



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 481

"Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are those who do not ridicule and scoff but who delight in God's teachings and meditate on them day and night.

People: They are like trees planted by streams of water. They yield fruit in due season, and their leaves do not wither.

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked.

People: We delight in God's Word, we meditate on God day and night.

Leader: Our worship grounds us in God, like trees planted by streams of water.

People: God helps us yield good fruit. We do not wither when we spend time in God's presence.

WORSHIP SONG

“Love the Lord”

Love the Lord Your God will all your heart, with all your soul
With all your mind, and with all your strength
Love the Lord Your God will all your heart, with all your soul
With all your mind, and with all your strength

*With all your heart, with all your soul
With all your mind, with all your strength
Love the Lord Your God will all your heart, with all your soul
With all your mind, and with all your strength*

I will serve You, Lord with all my heart, with all my soul
With all my mind, and with all my strength
I will serve You, Lord with all my heart, with all my soul
With all my mind, and with all my strength (Chorus)

I will love You (I will love You)
I will praise You (I will praise You)
I will serve You (I will serve You)
I will trust You (I will trust You)

With all my heart, with all my soul
With all my mind, with all my strength
With all my heart, with all my soul
With all my mind, with all my strength

Love the Lord Your God will all your heart, with all your soul
With all your mind, and with all your strength
Love the Lord Your God will all your heart, with all your soul
With all your mind, and with all your strength

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:1-5

17 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

“What a Wonderful Name”

1) You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

2) What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

3) You wanted earth to know your glory
Jesus, you brought heaven down
Our sin was great Your love is greater
What could separate us now

4) What a Wonderful Name it is
What a Wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a Wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a Wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

5) Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival You have no equal

6) Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names.

7) What a Powerful Name it is
What a Powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a Powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a Powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

8) What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of 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.)

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Glorious, Risen Christ"

Before the sun had arisen Mary mourned for the Lord alone,
but the darkened tomb was an empty room; the Son of God was gone!

Glorious, risen Christ! Alive and robed in majesty!

Yet the scars of the cross show the infinite cost, the miraculous touch of Christ's love for us.

Mary heard His voice in the garden quietly calling her name.

She could not believe, nor her mind conceive that Jesus was alive, was alive.

Glorious, risen Christ! Alive and robed in majesty!

Yet the scars of the cross show the infinite cost, the miraculous touch of Christ's love for us.

She reached for the hem of His garment, silent, astonished, she gazed;
His feet were torn that Easter morn. She bowed before her Lord, amazed!

Glorious, risen Christ! Alive and robed in majesty!

Yet the scars of the cross show the infinite cost, the miraculous gift of Christ's love for us.

Glorious, risen Christ! Alive and robed in majesty!

Yet the scars of the cross show the infinite cost, the miraculous gift, God's holy gift,
the life-changing touch of Christ's love for us!

CALL TO CONFESSION

As this Easter season comes to a close, we turn again to God to confess our sins, the sins of our community and our society, to prepare ourselves to live into the redemption Christ offers.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Savior God, we invite you into our lives for a season, only to forget and neglect you once again. You beckon us, calling for our attention, but we are distracted and busy taking care of other priorities. Remind us, Holy God, that you are the source of our flourishing. You are the living water by which we have been planted. Forgive our neglect. Forgive our unfaithfulness. Focus us on you, your Word, and all that your Spirit provides. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings. We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In 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

Eternal and gracious God, we thank you for the love that defines each and every one of us. We thank you for your steadfast love that has been experienced in every generation. We praise you for rescuing your people long ago, for leading them safely through the waters of the sea and giving them a new life in you. We praise you for sending your Son Jesus to rescue us, who for us was baptized in the river Jordan, crucified, and resurrected, so that we could live a new and unending life in him.

Holy God, we pray for Your church and its mission in the world, we pray for our Church, may we be faithful to that which you have called us to be in our community, may we be the salt of the earth and light to those who are lost in darkness and despair. Give us the power to reveal your truth both in word and in action and gives the strength to preach the gospel faithfully amongst our friends, in our schools, in places of business and in our homes.

We lift the concerns of the world to you Lord...

We pray this day for peace. We pray for peace, for peace in Gaza and Ukraine, and for all the war-torn part of our world. We pray for our enemies for those who wish to harm us. We pray that they may come to know your truth and love for them, and we pray that by your hand Lord the day will soon come when we all of us, all the people of the earth, can live together as brothers and sisters, united in your love.

In this time of silence, we pray for those in our congregation who are sick. We pray for those who are mourning. We pray for those who are out of work. We pray for those who are fighting battles against addictions. We pray for marriages in our community that are struggling. We pray for our families and friends. Holy God we know that you call us to bring all our needs to you and so we pray for our own needs as well...

Time of Silent Prayer (2 minutes)

We pray together as our Lord Jesus Christ has taught us to pray...

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

With joy and gratitude for all we have been given, let us offer our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY

Suzanne Zak Carver

*(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

O God, maker and provider, you have blessed us with many gifts. Use us, and what we have gathered, to feed the world through your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:20-26

²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them."

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Together"
Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

HYMN NO. 359

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

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

Jesus Christ has already given us into the arms of a loving God. Therefore go in the Spirit of peace.



Prayer Concerns: Leslie Bonner

Carmen Maligia (friend of Bill Watson)
Rich McNeeley (cousin of Sally Traubel)
Bill M. (nephew of Bob Louderback)
Bill Chicoski (former member)
Kathy Taylor (friends of Wendy Wirsch)
Liz Sculli (Friend of Eloyce Sturgeon)
Milt Haupt (friend of Sandee Wilson)
Nancy Tuggle (friend of Sandee Wilson)
Sherri Shaffer (niece of Faye Wolfgang)
Nichole Trollman (daughter in law of Sandee Wilson)
Donna Palzer (friend of Debbie Watson)
Soukchay Khounxay (friend of Debbie Watson)
Vincent Evans (brother of Sue McOwen)
Liz & Larry Arnold (friends of Sandee Wilson)
Julia Bernanke (friend of Erin Watson)
Melissa Stokes (cousin of Sandee Wilson)
Jonie Garcia (mother of Dave Garcia)
Sue Ellen Nolan-Greeby (sister of Bill Watson)
Lois Williams (friend of Nina Resavage)

Ongoing Concerns: Arielle Jackson
Connie Reisinger
Dorothy Moritz
Cathy Shaheen
David Rankin
Charles Sutton
Karen Meade
Debbie Edwards
Kerry Zimmerman



PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given by Jan and George Rounds to the glory of God and in honor of Keith Rounds on his birthday; and given by Lynne and Warren Friedel in loving memory of their mothers—Anne Weitzmann and May Friedel. Deacons Beth Haller & Peg Kaelin 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 flower donations are needed for May 19 and 26 & every Sunday in June. If you are interested in donating pulpit flowers, please contact Dorothy Smith at 215-343-1142.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

10:00 A.M. in the Auditorium

Spiritual Formation

by Henry Nouwen

**What makes us human is not our mind BUT OUR HEART,
Not our ability to think but our ability TO LOVE.**

Led by the writings of beloved, bestselling author Henri Nouwen, *Spiritual Direction*, teaches us how to live out the five classical stages of spiritual development. From opaqueness to transparency, from illusion to prayer, from sorrow to joy, from resentment to gratitude, from fear to love, from exclusion to inclusion, from dying to befriending death.

MEN'S GROUP NEXT MEETING

Sunday May 19th, 6:00 PM

At NWPC (Lounge)

The next Men's Group get together is May 19th. It's the last Men's Group meeting until the fall. The Men's Group is a great opportunity to get to know other men at NWPC better, and to participate in discussing Bible themes as well as 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.

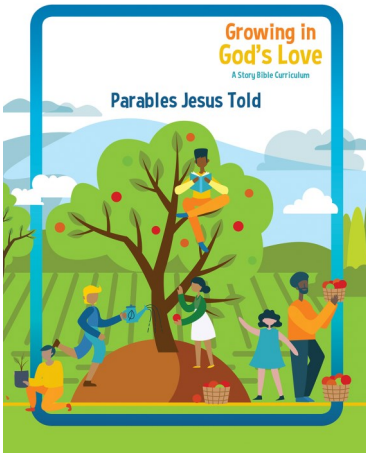


TAIZÉ

Sunday June 2nd at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Taizé is a prayerful service of worship that is popular in churches, throughout the world. Prayers are sung and scripture is read in a candlelit service of reflection. The music is simple phrases, usually lines from the Psalms or other pieces of scripture. The repetition is designed to help meditation and prayer. Come and sing, or just listen and be.

We do not create prayer, but merely prepare the ground and clear away obstacles. Prayer is always a gift, grace, the flame which ignites the wood; the Holy Spirit gives prayer. ~Kenneth Leech



Mark your calendars!

VBS 2024 – July 14th – 17th

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE! PARABLES JESUS TOLD!

As always we are looking for lots of helpers! Crafts, Games, Snack Prep, Group Leaders. If you can help OR if you're looking for a way to use your creativity and would like to lead in decorating the sanctuary, please contact Donna (donna.mazeika@nwpc.net)
Registration forms are on the table in the outer narthex. They can be completed and returned to Donna.

GREETERS

We are looking for one person to sign up each week to greet those arriving at our Sunday service. You are also welcome to bring your family or a friend to join you as greeters. It's a one-time commitment to stand at the entrance to the narthex and greet those coming in to the service from about 8:45 am until 9 am. This is a wonderful chance to reestablish our practice of ensuring that everyone coming to the service starts off with a warm welcome. We have a "sign-up genius" set up where you can sign up on-line at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4DA9A92FABFF2-greeter> or scan the QR code below. If you are interested, but don't have access to a computer, please reach out to Jen Kreisler at 610-952-5319.

Many thanks for considering signed up as a greeter!



PHILLIES VS. HOUSTON ASTROS BUS TRIP

Tuesday, August 27, 2024



A bus trip has been planned to go see the Phillies play the Houston Astros at Citizens Bank Park on Tuesday, August 27. We will leave the church at 3:30 p.m. All are welcome to go, young and old alike. Ask your extended family members as well as friends. Thirty-five (35) tickets have been reserved so it's on a first-come first-serve basis. Cost is \$54.00, which includes your ticket as well as the motor coach, and gratuities. We are sitting in Section 419, Rows 5 thru 9.

Deadline is July 1. If you have any questions, please contact Dorothy Smith at 215-343-1142.

THIS WEEK AT NESHAMINY

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

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium
—The Compassionate Friends 7 pm Lounge

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

SATURDAY—Private Function 9 am Auditorium

SUNDAY—Prayer Group 8:30 am Lounge
—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
—Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium
—Mission Team Meeting 10:30 am Lounge
—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.