



NESHAMINY-WARWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2024

WELCOME

HYMN NO. 240

“Out of the Depths”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said, “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

People: Lord, we come to worship you, seeking sabbath rest.

Leader: Jesus said, “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

People: Lord, we come to worship you, to listen for your teachings and to seek rest for your souls.

Leader: Jesus said, “For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

People: Lord, we come to worship you, that we might serve you faithfully.

Leader: Give thanks to God; bless God’s name!

People: For the Lord is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever, and God’s faithfulness to all generations.

WORSHIP SONG

“Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord”

Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth
Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth (2x)

The flowers of the fields are crying to be heard
The trees of the forest singing
And all of the mountains with one voice
Will join in the Chorus of this world

Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth
Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth (2x)

The flowers of the fields are crying to be heard
The trees of the forest singing
And all of the mountains with one voice
Will join in the Chorus of this world (2X)

And I will not be silent
And I will not be quiet anymore
I will not be silent
I will not be quiet anymore (2X)

Bridge (Contemporary Worship Team)
Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth
Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth (2X)

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

5 Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. ²For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you, 'It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.' " ³So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. ⁴David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. ⁵At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. ⁹David occupied the stronghold and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. ¹⁰And David became greater and greater, for the LORD of hosts was with him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP SONG

"Holy is Your Name"

Lord of all Lords, ancient of days

All glory to the name, we magnify and praise

Worthy and pure, truthful and right

Awesome in majesty, and glorious in might

Holy is Your name, faithful and true

Beautiful Savior, we come to worship You

Holy is Your name, high above all

We come to praise You, now on your name we call

Fairest of fair, God with us now

Let every tongue confess, and every knee will bow (Chorus)

You are holy, You are worthy, we call on Your holy name

You are holy, You are worthy, we call on Your holy name (Chorus)

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

"Beautiful, Scandalous Night"

Melissa Meade

CALL TO CONFESSION

The scriptures teach that there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. The scriptures also teach that we have a high priest who has been tested as we are, yet without sin. As the letter to the Hebrews encourages us, "Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, we confess that we run ourselves ragged. We are busy and preoccupied with so many things. We neglect to be still and know that you are God. Even our sabbath time can be filled with "busy-ness." Forgive us, Lord, for not accepting your gift and guidance of rest and restoration. Help us to put on the yoke of Jesus and walk in the way he models for us, mindful of our spiritual health and responding with compassion to the needs of our neighbors. Loving God, thank you for Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, who makes us complete in everything good so that we may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight. We pray through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

People: Thanks be to God! For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

(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

Holy God, we praise you for your goodness and your everlasting loving-kindness. With the power of your Word, you created the world and everything in it and fashioned us in your own image. In your Word made flesh, you lived among us, taught us your way, and reconciled us to you. Through your living Word, you continue to call us to obedience and service in the power of your Holy Spirit. Thank you, God, for the claim you put on our lives in baptism and the call to follow you throughout life. We pray for the wisdom of your Son’s teachings to guide us in our actions. In what we say and do as followers of Jesus, may we always say and do what he has taught and shown us in his own life. Hear our prayers, O Lord ... God of all creation, we pray for the world in which we live. You offer us a better way, but we continue to live in strife. We divide ourselves and look to our own interests. We become discouraged and think we cannot make a difference. Lord, show us how to live as a witness to your power, promise, love and grace. Hear our prayers, O Lord ... God of life, as the crowds carried their sick to Jesus with the hope of them being healed, we still carry our sick to you in our prayers. We pray for all for whom life is a struggle today because of illness..... both those who are sick and those who give care. Bless those who are undergoing treatments, recovering from surgeries, facing new diagnoses, and living with chronic conditions. May they know the peace of your life-giving Spirit. We also pray for those who are preparing to die, and for their loved ones. Help us always to live as those who are prepared to die so that, when it is time to die, we may go forth as those who are prepared to live in Christ Jesus. Hear our prayers, O Lord ...

Time of Silent Prayer (2 minutes)

We offer these and all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, who taught us to pray, “Our Father...”.

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

When the apostle Paul encouraged the Corinthian Christians to participate in the offering for the saints in Jerusalem who were in need, he wrote, “for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others.” With grateful hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings, that we may supply the needs of the saints, overflow with thanksgiving to God, glorify God, and share generously what God has so graciously given to us.

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

God of grace and God of glory, we thank you for your generous blessings which enrich our lives. Help us to be good stewards of all you give. May we freely give with generous hearts, even as we have received what you have so freely given us, Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift. **Amen.**

(You may be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 7:1-14

7 Now when the king was settled in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." ⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, ⁵"Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel, ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place and be disturbed no more, and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel, and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"God's Plan"

Pastor Mark Lyndaker-Studer

(Please stand if you are able)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From “A Declaration of Faith”)

God sent his Son to proclaim release to those who are bound, to announce that God’s promised kingdom is at hand, to urge everyone to repent and believe the good news. The Lord is moving toward the time when the glorious liberty of the children of God will be manifest throughout the whole creation. We testify God is at work here and now when people obey Christ’s commission to witness to him and make disciples of all nations, when they spread the good news by their words and embody it in their lives. We believe that God sends us to tell all nations that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and obedience. We are to proclaim by word and deed that Christ gave himself to set people free from sin and self-hatred, from ignorance and disease, from all forms of oppression, and even from death. We are to offer them in Christ’s name fullness of life now and forever. We must not distort the gospel by weakening its promises or demands, by identifying it with oppressive structures, by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ. We must not restrict our proclamation to persons just like ourselves. We invite people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers. We urge them to join us in telling others the good news and in struggling for justice, compassion, and peace.

HYMN NO. 151

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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

We have been restored in the worship of our God. Have no fear, for God is with us. We are dwelling in the house of the Lord—let us be God’s banquet for one another!



Prayer Concerns: Nicholas Stickle
Gloria Rossi (friend of Lisa Pearsall)
Anna B. (friend of Jan & Don Millin)
Tommy H. (friend of Jan & Don Millin)
Family of Jim Phillips, Sr.
Michele Rouseau (friend of Wendy Wirsch)
Swarling Aguero (friend of Dalia Lucas)
Paulette Gold (friend of Sandee Wilson)
Joseph Kaplan (friend of Dalia Lucas)
Carly (friend of Wendy Wirsch)
Marge Ayres (sister of Joe Mazeika)
Tyler Lackett (friend of Wendy Wirsch)
Dawn Hampson (daughter in law of Eloyce Sturgeon)
Leslie Bonner
Kay and Al (friends of Sandee Wilson)
Carmen Maligia (friend of Bill Watson)
Rich McNeeley (cousin of Sally Traubel)
Liz Sculli (Friend of Eloyce Sturgeon)
Milt Haupt (friend of Sandee Wilson)
Sherri Shaffer (niece of Faye Wolfgang)
Jonie Garcia (mother of Dave Garcia)
Sue Ellen Nolan-Greeby (sister of Bill Watson)
Lois Williams (friend of Nina Resavage)

Ongoing Concerns: Carolyn Wallace
Rina Mironas
Cathy Shaheen
Arielle Jackson
Connie Reisinger
David Rankin
Charles Sutton
Debbie Edwards
Kerry Zimmerman



PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers are given in memory of Robert, Muriel, and Richard Goodman from their family; and given in celebration of their daughter's, Krissy, birthday from Jan & Don Millin. The flowers on the communion table are given in loving memory of Gertrude, Lou, Marian, Warren, and Sam Smith from their family. Deacons Jen Kreischer & 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.

OFFICE SCHEDULE

We hope you won't be inconvenienced but due to staff vacations and schedules, the office may not be open during our normal business hours during the Summer. Please call ahead to check on availability if you need assistance from the office.



JULY FOOD DRIVE.

But do not forget to do good and share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Hebrews 13:16

We have a great opportunity to serve those in need and share our blessings.

The Mission Team is hosting a community food drive. There will be two different collection dates for you to choose from. **Saturday July 20th, or July 27th.** We will be creating smaller collection areas too. We will need all available hands on Sunday July 28th for Sorting Day!!! Directly after Food & Fellowship we can all help sort the donations to be delivered to the Warminster Food Bank. If you are interested in getting involved or have a question, please talk to Barb Louderback (blouderback@hotmail.com).

To sign up, go to www.nwpcfooddrive.com

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—Worship Service 9 am Sanctuary
—Food & Fellowship 10:15 am Auditorium

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WAYS TO GIVE



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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.