Please stand if you are able)

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE

“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.

(You may be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

Jan Helsel & Suzanne Zak Carver

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

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

OFFERTORY

Suzanne Zak Carver

(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

Faithful God, you bless us in Jesus, who is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. And so we praise you with lips that confess his name and ask your blessing on these gifts for the life of the world. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:1, 7-14

14 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place”, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’ ¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Closer to the Host”

Pastor Sameh Shaker

(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. 210

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

1 Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

4 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

2 Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

5 Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

3 A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

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 our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all, this day and forevermore.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS
Sunday Morning September 18th

In the Lounge: 10:30 a.m.

We are glad you have been a part of our community and want to inform you about the upcoming opportunity to become a member of our church family. The Fall New Members classes will help you to become better acquainted with our faith community and our mission. Child care will be provided if necessary. Please feel free to call or email me if you have any questions PastorMark@nwpc.net



Prayer Concerns: Family of Lynda Comstock

Elaine Furgeson

Karen Meade

Dan Wolfgang

Mark Hennessy

Christy Lessard (friend of Bill Watson)

Lyubov & family of Michael Farrel (family of Dalia & Jamme Lucas)

Tom Potts (father of Melissa Meade)

Amy Miller (Niece of Bill Watson)

Edie Stauch (friend of Sandee Wilson)

Family of Dr. George Morgan (friend of Bill Watson)

Family of Marge Kuhn (mother of Linda King)

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)

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)

Ongoing Concerns: Debbie Edwards

Betty Neely

James Phillips

Patricia Phillips

Joan George

Kerry Zimmerman

Debbie Watson

PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given in celebration of John Roushey's 89th birthday from Jack and Cathy Roushey; and given to the glory of God. Deacons Leslie Bonner & 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.

WHOLYFIT™

August is an exciting month for WholyFit! WholyFit is a low-impact women's ministry for your mind, body and soul. It's held every Tuesday in the Auditorium from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. We will have live music from pianist and singer Mark Smith on August 30th. Live music from Keith Rounds happens every first Tuesday each month. If you are interested in WholyFit, please contact Chelsea Rounds at mrsrounds@gmail.com. God bless!

SANCTUARY CHOIR

The Sanctuary Choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 8th at 7:00 pm. Any adult interested in singing is welcome to join! We have an exciting year of music ahead. Questions? Contact Suzanne Zak 215-340-6060 ext. 104

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY—STARTS ON SEPTEMBER 21ST

Join us for Bible study at 10:00 A.M. in the **Sanctuary**. Come and go in depth into that week's scripture to learn not only what the passage is about, but how it is relevant in your life. You can come and just listen or, ask any questions you would like.

CPR/AED CERTIFICATION CLASS

A heartsaver CPR/AED class has been scheduled for 9/11/22, **SUNDAY** at 10:45 am in the lower level youth room. The cost is \$40 cash/check and is due at time of class. Please contact Brenda Shaffer at bshaffer1549@comcast.net or 215-622-7697 to reserve your spot.

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

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

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