



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FIFTH SUNDAY IN *ALMOST* ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 1, 2021

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. During our phased reopening, reservations for worship are required, and masks must be worn securely over the nose and mouth at all times. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation, as we strive to keep all members of our community of faith safe and healthy!

Masks must be worn at all times when in the building, including during worship. Visitors are encouraged to reach out about activities they may be interested in attending.

Large print bulletins are available upon request.

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

An All Gender Restroom is located in the Narthex.

An infant changing station and Quiet Room for parents with little ones is located off the Narthex.

Activity packets As part of our phased re-opening, activity packets are available for children to use during worship.

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

Sunday, August 1

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Fifth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

Pastor Taylor Preaching

Monday, August 2

9:30 am- Adult Bible Study

2:30 pm- Staff Meeting

7:30 pm- Session

Tuesday, August 3

Wednesday, August 4

9:00 am- Breakfast Group-Court Diner

Thursday, August 5

Friday, August 6

Saturday, August 7

Sunday, August 8

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sixth Sunday in *Almost* Ordinary Time

10:00 am- Worship

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

“Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration.”

— Mother Teresa

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.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We do not live by bread alone,

but by the Word who became flesh and dwells among us.

Christ is the true bread of heaven,

the manna of freedom. Come, let us worship and give thanks.

OPENING PRAYER

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 on the chancel steps or the in the chairs provided. After the message, all are invited to return to their pews. As part of our phased re-opening we hope children will enjoy the activity packets provided for their use during the worship service.)

MUSICAL MEDITATION

O Blessed Spring

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has given us a sign showing that love is stronger than death. The sign of the cross points to our exodus from bondage to sin. Let us repent, seek God’s forgiveness, and enter into new life in Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, whose love and justice condemn us, whose mercy and kindness feed us, we confess our sins and pray for your forgiveness. What terrible suffering we have unleashed. We have used other persons without regard for their dignity; we have abused the earth without care for its beauty or concern for future life; we have sought to bargain with you to smooth our way to heaven. God, change us. Put the Spirit of Christ within us and cause us to grow into mature, faithful disciples of the one who came from you to save us from our sin. Free us from captivity to our selfishness, bind us to the whole body of Christ, and let us bear witness to the truth that your love holds everything together in perfect unity. We pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The bread of life God sends is the offering of the only begotten Son. Whoever comes in Jesus Christ shall never be hungry; whoever believes in him shall never thirst. Believe the gospel; in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

RESPONSE

People of God, body of Christ, sisters and brothers, siblings in the Risen Lord, 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

Creator God, bind us together around your Word, that it may illuminate to us the truth of your ever-present love for us. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:24-35

NT 98

SERMON

Bread of Heaven

Pastor Taylor

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING IN MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

The worship God blesses is honest and personal, a broken and contrite heart. When we give of ourselves to God, our hearts are changed for good. Let us present tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Eugene Butler

*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, we thank you for giving us a place in your good creation, for giving us the bread of heaven to free us from slavery to sin and death. We present offerings to praise you and to help in the service of the church. Accept them as outward signs of our joyful discipleship in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE
CLOSING PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN 509 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly HOLY MANNA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TIME OF GREETING AND SHARING THE GRACE AND PEACE WE RECEIVED

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

(Please exchange with one another, by words and gestures, signs of peace and reconciliation.)

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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Thank you to Helen Picher and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.

WORSHIP SUNDAY MORNINGS in first two weeks of August will be capped at 80 people in attendance, including staff, with preregistration required, and we will be seated every other pew. For the foreseeable future, masks must be worn at all times. When you arrive, enter through the Narthex door, stop at the contact tracing station, and then wait to be escorted to a pew by an usher. To sign up for worship, please call or email the church office, or sign up on your phone or tablet on the Church Center app.

NO COFFEE HOUR During our phased reopening, we will not be holding coffee hour, however, you can feel free to chat in the courtyard after worship.

MEETINGS RESUME INDOORS Church groups with low impact activities with *fully vaccinated members* are invited to begin meeting indoors again! Please contact the office to reserve your group's space. Outside groups and high impact group activities (scouts, exercise, etc.) are not yet meeting indoors.

PASTOR TAYLOR will be away August 8-14th. Any pastoral care emergencies should be referred to Pastor François.

FAITH FORMATION will resume *in person* in September. To register your child or grandchild, visit bit.ly/FaithFormation2021 or use the Church Center app on your phone or tablet.

THE BOOKLOOK will meet next on Wednesday, September 15th at 7:30 pm to discuss “The Vanishing Half” by Brit Bennett. *“The Vanishing Half” is a stunning novel about twin sisters, inseparable as children, who ultimately choose to live in two very different worlds, one black and one white* (Amazon).

Contact Walt Kaminski to order a book (please consult the church directory for contact information or check with the church office). The cost is \$11 for a used copy.

WPC HAPPENINGS PRINTOUTS Printed copies of our email newsletter are available in the Narthex each Sunday morning for those who do not have internet access.

APOLOGIES for the old-school unstapled bulletins this week. The staples still haven't arrived.
~Kate

Cares and Concerns

In our Prayers this week:

Bob

Paul

We Continue to Pray for:

Mina

John

Bailey

Hortense

The Jamieson Family

Josiah

Dennis

Logan

Janis

Men, women, people, and veterans of our armed forces

Our Missionaries: Jeni Pedzinski for International Ministries in Thailand

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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