

WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 19TH, 2026 | 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER | 10:00A.M.



OUR APPROACH TO GOD *Come, celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ with us! All are invited to sing, pray and participate in liturgy.*

IF YOU ARE ABLE, WE INVITE YOU TO STAND.

PRELUDE

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL CECIL FRANCES ALEXANDER, 1848
Natalie Wooden, Vocalist and Tom Andrew, Piano

WELCOME AND SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

IF CALL TO WORSHIP FROM PSALM 100

RON MUZZARELLI

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come before God with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God.

It is God who made us, and we belong to God.

We are God's people, the sheep of the Lord's pasture.

Enter the gates with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;

Give thanks to the Lord and praise God's holy name.

For the Lord is good! God's love endures forever!

God's faithfulness continues through all generations.

Come, let us worship God!

IF HYMN #187

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US WILLIAM BATCHELDER BRADBURY, 1859

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and Gracious Shepherd, we confess that we are distracted from your voice. Instead of hearing you, we follow after fleeting things that make us feel whole, accepted and loved. We seek accolades and assurances. We try to be right instead of accepting your gift of righteousness. We strive in so many ways to feel like we are good enough, and all of our trying drowns our your assurances that you already love and accept us. Help us once again to hear your voice and believe in your grace and mercy.

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON - FROM 1 PETER 2

Jesus bore our sins on the cross,

so that, having died to sin, we might live for righteousness.

By Christ's wounds we have been healed.

For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING EZEKIEL 34:1 - 16

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

SPECIAL MUSIC THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'LL NOT WANT SCOTTISH PSALTER, 1650

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 10:1 & 8 - 11

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The Gospel of our Risen Savior. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“SCATTERED, GATHERED & FED”

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

I PSALM 23 KJV

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

I HYMN #275 SJ*

BECAUSE HE LIVES

WILLIAM J. AND GLORIA GAITHER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED

ISAAC WATTS, 1719

I DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings 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 & 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

MARTY HAUGEN, 1994

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME
Tom Andrew, Piano

DORIS AKERS

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! GREETER: MARY BETH GRATZ

LITURGIST: RON MUZZARELLI

USHERS: CURT GREENLEE, DON GREENLEE, JACK GREENLEE AND JAXON GREENLEE

***Hymn numbers followed by "SJ" can be found in the blue "Sing Joyfully" hymnal. All other hymns can be found in the purple "Glory to God" hymnal.**

In Scripture, hymns and liturgy, "*Israel*" can mean the collective name of the twelve tribes descended from Jacob, the nation of Israel as a whole, or during the period of the divided Monarchy, the name of the Northern Kingdom. When we use "Israel" in worship, we are not referring to the modern political state. As we seek to be faithful interpreters of Scripture, we pray for the day of peace and justice for all.

NEW TO WILLOW CREEK? Join us **TODAY** 11:30am - 1:30pm to learn more about our wonderful church! **Childcare and lunch are provided.**

RISE AGAINST HUNGER Next Sunday April 26th 10am Brief **Communion** service in the Sanctuary followed by a meal packing **service project** in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we pack over 10,000 meals in just a couple of hours! There are jobs for all ages and abilities, and childcare is available - all are welcome! **We need a lot of good snacks to fuel our work!**
Please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 22nd - 25th This year's theme is outer space!

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 19 th	10a	Worship, 10:30a Children's Sunday School, 11a Fellowship
Tuesday 21 st	8a	Buildings & Grounds Meeting, 5:30p Worship & Music Meeting, 6p Pipe Band
Thursday 23 rd	6p	Bell Rehearsal
Sunday 26 th	10a	Communion Service followed by Rise Against Hunger

"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 - 1pm. If you'd like to set up a time to visit Pastor Lauren, please reach out to the Church Office.

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