

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

I HYMN #301

After Annual Meeting
LET US BUILD A HOUSE (LAST VERSE ONLY))

HAUGEN, 1994

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! LITURGIST: LUCAS GREENLEE
USHERS: STEVE & DAYLE PAULSON, KATHERINE RALSTON AND MATTHEW RALSTON

Children of all ages are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary with their families.
Our Nursery is also available for children of all ages and is staffed by at least two attendants at all times.
Children ages 3 through 5th grade are welcome to attend Sunday School following the Children's Moment.
Please let an Usher know if you have any questions about the Nursery or Sunday School

The Session of Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle calls the **Annual Meeting** of the Congregation to follow worship **today** for the purpose of receiving the 2024 Annual Report and the 2025 budget.

Every Sunday, we join our voices together to affirm what we believe using our denomination's Book of Confessions or words from Scripture. Today's confession is from A *Brief Statement of Faith*, which was written when the two largest Presbyterian churches in the United States reunited in 1983 after splitting over the practice of slavery prior to the Civil War. This expressly Trinitarian confession calls the church's attention to God's sovereignty in the past, present and future and reminds us that the church is a refuge from the world, but not only that. The church is also always being reformed into the body by which Christ continues blessing all of creation and all of God's children.

SERMON SERIES: Do you remember how cool it felt to find out a friend's favorite song was also on the B-side of a cassette tape? Or the thrill of finding a deep track that speaks to your soul? There's nothing like discovering music that encapsulates everything you love about an artist, and everything you're feeling in the moment. *What if there were passages of Scripture like that?* Join us in worship from **January 26th - February 23rd** as we explore some of the Bible's **Deep Cuts & B-Sides** - the often overlooked stories and characters who resonate with us and teach us about God's love.
Next week our series continues with the story of King Josiah.

MISSION DRIVE: From **February 2nd - March 2nd**, we will collect items for a local food pantry, based on their requested needs: **February 9th - SOUP for Super Bowl** | February 16th - Pasta & Sauce | February 23rd - Mac & Cheese | March 2nd - Canned Chicken, Tuna or Vegetables

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 9th	10a	Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship & Annual Meeting, 11:30a Youth Group
Tuesday 11th	6p	Pipe Band & Drums: Lessons & Rehearsals
Wednesday 12th	1p	Living with Grief Group
Thursday 13th	6p	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Saturday 15th	8a	Winnebago County Farm Bureau Painting Party
Sunday 16th	10a	Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship, 11:30a Youth Group

"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 & Friday from 8:30am - 3pm.** If you'd like to set up a time to visit Pastor Lauren or Pastor Tanya, please reach out to the Church Office.

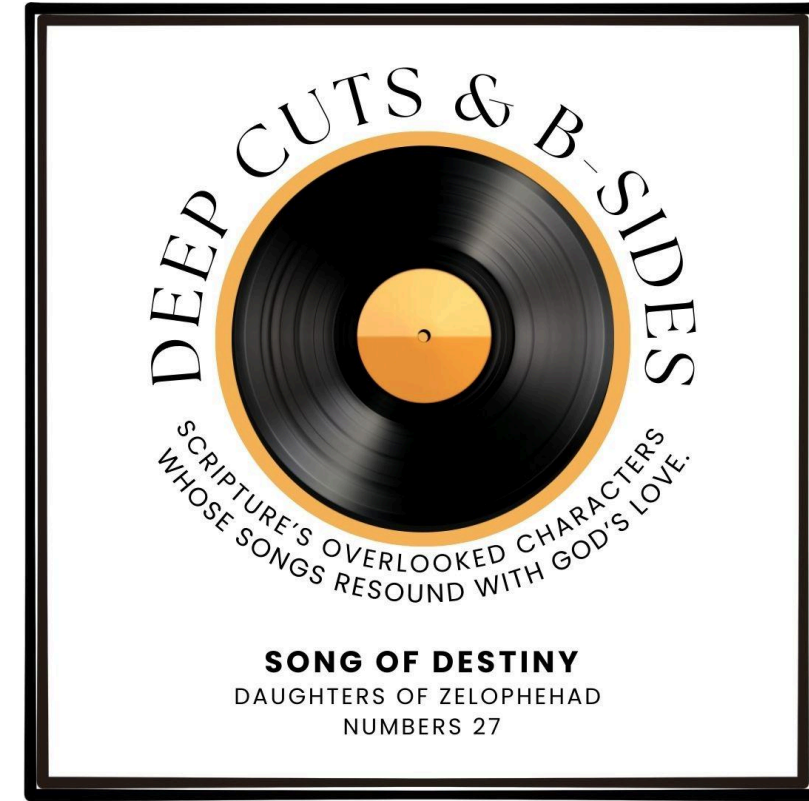
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WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 9TH, 2025 | FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | 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.

I IF YOU ARE ABLE, WE INVITE YOU TO HONOR GOD BY STANDING.

PRELUDE
BEAUTIFUL SAVIOUR
Tom Andrew, Piano
STUART TOWNEND

WELCOME AND SHARING
REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

I CALL TO WORSHIP FROM ZEPHANIAH 3
LUCAS GREENLEE

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
The Creator of the heavens and the earth is in your midst; you shall fear no more.
The Ageless One is a warrior
who gives victory;
who will rejoice over you with gladness;
who will renew you in divine love;
God will exult over you with loud singing.
God sings over us and we sing to God.
Come, let us worship God!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal and Merciful God, we have heard that there are saints who wrestled with you and wrestled with their faith, and we confess that we don't always see the need for any kind of wrestling. We know you love us and we know we love you and we're not interested in stirring up any kind of trouble with the Divine. We confess that sometimes we settle for circumstances because we feel that we would bother you with our prayers about things that don't seem all that significant. We confess that we don't usually think of our willingness to accept things as they are as something that needs to be confessed, but we ask you today to reveal our discontents, even the discontents we've managed to hide from ourselves. Give us the courage to pray for miracles. Give us the faith to bring every unsettling thing to you. May we trust that you really want to hear each of our prayers.

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM ZEPHANIAH 3

The Lord has taken away the judgements against you.

The Lord has changed our shame into praise.

The Lord brings us home and gathers us in.

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 READING NUMBERS 26 SELECTED VERSES PAGE 251
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC THOUGH I MAY SPEAK HOPSON, 1972
Monroe Family Singers

CHILDREN'S MOMENT
At this time, children are invited to go downstairs for Sunday School.

SECOND READING NUMBERS 27:1-11 PAGE 255
Holy wisdom, **holy Word.**

SERMON "SONG OF DESTINY"

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

I HYMN #100 MY SOUL CRIES OUT WITH A JOYFUL SHOUT COONEY, 1990

I AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – AN EXCERPT FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY THE HEART OF WORSHIP MATT REDMAN
Tom Andrew, Piano

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 #435 THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY FABER, 1854 & RÖNTGEN, 1906