



## NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2023

### WELCOME

HYMN NO. 240

"Out of the Depths"

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's Spirit gathers us.

**People: We are not alone.**

Leader: God's Spirit calls us.

**People: We are to discern together God's will.**

Leader: God's Spirit sends us.

**People: We are to shine like the sun, bearing witness to Christ our Savior.**

Leader: People of God, let gather to worship and praise God's name.

**People: I give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart. I will glorify your name forever!**

Leader: For great is your steadfast love for me.

**People: You have delivered my soul from the depths.**

Leader: God says, "Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go."

## WORSHIP SONG

### 'Grace Alone'

I was an orphan lost at the fall  
Running away when I'd hear You call  
But Father You worked Your will

I had no righteousness of my own  
I had no right to kneel at Your throne  
But Father You loved me still

And in love before You laid the world's foundation  
You predestined to adopt me as Your own  
You have raised me up so high above my station  
I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone

You left Your home to seek out the lost  
You knew the great and terrible cost  
But Jesus Your face was set

And I worked my fingers down to the bone  
Nothing I did could ever atone  
But Jesus You paid my debt

By Your blood I have redemption and salvation  
Though You died that I might reap what you have sown  
And You rose that I might be a new creation  
I am born again by grace and grace alone

I was in darkness all of my life  
I never knew the day from the night  
But Spirit You made me see

I swore I knew the way on my own  
A head full of rocks a heart made of stone  
But Spirit You moved in me

At Your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened  
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone  
Called into a Kingdom that cannot be shaken  
I will stand in faith by grace and grace alone

Lord I trust in You by grace and grace alone  
I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone  
I am born again by grace and grace alone  
Every breath I breathe by grace and grace alone!

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 103:1-5

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. <sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, <sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, <sup>5</sup>who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

## WORSHIP SONG

"Beautiful, Scandalous Night"

Go on up to the mountain of mercy  
To the crimson perpetual tide  
Kneel down on the shore  
Be thirsty no more  
Go under and be purified

Follow Christ to the holy mountain  
Sinner sorry and wrecked by the fall  
Cleanse your heart and your soul  
In the fountain that flowed  
For you and for me and for all

*At the wonderful, tragic, mysterious tree  
On that beautiful scandalous night you and me  
Were atoned by His blood and forever washed white  
On that beautiful, scandalous night*

On the hillside, you were delivered  
At the foot of the cross justified  
And Your spirit restored  
By the river that poured  
From our blessed Savior's side

## VBS SINGERS

"Jump for Joy" and "Ha-la-la-la"

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

## CHOIR ANTHEM

“Christ Is Enough”

### CALL TO CONFESSION (1 John 1:8)

“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” Sin is our stumbling block before God. Repentance clears our path to hear and receive God’s truth. Let us confess our sins together.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Master Gardener, weeds and wheat fill the fields of our lives, grow entangled, and are difficult to distinguish. We have not spent the time we should in prayer and study of your Word to help us discern what is evil and against your will. We excuse our complacency and justify our passive faith. Yet we need your truth. We hunger for your harvest. Jesus, forgive us. Deliver us from evil. Clear our path to you. Amen.

*(Please take a moment of silent confession)*

### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Through Christ’s death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to shine like the sun to the glory of God. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **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

God dwells among us making all things new. Let us participate in this new creation by offering our gifts to God.

## OFFERTORY

Keith Rounds

*(If you are our guest, please don't feel obligated to participate.  
We would be honored if today's service could be our gift to you.)*

*(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

God dwells among us making all things new. Let us participate in this new creation by offering our gifts to God. **Amen.**

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 28:10-19

<sup>10</sup>Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup>He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup>And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup>And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, <sup>14</sup>and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup>Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup>Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" <sup>17</sup>And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." <sup>18</sup>So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19</sup>He called that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** **Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

"An Apocalypse of Grace"  
Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

*(Please stand if you are able)*

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Confession of 1967)

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for all when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to people, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

### **HYMN NO. 280**

"Amazing Grace"

### **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 God our parent, Christ our brother, and the Spirit who gives us breath bless you and keep you this day and forevermore.



**Prayer Concerns:** Family of David Rankin III (brother of Deborah Kapinos & Paul Rankin)  
Family of Lucy Colman  
Family of Thomas Potts (father of Melissa Meade)  
Susan Zimmerman  
Larry McClure (friend of Wendy Wirsch)  
Terry Blue (friend of Dave & Joanne Cochran)  
Lois Williams (friend of Nina Resavage)  
Judy, Erin, and Lauren (friends of Robin Haug)  
Rob Salvia (friend of Wendy Wirsch)  
Nichole Trollman (future daughter in law of Sandee Wilson)  
Ted Lioumis and Era Papanicolaou (friends of Dalia Lucas)  
Diane Raab  
John Roushey  
Susan Bubb (friend of Dalia Lucas)  
Sharon Burrink (friend of Wendy Wirsch)  
Rima Mironas (mother 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 (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 Gertrude, Lou, Marian, Warren, and Sam Smith from their family; and given in loving memory of her parents, Glenn and Dolores Ott from Leslie Bonner. Deacons Don Millin & Patrick Van Tassel 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 30, August 6 and August 27. If you are interested in donating pulpit flowers, please contact Dorothy Smith at 215-343-1142.

## THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

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### 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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**ENVELOPE:**

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