



Faith, Hope, and
Love abide,
these three;
and the greatest of these is

Love

~1 Corinthians 13:13

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
APRIL 29, 2018

Welcome to Wallingford Presbyterian Church

Members and friends gather here each Sunday morning (and lots of times during the week!) to celebrate and serve. We rejoice that you are here with us, and hope that you'll feel right at home. Please join us after worship for fellowship and light refreshments in our Fellowship Hall.

Visitors are always welcomed and encouraged to participate in any of our programs, activities and ministry opportunities.

A Nursery is available downstairs for preschool children.

Large print bulletins are available upon request.

If you need a little help hearing, portable listening devices are available.

Restrooms are located in the Narthex and throughout the church building.

An infant changing station and Quiet Room for nursing mothers is located off the Narthex.

Activity books for children are available in the Narthex.

Please ask an usher if you need help; we are here to assist you!

Sunday, April 29

Fifth Sunday After Easter

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

Pastor François Preaching

Monday, April 30

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, May 1

7:30 pm- Special Session Meeting

Wednesday, May 2

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

9:00 am- Piano Guild

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

4:00 pm- Brownie Troop 504

6:00 pm- Youth Group

6:00 pm- Youth Group Parents' Dinner

Thursday, May 3

9:00 am- Piano Guild

6:30 pm- Bell Choir

7:30 pm- Choir Practice

7:30 pm- Boy Scout Troop 277

Friday, May 4

6:00 pm- Sprouts End of Year Picnic

7:00 pm- Confirmation Class

Saturday, May 5

9:00 am- Spring Clean Up

10:00 am- Play group

Sunday, May 6

Sixth Sunday After Easter

Confirmation Sunday

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

2:00 pm- Tiger Pack

Pastor Taylor Preaching

A community where all who seek God are welcome...



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

God is love.

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

TIME OF GREETING AND "PEACE"

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*OPENING SCRIPTURE

John 15:1-8

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The keeping of vines is an ancient form of farming the land, cherishing the grapes that form wine rich in flavor and hospitality.

Come to the vine-keeper all who bear fruit, who abide in the one who abides in us.

We come.

Vines are made of grafted branches that are pruned and nurtured to produce the best fruit.

Come, all who abide in Jesus, to bear much fruit for the realm of God.

We come.

Jesus took the vines of earth, and blessed them as an image of the followers of God.

Come, all who know they can do nothing on their own, but only as part of the vine and branches.

We come.

*OPENING HYMN 231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

SUO GAN

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward at this time. Parents are encouraged to accompany their younger children and sit with them. After the message, Sunday School age children will be excused with their teachers. Visiting parents with children are welcome to escort their children along with the teachers to the Sunday School classes or the church nursery. On the first & third Sundays of the month, MS/HS Students are invited to sit together near the front of the sanctuary during the service.

MUSICAL OFFERING

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

arr. Paul A. Tate

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God is a God of promise, hope, and love. God is ever present in our lives even in the times when we walk through the darkest of valleys as a consequence of our sin. Our God will always restore and renew us. In confidence let us now share with God and one another the murmurings of our hearts and souls.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you are the vine grower. We are the branches. In you we have life.

We know this to be true, but it is still hard sometimes for us to believe. Be present in our unbelief.

(Silent Confession)

Loving God, help us abide in your true vine, Jesus the Christ, so that we may bear much fruit.

Grant that we may faithfully proclaim your love in all we say and do and live a life of thankfulness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We have already been cleansed by the grace of God in Jesus Christ. In Baptism God claimed us and joined us to Christ, as branches to a vine. Sisters and brothers in Christ believe in the promise given to us.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE -

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.

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit, that through your word we may be guided into the love of God for all the world.

EPISTLE READING

1 John 4:7-21

ANTHEM

Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands

Jane Holstein

Put peace into each other's hands, and like a treasure hold it,
Protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness enfold it.

Put peace into each other's hands, with loving expectation;
Be gentle in your words and ways, in touch with God's creation.

Put peace into each other's hands like bread we break for sharing;
Look people warmly in the eye: our life is meant for caring.

Give thanks for strong - yet tender hands, held out in trust and blessing.
Where words fall short, let hands speak out, the heights of love expressing.

Put Christ into each other's hands, He is love's deepest measure;
In love make peace, give peace a chance and share it like a treasure. – Words by Fred Kaan

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 13

SERMON

God Is Love

Pastor François

RESPONSE 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Offering what we have for the sake of others is a discipline of pruning – letting go of our possessions, our time, and even ourselves – to extend the gospel witness into the world.

OFFERTORY

Elegy

Elizabeth Hill

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Through our offerings, O God, give your loving Spirit to a world in need of comfort. Make our many gifts one offering for the world in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER 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 us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN 250

In the Bulb There is a Flower

PROMISE

*EASTER PRAYER

We praise you – you who planted us in this life, and eternally tends us as your own.

Graft us into your spirit that we may be bound together, and held and affirmed as one community in your love.

Nourish us with your compassion and prune us with your truth until we are one people, abiding always in you and growing in love.

Easter God, you are the vine-keeper, and we praise you – you who grafts us into yourself, and calls us your own.

May we be your Easter people, bearing the fruit for resurrection faith.

BENEDICTION

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God given by Earl and Mina Varney, in celebration of the end of Mina's cancer treatment and with thanks to the congregation for their prayers and support.

Thank you to Lise Meloy and all who assisted with the worship service this morning, those volunteering to usher, and to those assisting with fellowship time today.

PLAY GROUP Please join us this Saturday, May 5th at 10:00 am for our children's **Play-group!** This event is free and best for children ages 5 and under. Weather permitting, we will meet at the playground to enjoy some fresh air and sunshine, otherwise we will play inside. Siblings are always welcome. We hope to see you there! Any questions, please contact Leah Hillemeier at leahhillemeier@gmail.com

PRIME TIME Tuesday, May 8 at 12:00 noon - This month's speaker will be Pam Dimeler who spoke to the group several years about owls in the area. This month's presentation is entitled “The Linvilla Bluebird Trail”. The program features her photography and videos of the Eastern Bluebirds. Pam and her husband, Scott have maintained and monitored the twenty six Bluebird nesting boxes located on the Linvilla Orchard property for three years. Many aspects of the Eastern Bluebird will be discussed including Bluebird Conservation, how to maintain a Bluebird box and how to attract Bluebirds. Join us on May 8th for an interesting and informative lunch.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL will be held on Monday, June 4th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Beginning on Monday, May 21st, items for the Attic Treasures (including books, jewelry, household items & toys) can be dropped in the Choir Room. Please bring large items only on the day of the event. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Lindeman (rlindeman@mtb.com), Gail Weaver (gailweaver@yahoo.com), Frank Noyes (franknoyes@verizon.net) and Nancy Curtis (ncurtissings@gmail.com).

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY This coming Sunday, May 4th is Confirmation Sunday. Please join us to celebrate the journey of our confirmation class, and support those young people who have decided to become members of Wallingford Presbyterian Church.

Cares and Concerns

In our Prayers this week:

Tom Zebrak

We Continue to Pray for:

Claire Kegerise

Kathy Pranton

A loved one of the Callahans

Betty Jane

Sharon Feist

Basil and Vera Gregorovich

June Schneider (Mom of Mary Smith)

Maegan Herrington

Sandy, friend of Francois & Cyndi

Debbie Teti (Daughter of Mary Rose)

Men, women and veterans of our armed forces

Our Missionaries: Charles Knuckles for CityTeam Rescue & Recovery, San Jose, CA

Rev. Dr. Barry Dawson & Shelley Dawson, Pres. World Mission, Southeast Asia

Jeni Pedzinski for International Ministries in Thailand

Charles & Melissa Johnson, Presbyterian World Mission in Zambia

John Stauffer for The America Team for Displaced Eritreans

Please note that prayer concerns will be listed in the bulletin for four consecutive weeks. If you wish to have your concern listed again, please fill out a new prayer card or contact the office.

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