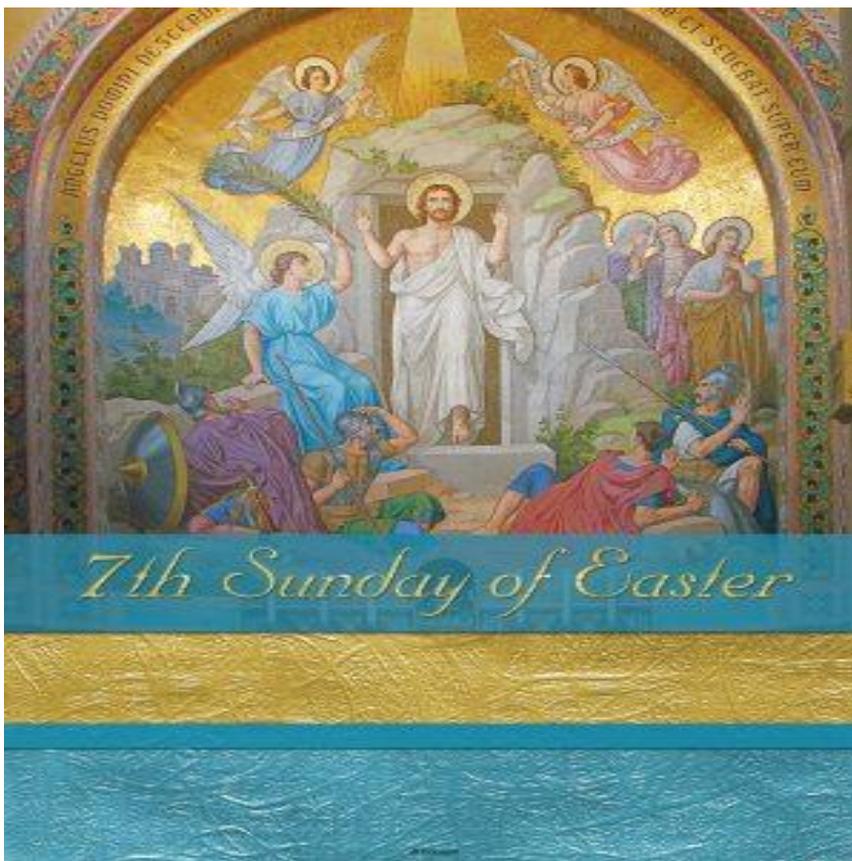


# *Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle*

May 16, 2021

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



## *“It Isn’t Only About You”*

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A Community of Faith

Growing Together

Sharing the Love of Christ

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## **OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

We continue to follow all public health guidelines to love our neighbors and slow the spread of covid. At this time, we will not be singing as a congregation, but will enjoy the music of our soloists and listen carefully to the words and melodies they offer. We will also not be reciting prayers or other liturgy communally, but will join our hearts together with our liturgists and listen as the words are lifted to God

*Prelude*

*"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"*

*Hugh Wilson*

*"Christians, Join to Sing"*

*Spanish Folk Medley*

*Great Highland Bagpipes, Lucas Greenlee*

## **Welcome and Sharing**

### ***\*Call to Worship***

Happy are those who take delight in the law of the Lord. They are like trees planted by streams of water. In all that they do they prosper. For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous. May God number us with the righteous as we worship the Lord. Let us worship God!

*\*Hymn (rise in spirit and body if you are able, and listen to the words of the hymn)*

*No. 263*

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name!"*

*Edward Perronet*

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all!

3 Let every kindred, every tribe  
on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
To him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all!

4 O that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all!

*Litany of Affirmation and Assurance (let's join our hearts only together in this prayer)*

The testimony of God is greater than human testimony.  
God's testimony has borne witness to Jesus, the Christ.  
Whoever receives the Word of God has life.  
Whoever believes in the One whom God sent has God's testimony.  
Whoever receives the Word of God has life.  
The testimony is this: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in Jesus Christ,  
God's Anointed One.  
Whoever receives the Word of God has life.

*A period of Silent Confession*

*Assurance of Pardon*

I proclaim this to you who confess the name of Jesus Christ, that you may know that you  
have eternal life.  
Whoever receives the Word of God has life.

*\*Gloria Patri (rise in spirit and body if you are able, and listen to the words of the 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, Amen.

*\*Passing of the peace of Christ*

L: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

## ***INVITATION TO THE WORD***

*Prayer for Illumination*

Jesus reveals himself to his followers by the Sea of Tiberias.  
Let us pray: Open our hearts to your word O Lord. Amen.

*Gospel Reading*

John 21:1, 4-14

21 After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. . . . 4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5 Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." 6 He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. 7 That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. 8 But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. 10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." 11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. 14 This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

*Epistle Reading*

1 John 5: 9-13

9 If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. 10 Those who believe in the son of God have testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God has made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his son. 11 And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

*Sermon*

*"It Isn't Only About You"*

**OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE**

*Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer (debt/debtors)*

*Call to Offering*

To meditate upon God's word is to learn of his love and know his righteousness. God's tender mercy and care protects all creation. We are privileged to share in it by the use of our time, talent and treasure. Let us bring our gifts to God.

*Offertory*

*"Be Still My Soul"*  
*"Children of the Heavenly Father"*  
*Smallpipes. Lucas Greenlee*

*Finlandia, Jean Sibilus 1899*  
*Traditional Swedish*

*Please use this time for prayer and reflection on how God is moving you to give – of your time, talent and resources. If you feel moved to give to Willow Creek Presbyterian Church, you can mail contributions to the church office, or use the button on our website (WillowCreekPC.org), or use this QR code to give through your smartphone, or you may leave your offering in the baskets at the back of the sanctuary as you leave after worship.*



*\*Doxology (rise in spirit and body if you are able, and listen to the words of the Doxology)*

Praise God from whom all blessing flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication*

Armed with the Good News of your love, O Shield and Defender, you send us into the world to radiate the joy of new life. Accept our efforts, and make them productive in fulfilling your will. In all that we do, challenge us to be obedient to the call of Jesus Christ, walking in faithfulness, and responding to the truths we hold sacred. Amen.

*Hymn # 451*

*“Open my Eyes, That I May See”*

*Clara H. Scott*

1 Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes; illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

2 Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear.  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears; illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

3 Open my mouth, and let me bear  
 gladly the warm truth everywhere.  
 Open my heart, and let me prepare  
 love with thy children thus to share.  
 Silently now I wait for thee,  
 ready, my God, thy will to see.  
 Open my heart; illumine me,  
 Spirit divine!

*Charge and Benediction*

*Postlude*

*"The Celtic Alleluia & Close to Thee"  
 Smallpipes, Lucas Greenlee*

*O'Carroll/Walker 1985  
 Silas J Vail 1874*

*\*If you are able, we invite you to honor God by standing. Song Permission One License #80384/95086 CCLI # 1706876*

Thank you to our Liturgist Maren Reid and Recording Director Steve Picken.

**CHURCH OFFICERS**

**Session:**

**Class of 2021** Maren Reid; Jeff Cummings; Abby Guthrie  
**Class of 2022** Sandra Bell; Mary Beth Gratz; Mike Landi  
**Class of 2023** Marie Wiersema; Karli Rankin; Jim Ralston

**Deaconate:**

**Class of 2021** JoAnn Buffington; Gyneth Lamont  
**Class of 2022** Delores Hall; Jim Hall  
**Class of 2023** Donna Hamilton

**The Ongoing Efforts of the Persons Listed Below Are Greatly Appreciated**

Ministers	All Members of the Body of Christ
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Clerk of Session	Maren Reid
Organist and Chancel Choir Accompanist	Tom Andrew
Worship Music Director	Elizabeth O'Leary
Co-Financial Secretaries	Penny Picken & Sandra Bell
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Prayer Chain Coordinators:	Delores Hall & Kim Reid
Youth Sponsors:	Lucas Greenlee and Maren Reid

## SPECIAL MISSION PROJECTS OF THE CHURCH

**Empower Boone Food Pantry** – empowerboone.org & Old Stone Church

**Babies Angel Closet** – Food & items up to 24 month given to mothers who are referred to us

**Habitat for Humanity** – boone-il-habitat.org

**Kemmerer Village** - kemmerervillage.org

**Families in Need** – funds from our Christmas Cookie Walk helps families in our community in times of crisis

**For 2020, Marion Medical Mission** – mmmwater.org

### Members and friends to remember with prayers, cards or visits:

Home: Lee Pickett, Carolyn Miller, Dave Ensminger, Pat & Richard Nortch

Retirement Home: Geralyn Greenlee-N. Woods & Lois McEachran-W. Willows

For our prayer chain, e-mail [haldee-jim@att.net](mailto:haldee-jim@att.net), or call the church.

Please pray for those who are visiting and for those who are not yet here.

Please pray for our sister church, LORNE AND LOWLAND in Scotland.

## **May 16 - 23, 2021 Church Calendar**

Sun 5/16	10:00 am	Hybrid Worship; Special Music by Lucas Greenlee, Pipes
	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School
	11:00 am	Youth Group
Sun 5/18	8:00 am	B & G Committee Meeting
	6:00 pm	M & W Committee Meeting
Fri 5/21	**	Streamer Articles Due to Office
Sun 5/23	10:00 am	Hybrid Worship; Special Music by Renee O'Dell, Soprano
	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School

# CHILDREN'S Sunday School

**Sunday, May 16 – May 23, 2021 @ 10:30 am.**

We will meet in person. Children can go down to Sunday School after the scripture reading.

## **Bed Build!**

Saturday, June 19 2021 from 9:00-12:00ish will be our first Bed Build, planned in coordination with Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Help us provide beds to children in our area who are in need. Below are the ways you can help:

- donate single size sheets, blankets, pillows, or mattress protectors (we need enough for 10 beds)
- sign up to help build beds on June 19 (from sanding to sawing to nailing, all are welcome)
- sign up to help make lunches for the work crew (lunch crew will wear gloves and masks, and package everything individually)
- sign up to help make tie blankets to give to the children receiving the beds

Many hands make light work! This should be a fun way to work together as a church family to help those in our community. All ages and abilities are welcome! We'll provide a picnic lunch for all those who volunteer.

