

WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 9TH, 2024 | THIRD 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 STAND.

PRELUDE

COME NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP

BRIAN DOERKSEN

Tom Andrew, Piano

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

IF CALL TO WORSHIP

LUCAS GREENLEE

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"

even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day.

God said, "Let light shine out of darkness," and God made light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory.

Come, let us worship God!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy, holy, holy God, we know that you know us better than we know ourselves. We know we ought to be comforted by this knowledge, but we confess it is not always a comfort. We fear that you know flaws we have failed to discern. We fear we are even more sinful than we care to admit. We fear being deeply known because we fear being discovered as unacceptable and unlovable. We confess all of these fears to you. We confess that being known so deeply by you is a frighteningly vulnerable reminder that we are not in control. We confess our need for vulnerability and our need to admit that we are not, after all, in control. Free us from our fears and the ridiculous expectations we have of ourselves. Free us to feel the joy of being fully known and fully loved.

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM 1 PETER 5:10

The God of all grace, who calls us to eternal glory in Jesus Christ, will restore, support and strengthen us. 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 4:5 - 12

PAGE 1798

Holy wisdom, **holy Word.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

LIVING HOPE

BRIAN JOHNSON & PHIL WICKHAM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PSALTER READING

PSALM 139

PAGES 974 - 975

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

SERMON

"ALWAYS GOOD NEWS"

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

I AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - FROM THE SECOND HELVETIC CONFESSION, CHAPTER 6

We believe that all things in heaven and on earth - and in all creatures - are preserved and governed by the providence of our wise, eternal and almighty God.

For David testifies and says: "The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory is high above the heavens! Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down upon the heavens and the earth?"

Again: "You searchest out all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it altogether".

Paul also testifies and declares: "In God we live and move and have our being", and "from God and through God and to God are all things".

Therefore Augustine most truly and according to Scripture declared: "The Lord said, 'Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father's will'". By saying this, he showed that God's power governs everything - even things we consider as having very little value. For God feeds the birds of the air and clothes the lilies of the field; God also says that the hairs of our head are numbered.

I HYMN #29

O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

BERNADETTE FARRELL, 1992

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

BETTER IS ONE DAY

MATT REDMAN

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 #721

LORD, YOU HAVE COME TO THE LAKESHORE

GABARÁIN, SUPPE, LOCKWOOD, GUTTIEREZ-ACHÓN & CHÁVEZ-MELO

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

WE BRING THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE

Tom Andrew, Organ

KIRK DEARMAN

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! LITURGIST: LUCAS GREENLEE
USHERS: KATHY CLARK, ARGYLE GREENLEE, OLIVIA LANDI AND RENEE O'DELL

Today's *affirmation of faith* is from the **Second Helvetic Confession** which was written by Swiss Reformer Heinrich Bullinger in 1561. As a pastor, Bullinger was known for welcoming religious refugees into his own home and attending to victims of Zurich's 1564 Plague even at the risk of infection and death. Bullinger originally intended the confession to be attached to his last will and testament, but political events led him to share it with others, and it soon became adopted by the churches of Switzerland. The language of the confession has been slightly modified for our usage.

We plan to **worship in the parking lot** again this Summer!
Join us outside (weather permitting) next **Sunday June 16th**.
Bring a chair or sit in your car.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: SET SAIL! June 17th - 20th (Monday - Thursday) 9a - 12p

Join us for an exciting, fun-filled week where children will experience God's Word through fun-filled activities. Each day children will participate in songs, a Bible lesson, crafts, games, and a mission project. A snack will also be provided. We welcome any kids Preschool - 6th grade to join us as we "Set Sail"! The registration fee is \$10 for the week with a \$30 family maximum. Registration forms are available outside the Church Office door and in the Fellowship Hall.

UPCOMING SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES: Mark these special Sundays on your calendars!

- JULY 14TH WORSHIP IN THE PARK 10am @ Aberdeen Park
 - Bring something to grill and a side to share for lunch following worship!
- JULY 21ST SUMMER HYMN SING
- SEPTEMBER 1ST 10AM WORSHIP OUTSIDE THE CHAPEL AT SCOTTISH ARGYLE CEMETERY
 - Bring a chair and join us for this special worship service where we will remember those we lost during and since the pandemic who we were not able to have funerals for. If there is anyone you would like honored, please let Pastor Lauren know.
- SEPTEMBER 22ND KIRKIN' SUNDAY!

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 9th	10a	Worship - <i>Change for Change</i> , 11a Fellowship, 11:15a F/P/E
Tuesday 11th	6p	Pipe Band & Drums: Lessons & Rehearsals
Thursday 13th	10:30a	Ladies Walk at WCPC
Sunday 16th		<i>Father's Day</i>
	10a	Worship in the Parking Lot, 11a Fellowship

"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.

Our Summer hours for the Church Office are Tuesday - Thursday from 10am - 2pm.

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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