

WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 5TH, 2024 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 10:00AM



OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Come, celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ with us! All are invited to sing and pray and participate in liturgy.

IF YOU ARE ABLE, WE INVITE YOU TO STAND.

PRELUDE

DOWN IN THE VALLEY TO PRAY

Elizabeth O'Leary, Contralto

AMERICAN SPIRITUAL ARR. JAY ALTHOUSE

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

IF CALL TO WORSHIP FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 13

RON MUZZARELLI

God is patient.

God is kind.

God does not envy.

God does not dishonor others.

God is not easily angered.

God keeps no record of wrongs.

God does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

God always protects and always perseveres.

God never fails.

Come, let us worship God!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Magnificent God, forgive us for not accepting the love you've given us. You call us beloved and yet, we live with shame. You call us forgiven and yet, we worry and stress over mistakes big and small. Forgive us for believing we're not lovable enough. Forgive us for overlooking how loveable others are. May we see ourselves and all of your children as beloved. May we find more patience, courage, and faith to live lives that more fully declare your love.

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM I JOHN 1

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, our just and faithful God will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

I 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.

I PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the Peace of Christ be with you; **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

ACTS 18:1 - 13

PAGES 1724 - 1725

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE GOSPEL OF GRACE
(*Amazing Grace & I'm Newborn Again*)

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUALS ARR. MARK HAYES

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

At this time, children are invited to go downstairs for Sunday School.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1 - 13

PASTOR TANYA MUZZARELLI

Holy wisdom, **holy word.**

PAGES 1787 - 1788

SERMON

"THE LAW OF LOVE"

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

I HYMN #316

WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL

WESTENDORF, 1960 & CHAPIN, 1812

I AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DIOS ESTÁ AQUÍ (GOD IS HERE TODAY)

ARTURO GONZALEZ & C. MICHAEL HAWN

Tom Andrew, Piano

I 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.

I PRAYER OF DEDICATION

I HYMN #188

JESUS LOVES ME!

WARNER, MCGUIRE & BRADBURY

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

COMMUNION

We hold the bread and partake together, celebrating that Christ joins us into one united body. We drink the cup as it comes to us, rejoicing that Christ comes to us as individuals and loves us just as we are.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND THE 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, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and glory forever. Amen.

I HYMN #629

JESUS, THE VERY THOUGHT OF THEE

CASWALL, 1849 & DYKES, 1866

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

WHERE CROSS THE CROWDED WAYS OF LIFE

FRANK MASON NORTH

Tom Andrew, Organ

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! LITURGIST: RON MUZZARELLI
USHERS: KATHERINE RALSTON, MATT RALSTON, JOHN REID AND APRIL ROTTMAN

COVER IMAGE: Keck, M. Scripture Art 1 Corinthians 13 [Painting]. <https://www.keckfineart.com>

Join us on **Sundays at 9:15am in the Library for Adult Sunday School!** We are beginning a new study on *Spiritual Disciplines*. We will meet on **May 5th & 12th**.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 5th	9:15a	Adult Sunday School, 10a Worship - Communion, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship, 11:30a Deacons
Tuesday 7th	6p	Session
Thursday 9th	10:30a	Ladies Walk at WCPC, 6p Bell Rehearsal
Sunday 12th		<i>Mother's Day</i>
<i>Change for Change</i>	9:15a	Adult Sunday School, 10a Worship, 11a Fellowship, 11:30a Youth Group

"A Faith Community, Growing Together, Sharing the love of Christ"

MINISTERS: ALL MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

For more information about our staff and volunteers, visit our website.

The Church Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30am - 3pm. If you'd like to set up a time to visit Pastor Lauren or Pastor Tanya, please reach out to the office.

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