

WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 16, 2024 | FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | 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 HONOR GOD BY STANDING.

PRELUDE

GIVE ME JESUS
Nicolai Janitzky, Baritone

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL, ARR. IVES

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

IF CALL TO WORSHIP - FROM PSALM 29

APRIL ROTTMAN

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

May the Lord give us strength! May the Lord bless us! Come, let us worship God!

¹ Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*Refrain: This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

² Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

³ Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of all, we confess our reluctance to admit when we need help - from you, from others. We confess that we would rather be the one offering help than the one in need. We confess our desire to overlook how Christlike vulnerability is. May we believe that you have called us into relationship with you and others, and healthy relationships require us to admit when we have needs. Teach us to listen more closely to the needs of others, rather than letting our own need to be helpful drown out their voices. We confess that it is hard for us to even ask for help in understanding how someone else may need help. Heal us of our assumptions. Free us from the sin of trying to be beyond need.

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM PSALM 130

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you.

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

EPISTLE READING

2 CORINTHIANS 4:13 - 18

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 so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, 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.

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

PSALTER READING

PSALM 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is the Lord who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Holy wisdom, **holy Word.**

SERMON

“MORE THAN THOSE WHO WATCH FOR THE MORNING”

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

I AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - AN EXCERPT FROM THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

How do you come to know this?

The holy gospel tells me. God began to reveal the gospel already in Paradise; later God proclaimed it by the holy patriarchs and prophets and foreshadowed it by the sacrifices and other ceremonies of the law; and finally God fulfilled it through his own beloved Son.

I HYMN #370

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

BABCOCK, SHEPPARD & BARNES

¹ This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.

² This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world. The battle is not done: Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

BE THOU MY VISION

IRISH HYMN

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASTOR TANYA MUZZARELLI

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 #39

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

CHISHOLM & RUNYAN, 1923

¹ Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

² Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

³ Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

GOD OF OUR FATHERS

DANIEL C. ROBERTS

Tom Andrew, Keyboard

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! LITURGIST: APRIL ROTTMAN
USHERS: RON MUZZARELLI, RENEE O'DELL, STEVE PICKEN AND ED ROTTMAN

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FATHER'S DAY can be a day of celebration as well as a day of complexity and grief.

If today is a day of celebration for you, your church family celebrates with you;
if today is a day of sadness for you, your church family mourns with you.

And, if today is just another day for you, your church family is here with you, too.

Wherever today finds you, you are welcome here. If you find that today brings up something within you you'd like to discuss with a pastor, let Pastor Lauren or the Church Office know.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 16th	10a	Worship in the Parking Lot, 11a Fellowship
Monday 17th	9a - 12p	VBS Set Sail! Monday (6/17) - Thursday (6/20)
Tuesday 18th	6p Pipe	Band & Drums: Lessons & Rehearsals
Wednesday 19th	9a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant
Thursday 20th	10:30a	Ladies Walk at WCPC, 11:30a Ladies Meet & Eat at Sophia's
Friday 21st		Articles Due for July & August Combined Streamer
Sunday 23th	10a	VBS Sunday , 11a Fellowship

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MINISTERS: ALL MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

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