



*Love is the
fulfillment of
the Law*

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 1, 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, July 1

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Communion Sunday

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

Pastor François Preaching

HS Mission Trip Departs

Monday, July 2

Tuesday, July 3

Wednesday, July 4

Independence Day: Office Closed

8:45 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

Thursday, July 5

Friday, July 6

Saturday, July 7

HS Mission Trip Returns

10:00 am- Play Group

Sunday, July 8

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am- Worship

10:00 am- Nursery Care

10:00 am- Sunday School

Pastor François Preaching

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



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

WORDS OF MEDITATION

There are basically two kinds of law: (1) law as the way things ought to be, and (2) law as the way things are. An example of the first is "No Trespassing." An example of the second is the law of gravity.

God's law has traditionally been spelled out in terms of category no. 1, a compendium of dos and don'ts. These dos and don'ts are the work of moralists and, when obeyed, serve the useful purpose of keeping us from each other's throats. They can't make us human, but they can help keep us honest.

God's law in itself, however, comes under category no. 2 and is the work of God. It has been stated in seven words: "Whoever does not love abides in death" (1 John 3:14). Like it or not, that's how it is. If you don't believe it, you can always put it to the test just the way if you don't believe the law of gravity, you can always step out a tenth-story window.

Frederick Buechner ~originally published in *Wishful Thinking* and later in *Beyond Words*

WELCOME, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND MONTHLY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to you; We give thanks for your life;

We give thanks for your presence here; we give thanks to God for you.

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.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us sing praises to God,

Yes! We give thanks for God's love in Jesus Christ.

Our loving God clothes us with strength and with joy.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

God's mercies are from everlasting to everlasting.

They are new every morning.

Sing praises to God!

Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends in Christ, God is always ready to forgive all the ways we fail to live in faithfulness. Relying on that mercy, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and merciful God, trusting you does not always come easily when each day we are faced with the ugliness of the world. Sometimes it's hard to believe in and to live your reality that love conquers fear. We are not convinced that power comes through weakness. We cannot conceive how you could ever heal us.

(Silent confession)

Forgive our lack of faith, O God,

And renew our trust in you, for we would be disciples of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If the Lord kept count of all our sins, who could stand? But with God there is forgiveness and with Christ there is peace.

Thanks be to God!

*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.

People of God, body of Christ, sisters and brothers what shall we do in response to God's forgiveness?

As God's own people we will be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven us. And, above everything else we will be loving and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for us. Amen.

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

By the power of your Spirit, speak your word to us O God. Show us who you are and who you are calling us to be. For the sake of your Son and our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:1- 13:14

ANTHEM

SERMON

Love is the Fulfilling of the Law

Pastor François

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY
CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

*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

Holy God, thank you for giving us a joy for generosity and a genuine love for those who are in need. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts and upon our lives that together we may bring healing and hope for the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

COMMISSIONING OF THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

PRESENTATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Zoe Andrews, Taylor Cornelius, Wynne Edelman, Sarah Hammes, Maddie Johnston, Miles Koziol, François Lacroix, Gabe Lehman, Eva Switala, Yvonne Yokoyama

QUESTIONS TO PARTICIPANTS AND CONGREGATION

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

RESPONSE

Creator God, now give us strength, wisdom and love to work for our Lord Jesus Christ as we serve others on our mission trip. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION 498 Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

BREACH SPRING

INVITATION

The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. Worshipers prepare themselves to celebrate the Lord's Supper by putting their trust in Christ, confessing their sin, and seeking reconciliation with God and one another. Even those who doubt may come to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

Friends, this is a table of welcome and grace.

We come at the invitation of the Spirit of God who gathers us and sheds love in our hearts.

May the Spirit of Christ be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks to God who is Wisdom and Love.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

This morning we commune by intinction. At the invitation of the ushers please come forward to the table, using the center aisle, where the elders will offer you the bread and cup. Simply dip the bread into the cup and eat. Those who are unable to come to the table and want to receive communion should make their intention known to the ushers. The bread and cup will be brought to you.

CLOSING PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN 733

We are All One in Mission ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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The chancel flowers are to the Glory of God given by Pat Tillson in memory of beloved Aunt Eleanor, who kept us all on the right path.

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

PLAYGROUP will meet on Saturday July 7th at 10am! We'll meet outside at the church playground if the weather permits, otherwise we will play downstairs in the MMO room. Playgroup is best for children 5 and under, but siblings are always welcome! Please contact Leah at 484-832-1235 with any questions!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL There is a yellow sign-up sheet posted on the board in Fellowship Hall for anyone interested in teaching Summer Sunday School. Weeks run from 6/3 to 8/26. Any questions, please see Pastor Taylor.

THE NEXT BOOKLOOK will take place on Wednesday, July 11. The book chosen is Markus Zusak's "The Book Thief". Here is a quick review from Amazon (with edits), "The extraordinary #1 *New York Times* bestseller that is now a major motion picture, Markus Zusak's unforgettable story of a German family and a Jewish boy in 1939 pre-war Germany is about the ability of books to feed the soul." Books cost \$5. If you want to order one, contact Walt Kaminski.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP With school ending, it's about to be camp season! Mark your calendars now for WPC's 2018 Vacation Bible Camp on July 16th-20th, 6pm-8pm. Our theme will be "Shipwrecked!" We'll learn all about how God saves us! We'll sing great songs, do activities, and learn about God's Word. We need your help to make this camp a week to remember for our kids! If you'd like to sign up to be a teacher, helper, or if you'd like to donate snacks, you can email Pastor Taylor (pastortaylor@wallingfordpres.org) or sign up in Fellowship Hall. To reserve a spot for your child you can call or email Pastor Taylor, sign up in the church office, register on the church website, or sign up the day-of.

BLUE SHEETS? Do you have any old blue king or queen sized sheets sitting around that we could borrow? We're looking for backdrops for VBC. Contact Pastor Taylor if you can help.

OFFICE EMAIL Kate's email for church related business is office@wallingfordpres.org . Please send all business communication to that email address, so that all church information can be kept on record in the church office. Thank you.

WE WELCOME JOHN CONAHAN, our substitute organist who will be covering for Liz, as she is on vacation for the month of July.

Cares and Concerns

In our Prayers this week:

Jenn Rodgers

Dave Utzinger

Dick Utzinger

We Continue to Pray for:

A loved one of the Callahans

Sharon Feist

Jean Daniels (mom of Joanne Callahan)

June Schneider (mom of Mary Smith)

Denine Gorniak

Marabeth Veloshi DiAntonio and Family

Jaclyn Fisher, family friend of the Cheezums

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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