



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 288

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command,
And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the skies!

There's not a plant or flower below
But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be,
Thou, God, art present there.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 130)

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice!

People: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

Leader: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

People: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

Leader: I wait for the LORD; my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

**People: my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

Leader: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

People: It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

WORSHIP SONG

“Mighty to Save”

Everyone needs compassion

Love that’s never failing

Let mercy fall on me

Everyone needs forgiveness

The kindness of a Savior

The hope of nations

Chorus:

Savior, he can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save

Forever, author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me

All my fears and failures

Fill my life again

I give my life to follow

Everything I believe in

Now I surrender (*Chorus*)

Shine Your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus, shine your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King (*Chorus*)

(You may be seated)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, Great I AM, you are resurrection and life. As we worship you this day show us who we are: bearers of good news, messengers of resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

WORSHIP SONG

“You Alone”

You are the only one I need.
I bow all of me at your feet
I worship you alone

You have given me more than,
I could ever have wanted
And I want, to give you my heart and soul
(repeat, back to beginning, first time)

Chorus:

You alone are Father
And you alone are good
And you alone are Savior,
And you alone are God

SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGERS

“All Night, All Day” & “Rise & Shine”

(Children's choir helpers – Kyle Montgomery, Christine Van Tassel & Sadie Van Tassel)

CHOIR ANTHEM

“In this Hour”

There's a place I go to rest. Once again I've failed the test.
Gentle arms that right my path, show Your love instead of wrath.
In this hour, this precious hour, I have met Redemption's pow'r.
In this place, this holy space, I have seen amazing grace.

Blistered soul begins to heal, cease to hide that which is real.
Walls I build dissolve away in this hour when I pray.
In this hour, this precious hour, I have met Your healing pow'r.
In this place, this holy space, I have seen amazing grace.

Then gentle words between us flow. Yours start easy, mine start slow;
but patiently You listen close to ev'ry burden I disclose.
In this hour, this precious hour, I have met Compassion's pow'r.
In this place, this holy space, I have seen amazing grace.

You help me with the words I can't yet say.
And when I can't quite reach You, You meet me on my way.
And if my heart is silent, You still stay in this hour, when I pray.
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief.

And so You wait to meet me there, in this special place of prayer;
savor ev'ry moment shared, and linger in this hour of prayer.
In this hour, this precious hour, I have met Your faithful pow'r.
In this place, this holy space, I have seen amazing grace.

I'll cast on You my ev'ry care, and linger in this hour of prayer.

CALL TO CONFESSION

If the Lord marked our iniquities, we could not stand. But there is forgiveness with God. In trust and faith, let us offer our confessions to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(based on Psalm 130) Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord. Hear our voices and let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications. We come into your presence confessing our sins, aware we have behaved in ways that are contrary to your desire for our living. We come into your presence aware that too often we allow lifelessness to gain the upper hand. We come into your presence aware that we put our trust in our own abilities. Forgive us, O God. Infuse us with your life-giving spirit. Breathe into us and make us come alive.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hope in the Lord!

People: With the Lord, there is steadfast love.

Leader: With God, there is great power to redeem.

People: Thanks be to God who redeems us from all our iniquities.

(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)

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

We bring before God gifts of gratitude in response to God’s gift of breath, life and wholeness.

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

Good and gracious God, may these gifts be one of the ways your life giving presence is experienced in our community. Use this money and use us to give hope to the hopeless, wholeness to the broken and fullness to the hungry. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:1-16

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"Saturday"

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Declaration of Faith)

Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom and its hidden presence amid the world's kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

HYMN NO. 391

"Take My Life"

1 Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

4 Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose,
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

2 Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

5 Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

3 Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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 Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life, bless and keep you in this life and the life to come.



Prayer Concerns: Joe O'Neill (brother of Mike O'Neill)
Chris Lodwig (son of Karen Lodwig)
Paul R. (friend of Jan Millin)
Family of Maryann Pierce (relative of the Bilslands)
Family of Steve Shepherd (friend of the Bilslands)
Robin Haug
Lily Meade
Charles Sutton (friend of Wendy Wirsch)
Jerry Furr (friend of Barb & John Landis)
Donnie Fiedler (cousin of Sandee Wilson)
Wesley Roche (friend of Sarah Vollman-Hull)
Russ Levo (friend of Sandee Wilson)
Charles Frijia (friend of Steve Uzelac)
John Anderson (brother of Kris Richard)
Martha Post (friend of Wendy Wirsch)
Jennifer Young (niece of Alice Bray)
Elsie Stoud (sister of Dottie Kieffer)
Eileen Kardon (friend of Laura Stillinovich)
Karin Hart (sister of Laura Stillinovich)
David Rankin (brother of Deborah Kapinos & Paul Rankin)
David Rankin (nephew of Deborah Kapinos & Paul Rankin)
William McFadden (friend of Wendy Wirsch)

Ongoing Concerns: Dorothy Moritz
Karen Meade
Debbie Edwards
Joan George
Kerry Zimmerman
Debbie Watson

JOIN US FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP APRIL 6th AT 7pm

Maundy Thursday begins the Three Days, remembering the new commandment that Christ gave us in word and deed as he taught us how to love one another, washing our feet as a servant. We also celebrate the Lord's Supper, remembering the final supper Jesus shared with his disciples before his arrest, crucifixion, and resurrection.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 "The Meal Jesus Gave Us" Pastor Mark

PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given by Rick Danihel in loving memory of Rick's aunts and parents, and "Miss Patty's" parents; and given to the glory of God from Leslie Bonner. Deacons Leslie Bonner & Jen Kreischer will deliver the flowers. Each week the flowers can be a bright moment for someone needing prayers or praise. If anyone in the congregation has a person in mind to give the pulpit flowers to, please contact Cindy Anderson at 215-672-3219.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Palm Sunday, April 2nd at 2pm for children ages 2 – grade 5. Children will be divided into age groups. If you would like to help we are in need of the following donations: Plastic Eggs, Individually wrapped candy (NO NUTS OR NUT BUTTER!!!), prizes (i.e. chocolate bunnies, small stuffed animals, children's books, bubbles, balls, coloring books, small board games, fast food, Dairy Queen or coffee shop gift cards {\$5})

Bring you children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews neighbors!! All are welcome!

DONATIONS ARE DUE TODAY!



SAVE THE DATE
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 16TH—JULY 19TH

MEN'S GROUP
TODAY from 6PM to 8PM
At Rick Rugel's – 1471 Greenleaf Drive
Warrington, PA

This is your opportunity to get to know other men at NWPC better, and to participate in discussing the challenges we face in living a life of faith today. Please join us! For more information or any questions you have you can talk to Pastor Mark or Rick Rugel. Please let us know if you plan to join us so we know how many will be coming. See you then. Should be a good time!



SUMMER CAMP FOR NWPC KIDS!
Sunday June 18th- Friday June 23rd
2nd thru 5th Grades

We would like to offer this opportunity to your children this summer! For those of you who have older youth going on the mission trip, it is the same week. Please consider this prayerfully. It will be a chance for our children to grow in their faith while building relationships with each other and other children who will be there. Speaking from experience, some of my best memories are from church camp with my Sunday school friends.

Bear Creek Camp in the Poconos Mountains (1 hour and 40 minutes from NWPC)

Register online at: Bearcreekcamp.org

Use code: NWPC23 (all caps) and Select Tier A

Cost: \$350.00

Bear Creek Camp's overnight camping program, is a traditional camp program centered on spiritual growth, outdoor living and small group development. Each age group experiences a mix of small-group and all-camp activities throughout their week to meet their group's spiritual, social and developmental needs. Camp sessions begin on Sunday afternoon and end Friday afternoon. Campers spend their time living and playing together: swimming, boating, hiking, worshipping, playing games, discussing their faith, camping, making arts and crafts, learning about the environment, singing and much more. Campers live in a cabin according to their gender and grade. Each cabin is paired with another to make a Quest Group. Quest Groups form the campers' main family group for their time at camp.

**If cost is an issue please speak with Pastor Mark or Donna.*

THE GIANTS OF VILLAINY-THE DOAN GANG OF BUCKS COUNTY

Clint Flack and Annie Halliday of the Mercer Museum return to present the third and final part of the Doan Gang of Bucks County series, "The Giants of Villainy." This presentation will explore the aftermath of their biggest robbery including court proceedings, executions, and exile. Also covered will be the details of the Halsey cabin shootout in 1783. Please join the William Tennent House Association for this presentation on Saturday, April 1st, 2023 at 7PM at the Neshaminy-Warwick Presbyterian Church. The cost is \$10 per person prior to the event or \$12 at the door. We're hoping some of the wonderful Neshaminy bakers will help us out with refreshments.



EASTER LILIES

All those interested in making donations for lilies to decorate the sanctuary at Easter please notify Dorothy Smith (215-343-1142) no later than Friday, March 31. Please fill out the form below indicating which option you prefer:

I am interested in making a donation (any dollar amount). I understand the lilies will be delivered to shut-ins.

I prefer to make a donation for a lily (\$10). I understand I can pick up this lily after the 9 o'clock service.

As all donations will be noted in the Sunday, April 9 bulletin, please designate what the wording should be for you:

(In memory of, from Mr. & Mrs. Smith, etc.)

All checks should be made payable to Neshaminy-Warwick Presbyterian Church, Attn: Easter Lilies and forwarded to the church at 1401 Meetinghouse Road, Warminster, PA 18974.

(Signature)

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

TODAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge

—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary

—Food & Fellowship 10 am Auditorium

—Handbell Rehearsal 10:30 am Choir Room

—Men’s Group 6 pm Home of Rick Rugel

MONDAY—Session Meeting 7pm Sanctuary then Lounge

—Deacon Meeting 7pm Sanctuary then Auditorium

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium

—Outreach Team Meeting 11:30 am Lounge

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

SATURDAY—WTHA Fundraiser 7 pm Auditorium

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge

—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary

—Food & Fellowship 10 am Auditorium

—Handbell Rehearsal 10:30 am Choir Room

—Mary-Martha Circle 10:30 am Lounge

—Easter Egg Hunt 2 pm Outside

Church Staff

Rev. Mark Lyndaker-Studer, Pastor

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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.

WAYS TO GIVE



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