



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 2023

PRELUDE

"Prelude and Fugue in G minor, BWV 558" by J.S Bach

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 481

"Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

People: Serve the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;

People: we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

People: Give thanks to him; bless his name.

Leader: For the LORD is good;

People: his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

WORSHIP SONG

“You are Worthy of my Praise”

I will worship (I will worship)
With all of my heart (with all of my heart)
I will praise you (I will praise you)
With all of my strength (all my strength)
I will seek you (I will seek you)
All of my days (all of my days)
I will follow (I will follow)
All of your ways (all your ways)

*I will give you all my worship
I will give you all my praise
You alone I long to worship
You alone are worthy of my praise*

I will bow down (I will bow down)
Hail you as king (hail you as king)
I will serve you (I will serve you)
Give you everything (give you everything)
I will lift up (I will lift up)
My eyes to your throne (my eyes to your throne)
I will trust you (I will trust you)
I will trust you alone (trust you alone) *Chorus*

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 116:12-19

¹²What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me? ¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD; ¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. ¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. ¹⁶O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. ¹⁷I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD. ¹⁸I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, ¹⁹in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

"Your Love Never Fails"

Nothing can separate even if I ran away
Your love never fails
I know I still make mistakes,
but You have new mercies for me everyday
Your love never fails

**You stay the same through the ages
Your love never changes
There may be pain in the night
But joy comes in the morning
And when the oceans rage
I don't have to be afraid
Because I know that You love me
Your love never fails**

The wind is strong and the water's deep but
I'm not alone here in these open seas
Your love never fails
The chasm is far too wide I never thought I'd reach the other side
Your love never fails

You make all things work together for my good. (4x)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(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.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Mediation-Religieuse" by Schutzke

Lee Nelmes

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's love is this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Assured already of God's grace and forgiveness, let us confess our sin together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, You have promised liberation for your people, and reconciliation for all of creation. We confess that we have grown weary of waiting. We have lowered our hopes, and scaled our expectations according to the world, rather than believing in your steadfast Word. We confess that we have grown comfortable in our waiting. We cry out for justice, if it doesn't cost us too much. We proclaim your liberation, as long as it doesn't impinge on the freedoms that we value most. We want to follow Jesus, healing the sick and doing good deeds, but we don't want to be mistreated or hated. We don't want to stir up the dust, much less shake it from our feet. Forgive us, we pray. Give us words to speak your liberating Word and endurance to persevere until your kingdom comes. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness is promised to all generations. We are justified by faith, forgiven and freed, and at peace with God and each other through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

(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

Jesus sent the disciples, empty-handed, to carry out his work, trusting in God's provision for their needs. We give out of our abundance to continue the work of Jesus Christ in the world today. In faith and hope, let us offer our gifts to God.

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

Liberating God, use these gifts to transform the world, to bring about your justice, peace and reconciliation for all creation. Transform us as we offer them, to be partners and co-creators of your beloved kin-dom. In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:17-33

¹⁷The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸seeing that Abraham shall become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹No, for I have chosen him, that he may charge his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring about for Abraham what he has promised him." ²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know." ²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." ³³And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"Arguing with God"

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Declaration of Faith)

We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs for praise are never for ourselves alone. We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining in God's work. We find guidance in God's deeds in the past and promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture. We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion and peace.

HYMN NO. 326

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

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

The three persons of the Trinity surround you. The hand of God keep you from all harm; the Spirit of God guide you in all joy; the Son of God deliver you to eternal life.

POSTLUDE

" Paeon Exultant " by Smith



Prayer Concerns: NWPC youth & leaders on their mission trip to Charlotte, NC

Family of Howard (Gil) Gilson, Sr.

Rob Salvia (friend of Wendy Wirsch)

Family of Valerie Moritz Smith (sister of Dorothy Moritz)

Nichole Trollman (future daughter in law of Sandee Wilson)

Ted Lioumis and Era Papanicolaou (friends of Dalia Lucas)

Diane Raab

John Roushey

Joan Becker

Susan Bubb (friend of Dalia Lucas)

Family of Robert Schofield (friend of Wendy Wirsch)

Audrey Rauch (sister of Darlene Baker)

Sharon Burrink (friend of Wendy Wirsch)

Rima Mironas (mother of Dalia Lucas)

John & Angela Norvaisas (cousins of Dalia Lucas)

Joe O'Neill (brother of Mike O'Neill)

Robin Haug

Jerry Furr (friend of Barb & John Landis)

Donnie Fiedler (cousin of Sandee Wilson)

David Rankin (brother of Deborah Kapinos & Paul Rankin)

David Rankin (nephew of Deborah Kapinos & Paul Rankin)

Ongoing Concerns: Charles Sutton

Dorothy Moritz

Karen Meade

Debbie Edwards

Joan George

Kerry Zimmerman

Debbie Watson



PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given in loving memory of David Wilson from his wife, Sandee; and given to the glory of God! 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 anyone in the congregation has a person in mind to give the pulpit flowers to, please contact Cindy Anderson at 215-672-3219.

Pulpit flowers are needed for July 9, July 23, July 30, August 6 and August 27. If you are interested in donating pulpit flowers, please contact Dorothy Smith at 215-343-1142.

2023 DIRECTORY

New church directories are now available in the Outer Narthex. Please take one per household. If any corrections or changes are needed please contact Cheryl in the church office.

MISSION CORNER

Double THANKS to Mike O'Neill and the "CASSEROLE CREW". We made 80 hotdog and bean casseroles for St. Francis Inn in Kensington. These will feed 800 people. Again, thanks to all who helped!

MEDICAL CLOSET

We have medical equipment that can be borrowed i.e. crutches, commodes, shower chairs, walkers, canes among other items. If you have a need for medical equipment, please call the church office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SUMMER!

Today is the first Sunday of Summer Sunday School. We will continue to provide Bible stories and activities for children thru 5th grade throughout the summer. We need at least 2 adults to cover each Sunday (grades K – 5). There is a sign-up sheet in the outer narthex. On the Sundays that Heidi is here we need one person to sign up to help. There are a few Sundays that we need two people. I will provide story books and coloring sheets for you to use with the children. *If you signed up, there are some story books on the table next to the sign-up sheet.* There are more downstairs in the Sunday school room. Weather permitting, you may take the children outside to the playground after their story. The younger children will continue to meet in the toddler classroom with Miss Lisa and Miss Sue.

KEITH ROUNDS SOLO ACOUSTIC SHOWS IN JUNE AND JULY

Our contemporary worship leader Keith Rounds will be performing solo acoustic shows in June and July. Keith Plays both originals songs and covers.



Today, July 2nd, and July 9th from 3-6pm
Tranquility Brewing Company
780 Falcon Cir, Warminster, PA 18974

VBS 2023

Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs

July 16th – 19th

6 – 8pm

Age 3 – Grade 5

Bible Story, Singing, Crafts, Active Games

Register: www.nwpc.net

To volunteer contact:

Donna Mazeika

Director of Children & Youth Ministries

215-343-6060

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ALL ARE WELCOME!



THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

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

MONDAY—Session Meeting 7 pm Sanctuary then Lounge
—Deacon Meeting 7 pm Sanctuary then Auditorium

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—The Compassionate Friends—7 pm Lounge

FRIDAY—Youth returning from Mission Trip

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—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
—Food & Fellowship 10 am Auditorium

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.

WAYS TO GIVE



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- Follow phone prompts to give via credit card



ENVELOPE:

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