



# NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 2, 2024

## WELCOME

HYMN NO. 341

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

**People: Six days we labor and do all our work—but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord our God.**

Leader: Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, but God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm.

**People: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.**

Leader: We come together to praise God with festive songs and shouts of joy!

**People: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.**

Leader: We come together to hear the voice of our Savior calling us to compassion.

**People: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.**

Leader: We come together to experience the abundance of God's grace.

**People: Let us worship God.**

## WORSHIP SONG

“You are Good”

Lord, You are good And your mercy endureth forever  
Lord, You are good And your mercy endureth forever  
People from every nation and tongue  
From generation to generation

**We worship You Hallelujah, Hallelujah**  
**We worship You for who You are**  
**We worship You Hallelujah, Hallelujah**  
**We worship You for who You are**  
**For You Are Good**

Lord, You are Good And your mercy endureth forever  
Lord, You are good And your mercy endureth forever  
People from every nation and tongue  
From generation to generation

You are good, all the time, all the time, You are good  
You are good, all the time, all the time, You are good (2X)

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

<sup>4</sup> Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing clearly the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’s sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, “Light will shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

## WORSHIP SONG

“Almighty/Step by Step”

Almighty most Holy Lord  
Faithful through the ages  
Almighty most Holy Lord  
Glorious Almighty God  
(Repeat)

Oh God You are my God and I will ever praise You (2x)  
I will seek You in the morning  
I will learn to follow your ways  
And step by step You'll lead me  
And I will follow You all of my days

I will follow You all of my days  
I will follow You all of my days  
And step by step You'll lead me  
And I will follow You all of my days

## 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

"Jesu, joy of man's desiring"

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, Love most bright,  
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, Soar to uncreated light.  
Word of God our flesh that fashion'd With the fire of life impassion'd,  
Striving still to Truth unknown, Soaring, dying, round Thy throne.

Through the way where Hope is guiding, Hark, what peaceful music rings!  
Where the flock in Thee confiding, Drink of joy from deathless springs.  
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.  
Though dost ever lead Thine own, In the love of joys unknown.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

In the midst of busy lives, our time of corporate confession gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on how we spend our time. Have we dedicated ourselves to loving others? Have we spent our energy on things that bring life to us and those around us? Christ invites us to bring our best and worst to him in prayer, that he might offer us his healing and his peace. Let us pray.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord of Life, you call us to rest, but we are too busy working. You call us to offer rest to others, but we are too busy demanding. You call us to remember that you are always at work in our lives, but we are too busy worrying. Forgive our constant striving and our obsession with work. Remind us that our value comes from you, not from anything we produce or how productive we appear to others. Teach us the rhythms of your grace, and grant us rest for our weary souls. Amen.**

*(Please take a moment of silent confession)*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Christ lifts the heavy burdens of sin and frees us for new life in his name. Trust that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

*(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)*

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We believe in a God who provides abundantly for our needs. In gratitude, let us share a portion of what we have been given, for the work of this community and the benefit of our neighbors.

## OFFERTORY

“Return to God” (Taizé)

Return to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy, come seek the tender faithfulness of God. (2x)

*(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

Provider God, we give you thanks for all your good gifts to us: for work and rest, for creativity and play, for this community in which to practice our faith together. Take these offerings we bring today and use them to meet the needs of those around us. May our work and witness reflect our belief in your compassionate care for us and for all you have created. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

*(You may be seated)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, <sup>9</sup>persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, <sup>10</sup>always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us but life in you. <sup>13</sup>But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and therefore we also speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and will present us with you in his presence. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, everything is for your sake, so that grace, when it has extended to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. <sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For our slight, momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"Jars of Clay"

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

*(Please stand if you are able)*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Page 12 Blue Hymnal)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna In the highest**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest**

...With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

## 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.**

*(Everyone is welcome to partake of the elements. We will be using prepackaged wafers and juice. Please come forward by the center aisle, take the elements from one of the baskets, and return to your seat by the side aisle. Please hold your elements until all are served so we can partake together. There are also gluten-free elements on the side tables.)*

## COMMUNION SONGS      "In the Lord I'll be ever thankful" (Taizé)

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice. Look to God, do not be afraid, lift up your voices the Lord is near, lift up your voices the Lord is near. (Repeat)

"Bless the Lord" (Taizé)

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord my soul, who leads me into life. (Repeat)

## PARTAKING OF THE SACRAMENT

## COMMUNION PRAYER

**HYMN NO. 527                      "Near to the Heart of God"**

## 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 love of our creator, the peace of the Lord of Sabbath, and the power of the Holy Spirit be upon you and shine through you.



**Prayer Concerns:** Family of Karen Meade

Leslie Bonner

Joyce Z. (friend of Jan & Don Millin)

Kay and Al (friends of Sandee Wilson)

Woody Daeshe (friend of the Bakers & Hennesseys)

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)

Sherri Shaffer (niece of Faye Wolfgang)

Donna Palzer (friend of Debbie Watson)

Soukchay Khounxay (friend of Debbie Watson)

Vincent Evans (brother of Sue McOwen)

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)

**Ongoing Concerns:** Arielle Jackson

Connie Reisinger

Dorothy Moritz

Cathy Shaheen

David Rankin

Charles Sutton

Debbie Edwards

Kerry Zimmerman

Debbie Watson





## PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are both given to the glory of God! Deacons Doris Rowley & 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 flower donations are needed for June 9th, 16th & 30th. If you are interested in donating pulpit flowers, please contact Dorothy Smith at 215-343-1142.

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Please let Donna know if someone in your household is graduating from high school or any other institution of higher education. [donna.mazeika@nwpc.net](mailto:donna.mazeika@nwpc.net).

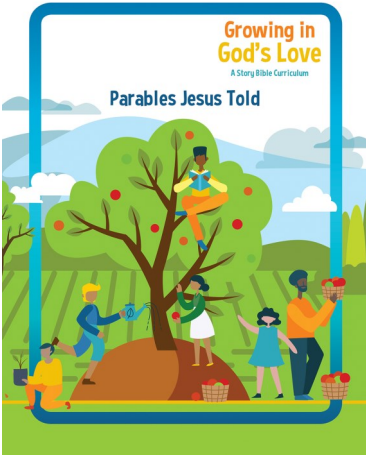


## TAIZÉ

**TONIGHT 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 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

### **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](mailto:donna.mazeika@nwpc.net)) Registration forms are on the table in the outer narthex. They can be completed and returned to Donna.

### **MISSION CORNER**

**Do you have a passion for serving Christ through helping others?**

The NWPC Mission Team is looking for new members! We are a fun, vibrant group who organize efforts such as:

- Supporting inner city churches
- Providing food to homeless and food insecure families
- Providing school supplies to families in need
- Supporting our medical professionals on medical mission trips
- Organizing a yearly Bingo fundraiser

If you are interested in joining, please speak to any current member or contact Linda King at [clbjking@comcast.net](mailto:clbjking@comcast.net).

Be on the lookout for upcoming events:

- June: Making casseroles
- July: Food drive

## 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. 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  
—Mary-Martha Circle 10:30 am Lounge  
—Youth Group 6 pm Youth Room  
—Taizé 7 pm Sanctuary

TUESDAY—WholyFit 7 pm Auditorium

THURSDAY—Choir Picnic 5:30 pm Kreisler Home

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—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary  
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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.