

WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 18TH, 2024 | THIRTEENTH 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 TWENTY THIRD PSALM

TRAD. ENGLISH MELODY ARR., JAY ALTHOUSE

Elizabeth O'Leary, Contralto

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

IF CALL TO WORSHIP - FROM JOHN 6

MAREN REID

The people said to Jesus: "What must we do to perform the works of God?"

Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the One God has sent."

So they said to Jesus: "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'God gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

They said to Jesus: "Give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Come, let us worship God!"

IF HYMN #187

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

THRUPP, 1836 & BRADBURY, 1859

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and Eternal God, we do not always understand why we do the things we do, and why we want the things we want. We do not always understand ourselves. We strive to be good - we promise ourselves and others we will try harder and be better. We make promises about kinder words and longer patience, but somehow these promises are all too easy to break. Will you forgive us, even when we disappoint ourselves? Will you forgive us even when we struggle to forgive ourselves? Will you forgive us when we let shame speak louder than grace? Help us hear your everlasting love through the noise of fear, worry and exhaustion.

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.**

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

INVITATION TO THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 SAMUEL 11:1 - 13

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD

TRAD. SPIRITUAL ARR., MARK HAYES

SECOND OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 SAMUEL 11:14 - 27

ED ROTTMAN

Holy wisdom, **holy Word.**

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SERMON

“THE WIFE OF UURIAH”

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

I HYMN #840

WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER

SPAFFORD & BLISS, 1876

I AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - QUESTIONS FROM THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Why is he called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

Why do you call him “our Lord”?

Because – not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood – he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

ROCK OF AGES
Elizabeth O’Leary, Piano

TOPLADY, 1776 & HASTINGS, 1830

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 #353

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

MOTE, 1834 & BRADBURY, 1863

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! LITURGIST: MAREN REID
USHERS: LON & KATHY CLARK, KATHERINE RALSTON AND MATTHEW RALSTON

*Today’s Scripture and sermon contain adult themes, including assault.
Please care for yourself as needed, including stepping out of the Sanctuary if necessary.
Pastor Lauren and Pastor Tanya are always available for further conversation
regarding topics raised in worship.*

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MISSION CLOSET DRIVE: KITCHEN SUPPLIES

The Blackhawk Presbytery's Mission Committee has requested help for a family who recently immigrated. When they find housing, these families have no basic household supplies.

Our Mission Task Force has decided to help with **kitchen** needs.

There is a **sign up sheet** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Please indicate which item(s) you will bring in.

All donations must be brought to church by **Sunday, September 15th**.

Thank you for caring for those in need!

THANK YOU FOR HELPING IN THE RESPITE TENT!

We had another wonderful year in our Respite Tent at the Boone County Fair!

538 visitors came through our tent, and many expressed gratitude for our hospitality.

33 volunteers from our church provided that hospitality.

Thank you all for making this wonderful service to our community possible!

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

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!

Every Sunday, we join our voices together to **affirm what we believe** using the *Book of Confessions*. Rather than figuring out our beliefs as individuals each Sunday morning, we turn to faithful followers of Christ throughout time and around the world to see how they answered the question:

What does it mean to follow Christ here and now?

Today's confession is from **The Heidelberg Catechism**, which was completed in 1563 in Germany to reflect the beliefs of the early Reformed (and always being reformed) Church.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 18th	10a	Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship, 11:15a Media
Monday 19th		Normal Church Office Hours Begin (MWF 8:30a - 3p)
Tuesday 20th		No Buildings & Grounds. Will resume September 17th
	6p	Pipe Band & Drumming: Lessons & Rehearsals, W & M
Wednesday 21st	8a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant
Friday 23rd		September Streamer Articles Due!
Sunday 25th	10a	Worship, 11a Fellowship, 11:15a F/P/E

"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 8:30a - 3p. 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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