



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 127

"Come, O Spirit"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: All together in one place;

People: they heard the rush of a violent wind;

Leader: it filled the entire house.

People: Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared and rested on each of them;

Leader: they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

People: Blazing Flame of the Spirit, burn away our fears!

Leader: Comforting Presence of the Spirit, heal our wounds.

People: Let us be prepared to worship and praise you, O Holy Spirit.

Leader: Spirit of God, come upon us this day and fill us with your love.

People: Make us people who will proclaim God's good news in all that we do. Amen.

WORSHIP SONG

“Did You Hear the Mountains Tremble”

Did you feel the mountains tremble?
Did you hear the oceans roar?
When the people rose to sing of
Jesus Christ, the risen one

Did you feel the people tremble?
Did you hear the singers roar?
When the lost began to sing of
Jesus Christ, the saving one

*And we can see that God, You're moving
A mighty river through the nations
And young and old will turn to Jesus
Fling wide Your heavenly gates
Prepare the way of the risen Lord*

*Open up the doors and let the music play
Let the streets resound with singing
Songs that bring Your hope
Songs that bring Your joy
Dancers who dance upon injustice*

Did you feel the darkness tremble
When all the saints join in one song
And all the streams flow as one river
To wash away our brokenness (Chorus)

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-4

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

“Amazed”

You dance over me, while I am unaware,
You sing all around, But I never hear the sound

*Lord I'm amazed, by you, Lord I'm amazed, by you,
Lord I'm amazed, by you, And how you love me*

You paint the morning sky, With miracles in mind
My hope will always stand, For you hold me in your hands (Chorus)

How deep, How wide, How great,
Is your love for me (2x) (Chorus)

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.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth -- Over and around us lies, over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise -- This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour -- Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale (Hill and vale) and tree and flower (and tree and flower),
Sun and moon and stars of light: (Sun and moon and stars of light:)
Lord of all, to Thee we raise -- This our joyful hymn our hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, (For the joy of love,
Brother, sister, parent, child, (Brother, sister, parent, child,)
Friends on earth, (Friends on earth,) and friends above (and friends above,)
For all gentle thoughts and mild (For all gentle thoughts and mild)
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
*Lord of all, (Lord of all,) to Thee we raise (to Thee we raise)
This our joyful hymn (Our joyful hymn) of praise.*

For each perfect gift of Thine -- To our race so freely given,
Graces human (Graces) and divine (human and divine,)
Flowers of earth and buds of heav'n -- flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n
*Lord of all, to Thee we raise -- This our joyful hymn our joyful hymn of praise,
This our joyful hymn our hymn of praise.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

God's Spirit has gathered us for worship. Let us confess our sins and return to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly but our fear keeps us from following your call. Forgive our lack of courage. Embolden us to dream big and trust the Spirit to fill us and use us. Help us be Christ's church without hesitation. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us usher in your kin-dom to come. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. **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

God who gathers us, on this Pentecost Sunday, in this season of the Spirit and the first signs of summer, grant us the courage of a planted seed, poised for growth, ready to burst from the dark, rich soil of Word and worship. May the timing of our growth coincide with your created order. May we bloom in righteousness as the sun rises high and the crops grow tall. Peaceful Spirit, in this season of war and violence, save us from evil and free us from our addiction to violence and weapons of destruction. Bend the arc of the universe towards justice. Inspire us with courage to resist the evil of racism, to proclaim your inclusive love, to root out the enemies of righteousness, to persist for peace. Spirit of wisdom and understanding, as you gathered diverse peoples on Pentecost, embolden us with a Christian hospitality that welcomes and receives all. Open our hearts to empathy and understanding of the circumstances of others. Empower us with your radical love that can strengthen and save. May we, your people, call on you with one voice, as one body, giving thanks and praise for your promise of redemption. In your mercy, Beloved God, hear the prayers of your people.

Time of Silent Prayer (2 minutes)

Now, as the Body of Christ, we pray as Christ taught us:

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’s Spirit is 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

You have blessed each of us with gifts to serve and share, Most Generous God. May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kin-dom and build your beloved community. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:5-21

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

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

SERMON

“Sent”

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN NO. 111

“Good Christians, All, Rejoice and Sing!”

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 Holy Spirit has come to inhabit this world with freedom, truth, and understanding. You are not alone. My God keep you and make your prayers bear fruit.



Prayer Concerns: Leslie Bonner

Carmen Maligia (friend of Bill Watson)
Rich McNeeley (cousin of Sally Traubel)
Bill M. (nephew of Bob Louderback)
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 Sue Ann McOwen in loving memory of her parents, Ferne & Thomas Evans; and given to the glory of God. Deacons Cindy Anderson & Doris Rowley 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 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 opacity 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

TONIGHT, 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.

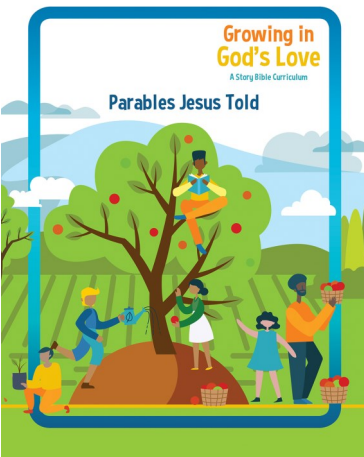


TAIZÉ

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 Kreischer 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
—Deacon Meeting 10:30 am Lounge
—Mission Team Meeting 10:30 am Book Lounge
—Youth Group 6 pm Youth Room
—Men’s Group 6 pm Lounge

MONDAY—Session Meeting 7 pm Lounge

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—Bible Study 10 am Auditorium

THURSDAY—Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Choir Room

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