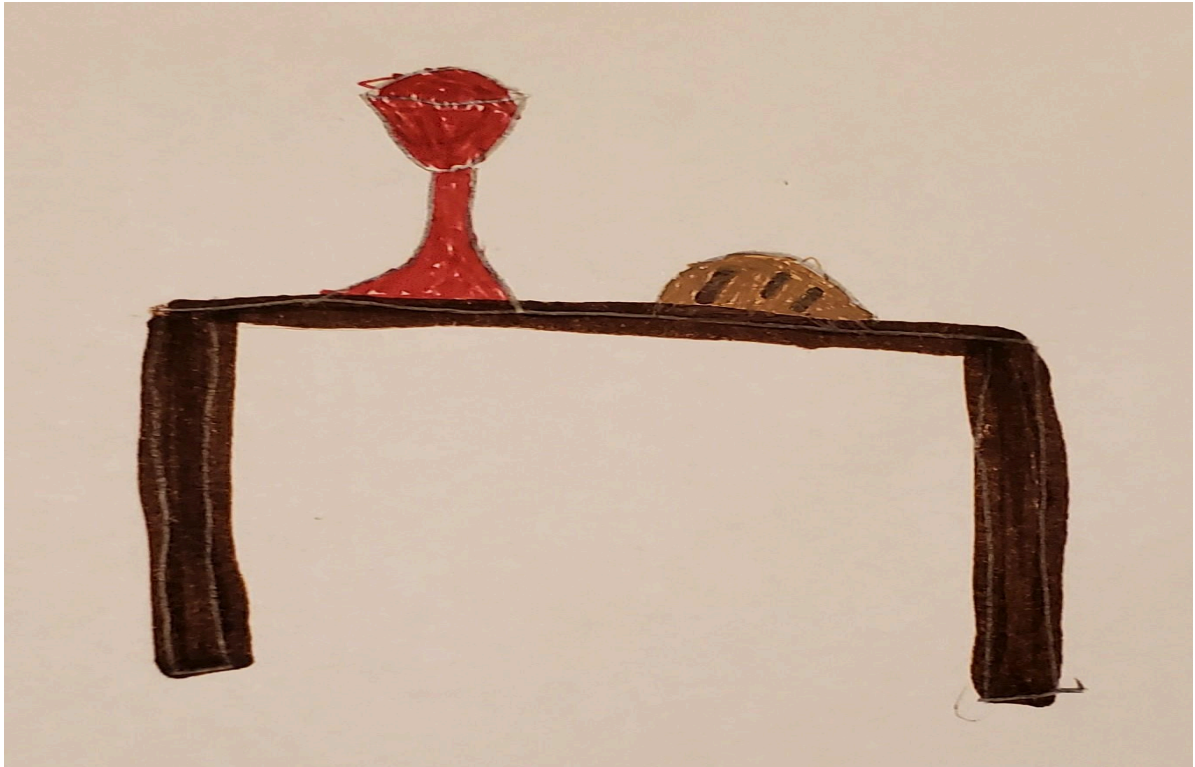


WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 7TH, 2024 | SEVENTH 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

ALL MY TRIALS
Elizabeth O'Leary, Piano

AMERICAN FOLK SONG ARR., RUTH ELAINE SCHRAM

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

IF CALL TO WORSHIP FROM PSALM 130

ARGYLE GREENLEE

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 the word of God 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 the Lord is great power to redeem.

It is the Lord who is our redeemer. Come, let us worship God!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, we confess that we get so frustrated with neighbors and friends who see things differently than we do. We confess that we don't even want to bother discussing difficult things because we think we know how the conversation will go. We confess that we are not always good listeners, but rather, we make assumptions. We confess those assumptions are often about our own rightness and righteousness. Will you soften our hearts and open our ears? Will you remind us once again of your character, and make that our pursuit, beyond any earthly, national or political ideals?

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM 1 SAMUEL 2

There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no Rock like our God.
My heart rejoices in you, O Lord; for I delight in your deliverance.
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 OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 SAMUEL 8:1 - 9 PAGE 429

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

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MULLEN & RICHARDS, 1959

SECOND OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 SAMUEL 8:10 - 22A PAGES 429 - 430

Holy wisdom, **holy Word.**

SERMON

"LISTEN"

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

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

THIS IS MY SONG

JEAN SIBELIUS

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 #469

LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING

KEN MEDEMA, 1970

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

You are invited to come forward down the center aisles.

You may choose to pull a piece from the common loaf or select a pre-cut piece of gluten free bread from the tray on the communion table.

You may dip your bread into the common cup or choose an individual cup from the tray on the communion table.

If you need communion brought to you, we will gladly do so.

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 #301

LET US BUILD A HOUSE (ALL ARE WELCOME)

MARTY HAUGEN, 1994

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY!

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USHERS: LUCAS GREENLEE, RENEE O'DELL AND STEVE & DAYLE PAULSON

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GRIEF LUNCHEON ON JULY 10TH

On Wednesday, July 10th at 11am, we are hosting Nita Osborn, an experienced facilitator of grief support groups, to help us explore our community's current needs. Are folks here interested in getting together for fellowship opportunities as well as intentional grief work, or perhaps just for the fellowship? How frequently will we want to meet and what will those meetings look like? Please plan to join us for this important time of exploration and planning. We will share a simple meal after the presentation. All are welcome - please feel free to invite anyone who is living with grief. Let the Church Office know if you plan to attend so we can prepare enough for lunch. Office@WillowCreekPC.org (815) 885-3455

COME WORSHIP WITH US SURROUNDED BY THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S CREATION!

Table service and drinks will be provided. Grills will be fired up after the worship service. Please bring your own meat to grill, a dish to share and lawn chairs if you'd like. A playground is close to the shelter and a wheelchair will be available for anyone who needs assistance.

Sunday, July 14th, 2024 at 10a Aberdeen Park at 1343 Orth Rd., Belvidere, IL. 61008

HYMN SING SUNDAY JULY 21ST

Do you have a favorite hymn you haven't heard in a while?

Fill out a Hymn Sing Pew Card and leave it in the offering plate or give it to Pastor Lauren.

We will sing as many of your requests as possible on Hymn Sing Sunday!

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 7th	10a	Worship - Communion, 11a Fellowship
Tuesday 9th	6p	Pipe Band & Drums: Lessons & Rehearsals
Wednesday 10th	11a	Living with Grief Presentation with Luncheon
Thursday 11th	10:30a	Ladies Walk at WCPC
Sunday 14th	10a	Worship - Communion, 11a Fellowship

Change for Change

"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 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 Church Office.

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