

WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 14TH, 2024 | EIGHTH 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

THE LOVIN' HANDS OF GOD

DAN HOLMES

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

I CALL TO WORSHIP - FROM PSALM 20

APRIL ROTTMAN

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble! May God send you help from the sanctuary!

May God remember all your offerings, and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices.

May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners.

I know that the Lord will answer from the holiest heaven with mighty victories.

Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the Lord.

They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright. Victory belongs to our God and king! O Lord; answer us when we call. Come, let us worship God!

¹I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

*Refrain: And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.*

²He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me within my heart is ringing.

Refrain

³I'd stay in the garden with Him though the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling.

Refrain

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, and transform us, O God. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us as the people you have called us to be. Amen.

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 15:35 - 16:1 & 4 - 7

Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again, though Samuel mourned for him. And the Lord regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel. The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?" Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

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

SECOND OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 SAMUEL 16:8 - 13

Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either." Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these." So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives." So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one." So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Holy wisdom, **holy Word.**

SERMON

"A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART"

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

I HYMN #700 I'M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL ARR. WHALUM, 1984

¹ I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

² I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

³ I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

⁴ I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - AN EXCERPT FROM THE WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

What is our chief and highest end?

Our chief and highest end is to glorify God and to fully enjoy God forever.

What is justification?

Justification is an act of God's free grace by which all our sins are pardoned and we are accepted as righteous in God's sight, only because of the righteousness of Christ given to us, received by faith alone.

What is sanctification?

Sanctification is the work of God's free grace by which we are renewed in our whole person in the image of God and by which we are enabled more and more to die to sin and live to righteousness.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

ONE OF THESE DAYS

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

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 #450

BE THOU MY VISION

BYRNE, HULL & EVANS

¹ Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
walking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

² Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

³ Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only first, in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

⁴ High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

I CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

SHINE ON!

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! LITURGIST: APRIL ROTTMAN
USHERS: MIKE LANDI, RON MUZZARELLI, STEVE PICKEN AND ED ROTTMAN
THANK YOU TO DAN HOLMES FOR OUR SPECIAL MUSIC!

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 14th	10a	Change for Change Worship in the Park with Potluck to Follow
Tuesday 16th	6p	Pipe Band & Drums: Lessons & Rehearsals
Wednesday 17th	8a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant
Thursday 18th	10:30a	Ladies Walk at WCPC, 11:30a Ladies Meet & Eat at Sophia's
Friday 19th	2:15p	F/P/E
Sunday 21st	10a	Worship - Hymn Sing Sunday , 11a Fellowship

Pastor Lauren will be on vacation from July 24th - 30th. Please reach out to Pastor Tanya, Clerk of Session April Rottman, Chairperson of the Deacons Mary Beth Gratz or the Church Office if you have any pastoral care needs. Pastor Tanya Muzzarelli will lead worship on Sunday, July 28th.

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