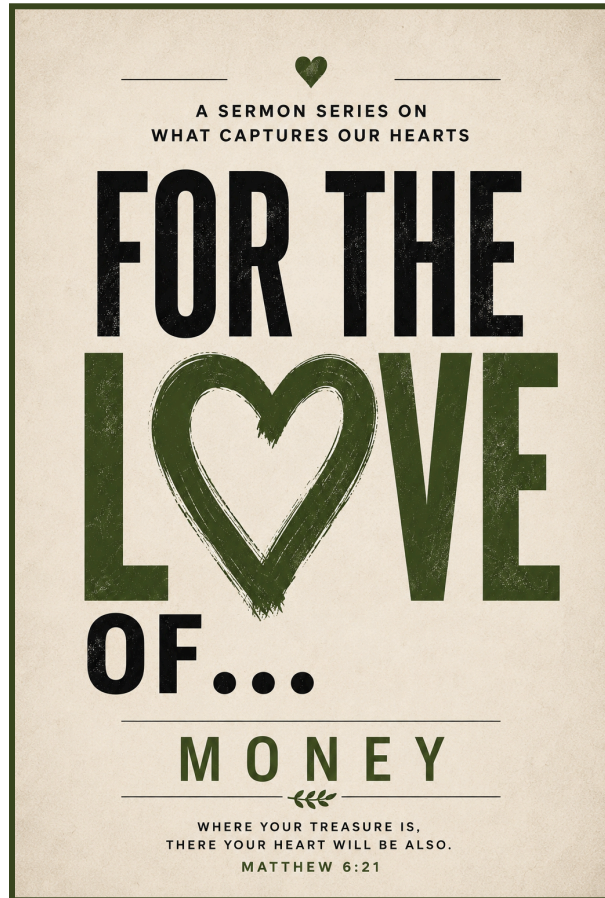


WILLOW CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 14TH, 2026 | THIRD 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

THE LORD'S PRAYER
Natalie Wooden, Vocalist

ALBERT HAY MALOTTE

WELCOME & SHARING

REV. LAUREN PATRUS-BETZEL

IF CALL TO WORSHIP FROM PSALM 100

SHANNON REAGAN

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and we are God's children.

We are God's people and the sheep of the Good Shepherd's pasture.

Enter the gates with thanksgiving and divine courts with praise.

Give thanks to God; bless the holy name. For the Lord is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever and God's faithfulness extends to all generations.

Come, let us worship God!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Merciful Trinity, we confess that we struggle to believe all of our sins are truly forgiven. Do you really forgive us for not loving others enough? We confess that we have not trusted you, and lack of trust in you becomes worry, and our worries make us impatient and short-tempered. Our worries isolate us because we don't like admitting them to others. Will you draw us back into communion with you and community with one another? We confess that we lack belief in your grace for us, and so we have failed to have sufficient grace for others. Will you teach us to forgive as we have been forgiven?

A PERIOD OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM MATTHEW 6

Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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 GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 6:1 - 18

PAGES 1503 - 1504

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW

CIVILLA DURFEE MARTIN, 1905

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SECOND GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 6:19 - 34

ED ROTTMAN

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

PAGES 1504 - 1505

SERMON

"ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN"

OUR RESPONSE TO SERVE

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

I HYMN #323 SJ*

SATISFIED

CLARA T. WILLIAMS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – SELECTED QUESTIONS FROM THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and in death - to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

What is the kind of prayer that pleases God and that he listens to?

First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, revealed to us in his Word, asking for everything God has commanded us to ask for. Second, we must fully recognize our need and misery, so that we humble ourselves in God's majestic presence. Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what God promised us in his Word.

What did God command us to pray for?

Everything we need, spiritually and physically, as embraced in the prayer Christ our Lord himself taught us.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

SEEK YE FIRST
Tom Andrew, Organ

KAREN LAFFERTY

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

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 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 #800

SOMETIMES A LIGHT SURPRISES

WILLIAM COWPER. 1779

I CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU

CIVILLA D. MARTIN

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY! GREETER: CAROLYN L. WHEELER
LITURGIST: SHANNON REAGAN | USHERS: BRYAN AMBROSE AND STEVE PICKEN

The service is being live-streamed and archived through our social media channels. While this videography focuses on worship leaders, participants may appear in the service recordings.

**When the hymn number is followed by "SJ", it's in the blue "Sing Joyfully" hymnal.
All other hymns can be found in the purple "Glory to God" hymnal.*

We always welcome the sounds of children of all ages in worship.
And, if a caregiver needs a break, our **nursery** is also available for the entire worship service.

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 written in 1563 in Germany, in an attempt to unity the emerging Reformed (and always being reformed) Church.

WORSHIP IN THE PARKING LOT We plan to worship in the Parking Lot again this Summer!
Join us outside next Sunday **June 21st**. Bring a chair or sit in your car!

SUMMER SERMON SERIES For the Love of...everything you ever hoped there wouldn't be a sermon about? This summer we'll spend a few weeks on **For the Love of Money** - what does the Bible say about money? This is *not* a stewardship series! Then, on July 5th, the focus will be **For the Love of Country** and Scripture's guidance on what it means to love our country, to love our communities, and to love our neighbors as God has loved us. Finally, in August, join us for sermons on **For the Love...** what does the Bible say about love, marriage and relationships?

What other topics do you wish the preacher wouldn't mention... while also wanting an explanation on what the Bible says about them? Let Pastor Lauren or Pastor Tanya know!

SUMMER BOOK CLUB Join us Thursdays 6/18, 7/9 and 7/23 at 10:30am to discuss *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans, which explores the different "genres" within Scripture.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Volunteer Meeting TODAY June 14th at 11:15am

God's love is **Out of this World! June 22nd - 25th (Monday - Thursday) 9am - 12pm**

We welcome any Preschooler* through 6th graders to join us for an adventure! The registration fee is \$10 for the week with a \$30 family maximum. **children must be potty-trained*

Registration forms are available on the credenza in the Fellowship Hall and on the Church Office door.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 14th	10a	Worship, 11a Fellowship, 11:15a VBS Volunteer Meeting
Tuesday 16th	8a	Buildings & Grounds, 5:30p Worship & Music, 6p Pipe Band
Wednesday 17th	8a	Men's Coffee at Boone County Family Restaurant
Thursday 18th	6p	Bell Rehearsal
Sunday 21st	10a	Worship in the parking lot (bring a chair)!, 11a Fellowship

"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 hours are Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 9a - 12p. If you'd like to set up a time to visit Pastor Lauren, please reach out to the Office.

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